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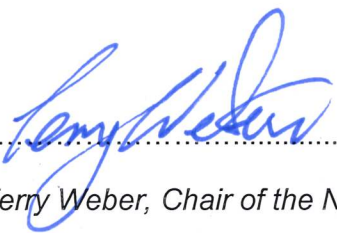
NATIONAL CAPITAL AUTHORITY

Authority Meeting A2021/5

19 October 2021

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Authority meeting held on 19 October 2021*


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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 19 October 2021. 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), Mr Dennis Richardson, Ms Jenny Smithson, Mr James Willson and Ms Sally Barnes (Chief Executive).

This meeting was the Authority's fifth regular meeting for 2021.

In the context of COVID-19 restrictions, the Authority meeting was conducted partly on-line.

The Authority attended to the standard administrative and governance processes for the meeting including disclosing and managing any conflicts of interest, finalising the minutes and public record of the previous meetings, 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, risk management, planning and performance, and governance and compliance, and a summary of the most recent meeting of the NCA Audit Committee.

The Authority noted and discussed aspects of the presented report, including recent incidents and the NCA's COVID-safe arrangements. NCA officers noted the NCA's arrangements have drawn on the relevant ACT Government and Australian Public Service Commission advice.

The Authority discussed the NCA Strategic Risk Register and Treatment Plan and made suggestions to update and respond to risks.

The Authority noted the planning and performance update. On governance and compliance, the Authority discussed proposed revisions and points to note on the Authority Charter. Updates and revisions were generally agreed with some amendments.

Finance Report

The Authority received and discussed the presented finance report, which included the NCA's financial position for the financial year to 30 September 2021, key financial issues, and strategic procurement work. The presentation also covered the capital spending rates and the status of new policy proposals.

The Authority discussed the status of key projects and possible ways to respond, noting some delays had come from COVID restrictions, and high demand and skill shortages in the construction industry.

Works Approval Report

NCA officers presented the Works Approval Report, which included an update on current and upcoming works approval applications.

The Authority discussed several of projects in the report and related issues, including an update on input received from consultation in relation to the main works package for the redevelopment of the Australian War Memorial. The Authority welcomed that the NCA had received a range of input from across Australia and from both metropolitan and regional areas. The Authority noted the

importance of receiving a national perspective, especially for sites such as the Australian War Memorial.

The Authority also discussed the current high workload in the area, with high demand and some staff on leave to undertake home schooling. The Authority discussed possible actions to help alleviate the situation.

Strategic Planning Report

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

The Authority discussed the work priorities for the Strategic Planning team and agreed with the report's proposed prioritisation of projects

Following discussion, the Authority agreed to communicate to the ACT Government the broad guidelines for development to the site adjacent to the new diplomatic estate, which will also assist in planning for infrastructure and services.

The Authority discussed and agreed on a number of development and land use matters, including for defence establishments.

Major Projects Report

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

The Authority discussed aspects of the NCA's major projects including Commonwealth Avenue Bridge and Regatta Point.

The Authority noted the status of other projects outlined the report and agreed that priority be given to projects of national significance or importance.

Forward Agenda

The Authority noted the forward agenda for 14 December 2021 and meetings in 2022. The Authority settled on proposed meeting dates for 2022. No additional conflicts of interest for agenda items for these meetings were identified at this time.

Presentation – Property Council of Australia ACT

The Authority received a presentation from representatives of the Property Council of Australia ACT on Council's structure, operation and priorities.

Council representatives noted the profile and economic importance of their industry and outlined their current advocacy priorities as:

1. Population growth
2. Increased housing stock, with choice and affordability
3. Urban renewal
4. A competitive and efficient tax system
5. Enabling infrastructure

The Authority discussed ways to achieve the best development outcomes, building quality, and current challenges in the industry such as skill shortages.

The Authority thanked the Property Council members for their presentation and discussion.

Presentation – Anzac Park East

The Authority received a presentation from representatives of the Amalgamated Property Group on a proposed development at Anzac Park East.

The presentation covered the context and main design elements of development's concept masterplan covering its commercial office building, and residential and retail precincts. The presentation included a revised Master Plan Implementation Strategy in accordance with the Crown Lease requirement covering adherence to the National Capital Plan.

The Authority discussed the development in detail, including implications for the future development of Anzac Park West. The Authority stressed the iconic and nationally important nature of the location and the critical importance of achieving an exemplary development outcome.

Presentation – Visit Canberra

The Authority received a presentation from the ACT Government's VisitCanberra unit on their work on destination marketing and branding for Canberra.

The presentation covered messaging and initiatives to attract visitors but also people to work, study, do business, invest and live in Canberra, through different channels and partnerships, aligned with the ACT Government's economic objectives.

The Authority discussed the key objectives and targets of the work in the short and longer term, along with scope for co-operation with the NCA on various initiatives.

Chief Executive Report

The Authority received a report from the Chief Executive covering a range of strategic and human resource matters.

The Authority discussed elements of the report including the status of new policy proposals and progress in selecting an operator for East Kiosk.

Raising London Circuit Consultation Process

NCA officers presented a paper providing the Authority with an outline of the public consultation process for anticipated Works Approval applications relating to the Raising of London Circuit.

The Authority noted the background, key issues, and proposed consultation program and advertising.

Forestry Place, Yarralumla

NCA officers presented a paper on the outcomes of stakeholder consultation and next steps for the Forestry Place project.

The Authority discussed the outcomes of consultation with key stakeholders and the key elements of the proposed development, including in comparison with nearby developments and related factors.

The Authority agreed to advise the proponent that the Authority would only consider a proposal for a development of more defined use and lesser scale than that proposed, in line with nearby developments.

Estate Report

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

Media and Communications Report

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

Marketing and Visitor Destination Planning Report

The Authority received and discussed the Marketing and Visitor Destination Planning Report which included information on events, activities at the National Capital Exhibition and marketing work.

Other Business

Under other business, the Authority discussed the 40 km/hr speed limit in the City area, noting it was an ACT Government initiative.

The Authority noted its next regular meeting is scheduled for 14 December 2021.

