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Authority Meeting A2020/2

7 April 2020

Public Record

*I endorse this Public Record of the
Authority meeting held on 7 April 2020*

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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 7 April 2020. 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.

In the context of COVID-19, the Authority determined that it would still meet in person for a shortened meeting with appropriate social distancing arrangements in place and focusing on critical items with some other material provided to the Authority for noting.

Administration and Governance

The following Authority members were present at the meeting: Mr Terry Weber (Chair), Mr Dennis Richardson and Ms Sally Barnes (Chief Executive).

This meeting was the Authority's second regular meeting for 2020.

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.

Work Health and Safety Report – COVID-19

The Authority received and considered a report focusing on COVID-19 and actions being taken to mitigate risks to the NCA and the community.

The Authority discussed changes being made to the NCA's operations such as the closure of playgrounds and BBQ areas and some further measures being pursued including asking cyclists and walkers to go clockwise around the lake to ease congestion and encourage activity.

Presentation – Light Rail Stage 2A

The Authority received a presentation from officers from Major Projects Canberra, ACT Government, focusing on a discussion draft paper on traffic modelling for the Light Rail Stage 2A proposal.

The presentation went over the proposed route, and key road, access and traffic aspects of Light Rail Stage 2A including preliminary traffic modelling that had been conducted. The presenters noted current challenges and risks for the project.

The Authority thanked the ACT Government officers for the presentation and discussion.

The Authority noted a works approval application was yet to be received and agreed to prioritise consideration of this project once a formal works approval application is lodged.

Presentation – UNSW Campus Development

The Authority received a presentation from representatives from the University of New South Wales and the ACT Government on the University's development of its Canberra City Campus.

The presentation covered key aspects of the precinct deed signed with the ACT Government, the development's indicative timeline and key deliverables over the next 17 years, the community consultation strategy and the project's key design elements.

The Authority explored several issues with the presenters including access between the two campus sites and the issues that had arisen in community consultations to date. The discussion

also covered financial aspects and relevant timelines of the proposal, including for community consultation.

The Authority thanked the presenters for the presentation and looked forward to continuing to work with the key stakeholders on the development of the campus.

Chief Executive Report

The Authority was provided with and noted the Chief Executive Report, which gave the Authority an update on:

- further details on the land transfer processes and arrangements;
- the Carillon refurbishment works;
- removal of the pine tree plantation at Stirling Park;
- a review on Lake Burley Griffin water abstraction guidelines; and
- the cancellation of Floriade 2020.

National Capital Plan – Draft Amendment 94 – National Arboretum – Commercial Accommodation

The Authority noted that seven written submissions had been received in response to DA94 and that the ACT Government supports the Amendment.

The Authority agreed to forward DA94 to the Assistant Minister for Regional Development and Territories and publicly release the Consultation Report, if the Amendment is agreed by the Minister.

National Capital Plan – Draft Amendment 95 – New Diplomatic Estate

The Authority noted that the land transfer to facilitate development of a new diplomatic estate had occurred in line with the agreement reached between the Commonwealth and ACT Government in February 2020.

The Authority agreed to progress the draft amendment to the Plan.

The Authority also noted the strategic planning team intends to release 'Draft Amendment 95 – North Curtin Diplomatic Estate (DA95)' for public consultation in May 2020.

John Gorton Place

The Authority noted the update on works in the area adjacent to the John Gorton Building in Parkes and agreed to the naming of John Gorton Place.

Works Approval Report

The Authority received and noted the Works Approval Report, which included an update on key current developments and pre-application meetings. The report also included a favourable comparison of assessment performance of the NCA with other jurisdictions.

The Authority noted the Canberra Aqua Park (CAP) trial evaluation report. The Authority asked for a more detailed analysis of the safety issues and mitigation measures before consideration of an extension to the facility.

Strategic Planning Report

The Authority noted the Strategic Planning Report, which provided an overview of current key development proposals and related work.

The Authority noted the strategic planning report and agreed to prepare a draft Development Control Plan for the Dairy Road site to facilitate the Commonwealth scientific research establishment.

Other business

The Authority was provided with papers on the following topics for their information.

- Authority Forward Agenda
- Media and Communications Report
- NCA Audit Committee Minutes
- Financial Reporting Update

The Authority noted its next regular meeting is scheduled for 23 June 2020.