



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY
FOR THE AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

QON No. 41

STANDING COMMITTEE ON PLANNING, TRANSPORT, AND CITY SERVICES
JO CLAY MLA (CHAIR), SUZANNE ORR MLA (DEPUTY CHAIR), MARK PARTON MLA

Inquiry into referred 2019–20 Annual and Financial Reports and Budget Estimates 2020-21
ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Asked by MS CLAY:

Ref: SLA Annual Report P26

In relation to: Gas Connections

The Parliamentary and Governing Agreement requires government to “Legislate to prevent new gas mains network connections to future stages of greenfield residential development in the ACT in 2021-22. Future stages of Jacka and Whitlam will be all-electric.”

Has Whitlam been connected to gas?

Will Jacka be connected to gas?

Will any other new suburbs be connected to gas?

MINISTER BERRY: The answer to the Member’s question is as follows:–

In June 2020, the Government amended the Territory Plan (Variation 373) regarding the provision of gas in new estates. Under the amendment, the Estate Development Code no longer contains a mandatory provision for gas reticulation to each block in new subdivision. The amendment aligns with the ACT’s Climate Change Strategy to reduce carbon emissions

- Whitlam – Stage 1 and 2 – Works had progressed substantially in the design/ approval and construction of Stage 1 and 2 prior to June 2020 which included a gas network. In line with Government policy, measures have been taken to reduce reliance on that network. Energy Rebate incentives have been offered to residents of these stages.
- Whitlam – Stage 3 – Works had progressed in the design and approval with gas network prior to June 2020, however as construction has not commenced a Development Application amendment to remove the gas network is being undertaken and it will not be installed.
- Whitlam – Stage 4 – Design/ approval and construction is progressing with no gas connection.
- Jacka 2 – Design/ approval and construction is progressing with no gas connection.

It is not envisaged that new suburbs be connected to gas, as it is no longer a mandatory provision in new subdivisions.



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Approved for circulation to the Standing Committee on Planning, Transport, and City Services

Signature:

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Date: 18/03/21

By the Minister for Housing and Suburban Development, Yvette Berry