



**PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT ACT 2007  
STATEMENT PURSUANT TO SECTION 161(2)**

- A. On 25 October 2017 Development Application (DA) No. 201731693 (hereinafter called "the Application") was lodged with the ACT Planning and Land Authority for approval.
- B. The proponent voluntarily entered in a design review process commencing on 21 September 2017, eventually resulting in an amendment to the Application under Section 144 of the Planning and Development Act 2007, lodged on 7 December 2017.
- C. On 24 November 2017, I directed the ACT Planning and Land Authority to refer the Application to me for consideration as Minister for Planning and Land Management.
- D. As required under paragraph 161(2) of the Planning and Development Act 2007, I provide the following statement in relation to the application:
- (i) DA No. 201731693 lodged on 25 October 2017, and as amended, seeks approval for the construction of a broadcasting and media facility at the southern end of Manuka Oval, landscaping, fencing, off-site works, removal of a regulated tree and other associated works on Block 15 Section 15 Griffith.
  - (ii) The land affected is Block 15 Section 15, Griffith.
  - (iii) DA No. 201731693 was lodged by Canberra Town Planning Pty Ltd.
  - (iv) My decision to approve DA No. 201731693 requires:
    - replacement tree planting, with new semi-advanced trees;
    - the retention and protection of identified regulated trees; and
    - verge management and temporary traffic management.
  - (v) I approved the development because:
    - the proposed development meets the relevant requirements of the Territory Plan and the National Capital Plan ; and
    - the proposal will provide a substantial public benefit to the Canberra community by significantly enhancing Manuka Oval and providing a modern broadcasting and media facility for future national and international sporting events.
  - (vi) Community consultation was not required for this proposal pursuant to Section 138AE or Section 158B(2)(b), however the proponent voluntarily undertook a 3-staged community engagement process during March and April 2017, prior to lodging the application.

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Mick Gentleman MLA  
Minister for Planning and Land Management

30<sup>th</sup> July 2018