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*I endorse this Public Record of the
Authority meeting held on 6 December 2022*

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Mr Terry Weber, Chair of the National Capital Authority

This document is a public record of the National Capital Authority meeting held on 6 December 2022. As some matters discussed at Authority meetings are personal, privileged and/or confidential, this record follows but does not represent the formal minutes of the meeting.

Administration and Governance

The following Authority Members attended the meeting: Mr Terry Weber (Chair), Ms Jenny Smithson, Mr James Willson and Ms Sally Barnes (Chief Executive).

This meeting was the Authority's sixth and final regular meeting for 2022.

The Chair opened the meeting with an Acknowledgement of Country and welcomed members and attendees.

The Chair noted this meeting was the last for the year and that the NCA had performed well across a big year, managing a range of complex issues.

The Authority attended to the standard administrative and governance processes for the meeting including disclosing and managing any conflicts of interest, confirming the meeting agenda and running order, finalising the minutes and public record of the previous meeting, and reviewing the status of action items from earlier meetings.

Key Governance Matters

The Authority received and considered a report on the NCA's key governance matters covering work health and safety (WHS), risk management, planning and performance, and governance and compliance.

On planning and performance, the Authority noted the NCA's recent good performance results and that the Audit and Risk Committee will have a special meeting in early 2023 which will work on the NCA performance measures and supporting arrangements.

The Authority discussed the NCA's strategic risks and made a range of comments and suggestions including on safety, human resources and stakeholder engagement.

Finance Report

The Authority received and discussed the presented finance report, which provided a summary of key financial events and information on the financial performance of the NCA's Departmental and Administered programs for the period ending 31 October 2022.

The Authority discussed the NCA's rate of spending, including on major projects.

Works Approval Report

NCA officers presented the Works Approval Report, which provided a summary of current and upcoming works approval applications, team performance for the first quarter of 2022-23, and key meetings and development proposals.

NCA officers updated the Authority on proposed Public Realm works at the Australian War Memorial and noted that, to the date of the meeting, no submissions had been received in response to the public consultation process.

The Authority discussed the status, key issues and submissions received relating to the projects covered in the report.

The Authority discussed the proposed London Quarter development, which would be the subject of a presentation later in the day. The Authority discussed the proposed development against National Capital Plan requirements for the site.

Strategic Planning Report

NCA officers presented the Strategic Planning Report, which provided an overview of current NCA strategic planning work.

The Authority discussed a proposal to trial three 'glamping' domes on Yarramundi Peninsula, adjacent to Lake Burley Griffin. The Authority discussed various aspects of the proposal including heritage, specific siting and appearance, and commercial aspects. The Authority indicated general support for the trial, pending appropriate resolution of the issues noted, with an update of the proposal to come to the February 2023 Authority meeting.

The Authority discussed the updates provided on the new campus development of the University of New South Wales on Constitution Avenue, and the Canberra Theatre Redevelopment.

Ngurra Project

NCA officers provided the Authority with a verbal update on the Ngurra Project: the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Cultural Precinct. The update covered the status of the design competition.

Major Projects Report

NCA officers presented the Major Projects Report, which sets out status and details of current major projects being undertaken by the NCA.

The Authority discussed several of the projects in the report including repairs at the National Carillon and refurbishment of the Captain Cook Memorial Jet.

Forward Agenda

The Authority noted the current forward agenda for its scheduled 2023 meetings. No additional conflicts of interest for agenda items for these meetings were identified at this time (aside from those already identified and being managed).

Presentation – Light Rail Stage 2A

The Authority received a presentation from representatives of the ACT Government on the Light Rail Stage 2A project.

The Authority discussed expected patronage, timetables and performance, when Stage 2A may commence operations, and staging of works.

Presentation – Canberra Block 40, Section 100, City (London Quarter)

The Authority received a presentation from representatives of Johnson Pilton Walker (JPW) on a proposed development at Block 40, Section 100, City, known as the London Quarter.

The presentation covered detailed aspects and features of the proposed development, including against the relevant requirements of the National Capital Plan (NCP) and its City Hill Precinct Code.

The Authority discussed the importance of the site, precedent aspects and key parameters and design matters. The Authority noted that the development would be looked at by the Design Review Panel the next day.

