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National Capital Authority

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Authority Meeting A2018/2

19 April 2018

Public Record

*I endorse this Public Record of the
Authority meeting held on 19 April 2018*

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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 April 2018. As some matters discussed 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 were present at the meeting: Mr Terry Weber (Chair), Ms Chris Faulks, Mr Glenn Keys, Mr Dennis Richardson and Ms Sally Barnes (Chief Executive).

This was the Authority's second meeting for 2018.

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

Accountable Authority Reports

In view of the Authority becoming the accountable authority for the purposes of the *Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Act 2013* from 1 July 2018, the Authority trialed a new agenda structure which included the consideration of a range of relevant issues.

In this vein, the Authority received reports on the following areas: planning and performance, risk management, governance and compliance, resourcing (personnel) and resourcing (finance). The Authority also considered the draft 2018-19 Administered Capital Budget-funded Capital Works Program.

Decision

The Authority noted the reports including further initiatives to ensure there is a smooth transition to being the NCA's accountable authority, including planned training by the Australian Institute of Company Directors and a strategic planning day scheduled for July 2018.

The Authority thanked the team for their work on the proposed Capital Works Program and noted the importance of ensuring a focus on risk and safety in finalising the program.

Presentation – University of New South Wales

The Authority received a presentation on potential changes to the Reid campus of the Canberra Institute of Technology and adjoining land, led by Professor Michael Frater (Rector, UNSW Canberra), Ms Leanne Cover (Chief Executive Officer, Canberra Institute of Technology), Ms Kareena Arthy (Deputy Director-General, ACT Government), and Mr Malcolm Snow (CEO, City Renewal Authority, ACT Government).

Decision

The Authority thanked the proponents for their presentation and subsequent discussion regarding the UNSW proposal, which is at an early stage. The Authority agreed to follow up with a letter clarifying the approval process and emphasising their expectations regarding the quality of design and materials for the proposed development.

Chief Executive Report

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

Decision

The Authority thanked Ms Barnes for her paper and requested further information on longer-term requirement for diplomatic land and asked the NCA to prepare a submission to the Parliamentary Inquiry into Canberra's National Institutions.

Light Rail Stage 2

The Authority received a report and discussed available information on the ACT Government's Light Rail Stage 2 proposal.

Decision

The Authority discussed the requirement for the ACT Government to consider and provide further detailed information and analysis on options for the range of matters related to the proposal and noted that the ACT Government had been advised that the NCA does not support:

- the proposed reduction of lanes on Commonwealth Avenue in view of the concomitant traffic management implications;
- the proposed exclusive use of National Land for the rail in the Parliamentary Zone and ask the ACT Government to consider a shared use zone;
- use of poles and overhead wires in Designated Areas; and
- the potential adverse impacts on heritage and removal of significant tree plantings

National Capital Exhibition – Layout and Themes

The Authority received a paper on the National Capital Exhibition (NCE) redevelopment project.

Decision

The Authority endorsed the proposed overarching narrative themes for the new exhibition. For the proposed temporary exhibition, the Authority asked the NCA to confirm the suitability of the site and that identified issues had been addressed, prior to use.

Implementation of Event Fees and Charges

The Authority received a paper and discussed the implementation of a new framework and schedule for events fees and charges, included with respect to ACT Government events.

Decision

The Authority approved the new events fees and charges framework, with the exception of arrangements with the ACT Government where discussions are ongoing.

Draft Amendment 90 – Mint Administration Building

The Authority received a paper requesting their agreement to prepare a draft amendment to the National Capital Plan to change the land use policy of the former Mint Administration Building, from 'National Capital Use' to a policy permitting a broader range of commercial uses.

Decision

The Authority agreed that the NCA prepare a draft amendment to the National Capital Plan to expand the range of permitted land uses for the former Mint Administration Building (northern land portion) to include consulting rooms, a health centre and offices.

Sale of The Lobby

The Authority received an update on the process and timing for the sale of The Lobby.

Regulation of Bike Share Schemes

The Authority received a paper and discussed a range of aspects related to potential bike share schemes on National Land and the proposed regulatory approach.

Decision

The Authority requested a further paper be prepared for the Authority's June meeting, including potential permit conditions for a possible trial of bikeshare arrangements. The Authority also asked for a paper for later in the year on bike speed regulation.

Media Report

The Authority received a report summarising media coverage of matters of interest to the work of the NCA since the Authority's previous meeting.

Decision

The Authority noted future reports provide additional information on the context of the variations in the level in media coverage and a list of the NCA's media releases.

Works Approval Report

The Authority received a report on works approvals being assessed by the NCA.

Decision

The Authority noted the report and requested, on an ongoing basis, information on significant upcoming works that have been identified in pre-application submissions or discussions. The Authority asked for any comparative performance information available, year to date performance information and graphical presentation of relevant information, where possible.

Major Projects Report

The Authority received a report on the NCA's major projects and the Major Projects Committee.

Decision

The Authority noted the paper and that future reports will include non-capital works projects for the Board's information and input

Correspondence

The Authority received a verbal update on relevant correspondence received.

Decision

The Authority requested, for the future, that relevant correspondence be included in the Chief Executive's Report.

Communications

The Authority received a paper on NCA internal communications.

Decision

The Authority requested members be included in relevant internal communications.

Other Business

Decision

The Authority requested:

- an update on the outcome of community consultations on Draft Amendment 89 (regarding the Deakin/Forrest residential precinct);
- members are made aware of relevant events being held on National Land
- ensure the NCA's contribution is recognised at relevant events and works such as through appropriate signage and attribution in publications.
- the issue of plantings on Anzac Parade are raised with the New Zealand High Commissioner.

The Authority noted its next meeting is scheduled for 12 June 2018.

