



Inquiry into Annual and Financial Reports 2023–2024

Answer to question on notice

Asked by: Mr Peter Cain MLA

Addressed to: Minister for Planning and Sustainable Development

Reference: Planning

Hearing: 18 February 2025

In relation to: Eastern Broadacre and Land Release

Question received: 19 February 2025

Answer Due: 26 February 2025

- (1) Can you please outline exactly what are the next steps for the 60,000m² of industrial land and 4,380m² of mixed-use land in the Eastern Broadacre to be released according to the Indicative Land Release Program 2024-25 to 2028-29?
- (2) Where exactly is the 60,000m² of industrial land identified for release located?
- (3) Where exactly is the 4,380m² of mixed-use land identified for release located?
- (4) Has the Directorate identified any potential for urban development for residential use in Symonston? If not, why not?
- (5) Has the Directorate identified any potential for urban development for residential use in Fyshwick? If not, why not?
- (6) Has the Directorate identified any potential for urban development for residential use in Hume? If not, why not?
- (7) Has the Directorate identified any potential for urban development for residential use in Pialligo? If not, why not?

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

(1), (2) and (3)

The Indicative Land Release Program 2024-2025 to 2028-2029 (ILRP) identifies 60,000m² of industrial land and 4,380m² of mixed-use land for release in East Canberra.

The industrial land identified in the ILRP is within the Eastern Broadacre Strategic Assessment (EBSA) area. The area covered by the assessment can be found at [20150409 - GeoMedia Workspace](#) -

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[Eastern Broadacre Strategic Assessment.gws](#), and is also represented within the map image on page 67 of the ILRP publication. The first release is indicatively programmed for 2025/26. The release of this land relies on the completion of the EBSA. Exact locations of future sites, beyond the broad area, have yet to be determined.

The draft EBSA is currently being prepared. On completion, the next step will be to submit the EBSA to the Commonwealth Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water for endorsement for public exhibition.

The 4,380m² of mixed-use land is contained within the broader East Canberra district and not within the Eastern Broadacre Strategic Assessment area.

Land development and release is complex in nature and, therefore specific sites are only identified for the first year of the program within the ILRP.

(4), (6) & (7)

No. The East Canberra District Strategy sets the local level planning direction for Symonston, Hume and Pialligo. The key focus of these areas is on economic and employment outcomes due largely to the existing development in these areas, the proximity to Canberra airport and the national road network. The presence of Canberra airport including flight paths, along with the high environmental and cultural values throughout the landscape, and the presence of productive agricultural land in the ACT, are also reasons why the District Strategy does not propose residential growth in these areas, nor are they being investigated as a priority for this purpose.

(5)

Yes.

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

Signature:



Date:

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