

**THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY FOR THE  
AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY**

**Planning and Development Act 2007 - Exercise of call-in powers -  
Development Application 202138534 -  
Block 1 Section 58 Garran**

**Tabling Statement**

Mr Mick Gentleman MLA  
Minister for Planning and Land Management  
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Madam Speaker, on 23 June 2021, in my capacity as the Minister for Planning and Land Management and using my powers under section 158 of the *Planning and Development Act 2007*, I directed the planning and land authority to refer Development Application No. 202138534 to me.

The development application sought approval for construction of a new 9 storey critical health services building, closure and reconfiguration of Hospital Road, reconfiguration of the existing emergency drop-off, construction of at-grade car parking, bridge and tunnel connections to the existing hospital building, erection of signage, basement, loading dock ("satellite port") and plant room, driveways, new helipad facilities on roof, landscaping and associated works at Block 1 Section 58 Garran.

On 5 August 2021, I approved the application with conditions under section 162 of the *Planning and Development Act 2007* using my Ministerial call-in powers.

In deciding the application, I gave careful consideration to the requirements of the Territory Plan, the advice of Transport Canberra and City Services; Icon Water; Evoenergy; the Environment Protection Authority; the Conservator of Flora and Fauna; the ACT Emergency Services Agency; and other entities and agencies, as required by the legislation and the planning and land authority.

I also gave consideration to the representations received by the planning and land authority during the public notification period for the development application that occurred between 5 May 2021 to 18 June 2021.

I have imposed firm conditions on the approval of the Development Application that require, among other things:

- revision of Hospital Road North;
- public and staff carparking;
- environmental assessment;
- lighting;
- wayfinding; and
- signage.

Madam Speaker, the *Planning and Development Act 2007* provides for specific criteria in relation to the exercise of my call-in powers.

I have used my call-in powers in this instance because I consider the proposal will provide a *substantial public health benefit*, particularly by delivering *additional critical health care services and supporting the delivery of high-quality clinical services to Canberra and the surrounding regions*.

In particular, *this development will deliver more operating rooms, treatment spaces, intensive care beds and significantly expand the capacity of the Canberra Hospital*.

*The extension will provide state-of-the-art facilities for medical practice, teaching, training and research and improve safety, health outcomes and operational efficiency*.

*The provision of this development will enable an increased capacity across Canberra Hospital's adult intensive care, paediatric care, coronary care, surgical and emergency services*.

*The new building has been carefully planned to ensure health services can be delivered to contemporary world-class standards.*

*The well-considered design of this development will also improve wayfinding, arrival experiences and has allowed for the building to be adapted and expanded in the future. The architecture, landscape and interior design of the expansion aims to create an environment which nurtures and foster a wellness culture and community.*

The use of my ability to 'call-in' this development application will help ensure the delivery of the Canberra Hospital Expansion stays on schedule.

Section 161(2) of the *Planning and Development Act 2007* specifies that, if I decide an application, I must table a statement in the Legislative Assembly not later than three sitting days after the day of the decision.

Madam Speaker, as required by the Act, and for the benefit of the members, I table a statement providing a description of the development, details of the land on where the development is proposed to take place, the name of the applicant, details of my decision for the application, reasons for the decision, and community consultation undertaken by the proponent. This statement includes a copy of the notice of decision.