



Australian Government

National Capital Authority

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Authority Meeting A2014/3
Public Record

13 June 2014

Members Present

Ms Shelley Penn (Chair), Mr Malcolm Snow (Chief Executive) and Mr Peter Core.

Historically, six Authority meetings are held each year. This was the third meeting for 2014.

The following is a public record of the matters discussed at the Authority meeting held Friday, 13 June 2014. As some matters are privileged or confidential, this record follows, but does not completely represent the formal minutes of the meeting.

Public Relations Report

The Authority received and noted a report on recent media interest relating to the work of the National Capital Authority (NCA).

Pay Parking

Pay parking is being introduced to free up spaces for visitors to the National Institutions by discouraging encroachment of parking from other areas. Pay parking will apply to approximately 9000 car parks on National Land.

Pay parking for Australian Government owned car parks in the Central National Area (CNA) was proposed to start on 1 July 2014.

The NCA has been working to implement the infrastructure and administrative arrangements required to support the implementation of pay parking. Some of the infrastructure and administrative arrangements required to support pay parking will be implemented by 1 July 2014.

The decision

The Authority noted the status of the implementation of pay parking.

Plan Review: Public Participation Plan

On 1 June 2012, the Authority commenced a review of the National Capital Plan (the Plan). The primary aim of the planning review is to clarify and simplify the shared responsibilities with the ACT Government, while protecting the national interest in the Australian Capital Territory (ACT).

The NCA is committed to releasing an 'exposure draft' of the restructured Plan for public comment in mid-2014. A public participation plan was prepared to guide the public consultation process that will be undertaken on the exposure draft to maximise transparency and opportunities for public comment.

The decision

The Authority agreed on the consultative methods for seeking public feedback on the exposure draft of the Plan.

Development Control Plan 14/01 – Gold Creek Tourist Area

The Plan sets out special requirements for development in the interests of the National Capital. These areas include parts of Civic, land fronting certain Main Avenues and Approach Routes to the National Capital, the Australian Institute of Sport, Tidbinbilla Deep Space Complex, Telopea and Haig Parks, National Parks in the Capital, river corridors and some National Land sites.

In general, special requirements require the preparation of Development Control Plans (DCP) for consideration and approval by the Authority.

In January 2014, the leasee of Block 12 Section 83 Nicholls requested that the NCA amend DCP12/04 to allow direct access to Block 12 Section 83 Nicholls from the Barton Highway, an approach route to the National Capital.

The decision

The Authority agreed to release the Consultation Report relating to DCP14/01.

Consultation Report: Royal Canberra Golf Course, course redesign and redevelopment

Any buildings or structures, demolition, landscaping or excavation works in Designated Areas require the written approval of the NCA.

On 24 December 2013, the NCA received an application from the Royal Canberra Golf Club for proposed works at the golf course including modifications to fairways, tees, greens, bunkers, drainage works and the removal of 384 trees and replanting of 319 trees.

The golf course is located on Territory Land within a Designated Area of the Plan. The land use is Restricted Access Open Space which is defined in Appendix A of the Plan as 'land used for recreation, exercise or leisure activity, whether operated for gain or not and where public access to the facility may be restricted to certain times'.

The decision

The Authority approved the release of the Consultation Report relating to Works Approval (WA) application number 19067.

West Belconnen Planning

The NCA manages the Plan which sets out general planning policies and principles for overall development of the ACT.

In anticipation of a formal request from the West Belconnen project proponent the NCA took the Authority on a site tour of the West Belconnen area.

The decision

The Authority noted the status of the West Belconnen project.

Capital Works for 2014–15 and forward years

The NCA, on behalf of the Australian Government, manages Commonwealth assets with a combined value of \$800 million. Assets managed by the NCA include Anzac Parade and its memorials, the Parliamentary Zone, roads, bridges, Scrivener Dam and Lake Burley Griffin (the Lake).

The decision

The Authority discussed the current projects aimed at increasing public safety and sustainability of the National Capital Estate.

Consultation Report: Surveyors Hut and Surveyors Park Heritage Management Plan

The Surveyors Hut, located in Surveyors Park, Capital Hill, Canberra, is entered on the Commonwealth Heritage List maintained under the EPBC Act.

Surveyors Park is a small urban park which surrounds Surveyors Hut used by the original surveyors for the National Capital.

A Heritage Management Plan (HMP) has been prepared in accordance with the heritage management principles and requirements for management plans for National Heritage places set out in the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act).

Between 8 March and 11 April 2014, the NCA sought feedback from the public on the draft Surveyors Hut and Surveyors Park HMP. Following consultation, amendments were made and the HMP was provided to the Authority for consideration.

The decision

The Authority agreed to provide the HMP to the Minister for Environment for consideration.

Consultation Report: Old Parliament House Gardens Heritage Management Plan

The Old Parliament House Gardens (the Gardens) is the collective name for the Senate Garden and the House of Representative Garden, these gardens are sited either side of Old Parliament House. The Gardens were established in 1927 as private gardens for the Provisional Parliament House.

Between 8 February and 21 March 2014, the NCA sought feedback from the public on the draft Old Parliament House Gardens Precinct HMP. Following consultation, amendments were made and the HMP was provided to the Authority for consideration.

The decision

The Authority agreed to provide the HMP to the Minister for Environment for consideration.

Old Parliament House Gardens - Rose Patronage Program

In November 2002, Mrs Tamie Fraser AO, Patron of the Gardens launched a campaign seeking public support through a rose patronage program for the reconstruction of the Gardens. All roses received sponsorship resulting in the Gardens been re-opened to the public on 4 December 2004. In return for their support, patrons' names were recognised on plaques, close to their sponsored rose(s), within the Gardens for a period of ten years.

The decision

The Authority noted the 10 year program was coming to a conclusion and that an appropriate means for continuing the recognition of sponsors would be maintained.

Lake Burley Griffin usage

The Lake is Canberra's centrepiece with a significant number of national institutions and national public places located on or near its shores. The NCA manages the Lake in accordance with its national significance and the *National Land Ordinance 1989* and applied provisions of the *Lakes Ordinance 1976*.

The 'Lake Burley Griffin Recreation Policy' was last reviewed in 2010. To better explain the value of the Lake and its intended uses the NCA reviewed the policy and created an 'Agreements to Undertake a Commercial Activity on Lake Burley Griffin Fact Sheet'.

The decision

The Authority agreed the updated policy and accompanying fact sheet.

Closed

The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, 15 August 2014.