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**Authority Meeting A2021/2**

**13 April 2021**

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Authority meeting held on 13 April 2021*

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*Mr Terry Weber, Chair of the National Capital Authority*

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## **Administration and Governance**

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

This meeting was the Authority's second meeting for 2021.

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

## **Key Governance Matters**

The Authority received and considered a comprehensive report on the NCA's key governance matters covering work health and safety, risk management, planning and performance, and governance and compliance, as well as relevant Committee reports.

The Authority noted and discussed aspects of the presented report, including that an audit of the NCA planning consultation report had recently been completed and that the final report with planned work would come to the Authority at its June 2021 meeting.

The Authority discussed elements of the strategic risk register which had recently been updated following discussions at the Audit Committee, including the possible outcomes from risk events and seeking appropriate assurance.

## **Finance Report**

The Authority received and discussed the presented finance report, which included results for the financial year to 28 February 2021 and the status of a review of the 2020-21 Administered Capital budget. NCA officers provided a verbal update on financial results to end-March 2021 indicating no significant change to the direction of the expected 2020-21 financial results.

The Authority discussed the status of budget proposals, including for developing the new diplomatic state in Curtin, and spending priorities and expected projects for 2021-22.

## **Forward Agenda**

The Authority noted the forward agenda for the Authority's 2021 meetings. No potential conflicts of interest for agenda items for these meetings were identified.

## **Presentation – Federation Mall**

The Authority received a presentation from Stewart Architects and Aspect Studio on the outcomes of the first part of a design consultancy on Federation Mall.

The presentation provided the outcomes of a detailed site analysis, highlighting key features, heritage aspects and current concerns.

The Authority discussed the issues raised and canvassed a range of possible themes and options for the future development of Federation Mall including Federation, Indigenous and parliamentary aspects as well as considering access, visitor experience and connectivity.

The Authority thanked the presenters and NCA staff for their work to date and looked forward to the next stage of work which would include discussions with relevant stakeholders.

### **Presentation – National Triangle Marketing Strategy**

The Authority received a presentation on place branding for the National Triangle focusing on rationale, drivers, audiences, and the proposed device and applications, including in response to strategic directions identified in the Authority's planning meeting.

The Authority discussed aspects of the presentation including proposed uses and the relationship of the branding with other areas of work such as signage.

### **Chief Executive Report**

The Authority received a report from the Chief Executive covering a range of strategic and human resource matters that have commenced or progressed since the previous Authority meeting.

The Authority discussed the status of new policy proposals, progress in implementing outcomes from the Authority planning day and an initiative for brand marketing of National Institutions. The Authority also discussed next steps in the Light Rail Stage 2A project.

### **Seaplanes on Lake Burley Griffin**

NCA officers presented the Authority with a paper on seaplanes on Lake Burley Griffin. The paper sought the Authority's agreement to release a Discussion Paper for public consultation, and to undertake broader strategic planning in relation to possible further activation of the Lake, in the second half of 2021-22.

The Authority discussed implications for lake users, measuring the project's success, heritage and financial aspects, possible multiple operators and the national perspective. The Authority offered some suggestions to the draft Discussion Paper and agreed to its release, as well as agreeing to further work into broader consideration of the access and use of the lake and surrounds.

### **Dairy Road Precinct Development Control Plan**

NCA officers presented the Authority with a paper setting out the outcomes of public consultation on the Draft Development Control Plan for Part Block 11 Section 38 Fyshwick (Dairy Road Precinct).

The Authority discussed the background and processes for the site development, as well as the key issues raised in the consultation process.

The Board asked for further information to be able to consider the merits and implications of the development proposal.

### **Wayfinding Signage and Interactive Maps**

NCA officers presented the Authority with a discussion paper on the proposed staged implementation of wayfinding signage and interactive maps on the NCA Estate and website.



The Authority discussed aspects of the proposed rollout including related work on branding discussed earlier in the meeting. The Authority asked that the interactive web map include cycle paths and pedestrian crossings.

Following discussion, the Authority agreed to the paper's recommendations.

The Authority asked the NCA to improve the interpretive material related to RG Menzies walk

### **Estate Management Report**

The Authority received and noted the Estate Management Report, which provided an update on key estate management projects and operational issues.

The Authority discussed recent flood operations at Scrivener Dam and lighting refurbishment in the Capital Circle tunnel.

### **Major Projects Committee Report**

The Authority received and noted the report on the work of the Major Projects Committee, which included details of key current projects being undertaken by the NCA.

The Authority discussed some of the projects in the report including the redevelopment of Regatta Point and the National Memorial for Victims and Survivors of Institutional Child Sexual Abuse.

### **Works Approval Report**

The Authority received and noted the Works Approval Report, which included an update on key current and upcoming works approval applications.

The Authority noted the report including an update on the status of public consultation on the redevelopment of the Australian War Memorial.

### **Strategic Planning Report**

NCA officers presented the Strategic Planning Report, which provided an overview of current key strategic planning matters including current development proposals and related work.

The Authority discussed elements of the report, including the relocation of the Mitchell Resource Management Centre, the potential development of the former Forestry School in Yarralumla, a possible Development Control Plan for the CSIRO land in Ginninderra.

### **Media and Communications Report**

The Authority received and noted the Media and Communications Report, which included current and upcoming media and communication activities.

### **Events and Place Activation Report**

The Authority received and noted the Events and Place Activation Report highlighting current events infrastructure work, key upcoming events and a schedule of illuminating NCA assets for various events over coming months.

## **Other Business**

The Authority further discussed next steps in implementing the agreed actions from the planning day, including through the development of the Corporate Plan for 2021-22 to 2024-25.

The Authority noted its next regular meeting is scheduled for 9 June 2021.