Chief Executive Report

The Authority received a report from the Chief Executive including updates on a range of strategic issues, Parliamentary and Ministerial events, and human resource matters, providing verbal updates on some issues.

The Authority discussed the NCA's upcoming appearances at the Joint Standing Committee on the National Capital and External Territories, and the Joint Committee of Public Accounts and Audit, recent procurement activity, and the NCA's work on Canberra's Australia Day celebrations.

Lake Burley Griffin and Foreshores Land Use Review

NCA officers presented a paper on land use and management arrangements for Lake Burley Griffin and adjacent lands.

The Authority discussed aspects of the report including alignment of the work with the NCA's strategic objective of enhancing the citizen and visitor experience (as well as creating and maintaining place), possible infrastructure requirements for further development in some areas, and other potential improvements to facilities.

The Authority asked the NCA to continue with the planned work set out in the paper, including working with the ACT Government on possible initiatives, and developing a matrix of advantages and disadvantages in relation to further development in the different areas around the Lake.

National Estate Wayfinding and Signage Strategy

NCA officers presented a paper on a strategy for implementing the NCA Signage Suite wayfinding and interpretive signage, based on the previously developed draft NCA Signage Suite.

The Authority discussed progress in the work and asked that the relevant signage be as simple and clear as possible.

The Authority noted the status of the signage work and agreed that the National Triangle be prioritised as the first precinct for Stage 1 and Stage 2 signage works. The Authority also agreed to the scope of the Stage 1 works and noted proposed future stage works and indicative timing and costings.

Scrivener Dam Dissipator Strengthening Project

NCA officers presented a paper updating the Authority on the Scrivener Dam Dissipator Strengthening Project. The paper provided an overview of the planned remediation and

strengthening work, current project status, issues being monitored, next steps and consultation arrangements.

The Authority noted the information set out in the paper, including the status of the project.

Draft Amendment – Block 7 Section 4 Yarralumla (Forestry Place)

NCA officers presented a paper with a proposed draft amendment to the National Capital Plan for Block 7 Section 4 Yarralumla (Forestry Place) for consideration prior to public consultation. The paper included proposed detailed planning provisions for the site.

The Authority discussed a range of the planning provisions, including retention of trees, heritage aspects, building heights and traffic matters. The Authority agreed with the detailed codification of planning provisions proposed. The Authority also discussed proposed consultation arrangements, including key issues raised in earlier rounds of consultation.

Following discussion, the Authority agreed that further refinement of the draft Amendment and consultation with proponents be undertaken.

Draft Amendment – Block 515 Majura

NCA officers presented a paper seeking the Board's consideration of a request to amend the National Capital Plan to allow Block 515 Majura to be used for an industrial purpose. The presentation provided background to the proposal and current allowed uses under the current provisions of the National Capital Plan for that area.

The Authority discussed the proposal in detail, including the site's features and nearby uses. The Authority asked the NCA to investigate the proposal in more detail and work with the ACT Government to identify alternative sites that may be more appropriate for the proposed facility.

Draft Amendment – Block 348 Gungahlin

NCA officers presented a paper providing the Authority with detailed information on Block 348 Gungahlin, including land use, land management and heritage.

The Authority discussed the paper, especially the provisions of the National Capital Open Space System and consultation processes. The Authority asked the NCA to undertake an independent engagement process with key stakeholders on the proposed development.

Estate Report

The Authority received and discussed the Estate Management Report, which provided an update on key estate management current and planned projects and key operational matters.

The Authority discussed work in progress at the Captain Cook Memorial Globe, and improving planned and preventative maintenance work generally.

Media Report

The Authority received and noted the Media Report, which provided a summary of recent main stories, events and coverage relating to the NCA's work and profile.

The Authority discussed the key media issues involving the NCA over the three months to 30 September 2022 and potential media/exhibition initiatives.

Marketing and Visitor Destination Planning Report

The Authority received and noted the Marketing and Visitor Destination Planning Report which included an update on NCA events, attractions and marketing.

Other Business

No matters were raised under other business.

The Authority noted its next regular meeting is scheduled for 8 February 2023.