



Inquiry into Inquiry into DPA-B – Forrest Section 19 Blocks 5, 6, 9, 11 and 12

Answer to question on notice

Asked by: Jo Clay MLA

Addressed to: Minister for Planning and Sustainable Development

Reference: Planning and Sustainable Development - CED

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In relation to: National Capital Design Review Panel Input

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Answer Due: 12/01/2026

A plan for the redevelopment of Blocks 5,6 and 11 Section 19 Forrest was prepared by the lessee and appears to have been considered by the National Capital Design Review Panel (NCDRP.) It also appears that the NCDRP may have supported a development of up to 30 metres.

- (1) Was the City and Environment Directorate aware that this had taken place?
- (2) Was the NCDRP consulted in the development of the draft plan amendment?
- (3) Has the NCDRP advice been considered in relation to the development of the three sites?
- (4) If the NCDRP was consulted, what advice was received and how was this reflected in the Draft Plan Amendment?

Mr Chris Steel MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

- 1) Yes. The City and Environment Directorate (CED) provide secretariat services to the National Capital Design Review Panel (NCDRP) and was aware that the redevelopment of Blocks 5, 6 and 11 Section 19 was presented to the Panel. The Territory Planning Authority (the Authority) was also aware of the Panel's advice to the proponent in preparing DPA-B.
- 2) No. The role of the NCDRP is to provide independent design advice on specific development proposals. This design advice is a mandatory consideration of a prescribed development application (DA) process under the [Planning \(General\) Regulation 2023](#). The NCDRP are not established, nor is it their role, to provide planning policy advice.

The purpose of Draft Major Plan Amendments, which are administered by the Authority, is to enable changes to the Territory Plan, which may include changes to zoning and planning

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provisions. These are ultimately planning policy decisions that may be made for a variety of reasons and are not only limited to permit to one specific design outcome.

- 3) As outlined above, CED and the Authority were aware of the NCDRP's advice on the proposal for Blocks 5, 6 and 11 Section 19 in preparing and progressing DPA-B. However, the advice is not a required consideration for the development of the draft amendment.

As noted above, any NCDRP advice on the site is a mandatory consideration during the DA process. Accordingly, the advice will be considered in more detail at that stage.

- 4) As outlined in Q2, NCDRP was not consulted in preparing DPA-B.

Approved for circulation to the Standing Committee on Environment and Planning

Signature: 

Date: 12 / 1 / 25

By the Minister for Planning and Sustainable Development, Chris Steel MLA