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Inquiry into Urban Forest Bill 2022

The Standing Committee on Planning, Transport and City Services has announced it will be undertaking an inquiry into the new [Urban Forest Bill 2022](https://legislation.act.gov.au/b/db_66444/) (the Bill).

The Bill was presented by the Minister for Transport and City Services on 3 August 2022. The Bill will replace the *Tree Protection Act 2005* and proposes to provide a legislative framework for managing trees on private and public land, in line with the objective of enhancing Canberra’s tree canopy to reach a target of 30 percent canopy coverage by 2045.

The Committee will conduct a short inquiry and present recommendations to the Assembly, before the Bill is debated. Committee Chair, Ms Jo Clay MLA, said ‘the Committee sees value in a public discussion about the proposed Bill’s management of the ACT’s urban forest.’

The Terms of Reference for the inquiry are available on the Committee [webpage](https://www.parliament.act.gov.au/parliamentary-business/in-committees/committees/ptcs/inquiry-into-urban-forest-bill-2022).

Information about [how to make a submission](https://www.parliament.act.gov.au/parliamentary-business/in-committees/Getting-involved) is available on the Assembly website.

Submissions close on **2 September 2022**. The public hearing will be held on a date to be determined. The Committee must report back to the Assembly by **5 October 2022**.

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