

NATIONAL CAPITAL EXHIBITION

THE STORY OF CANBERRA



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Designing for a future Capital City

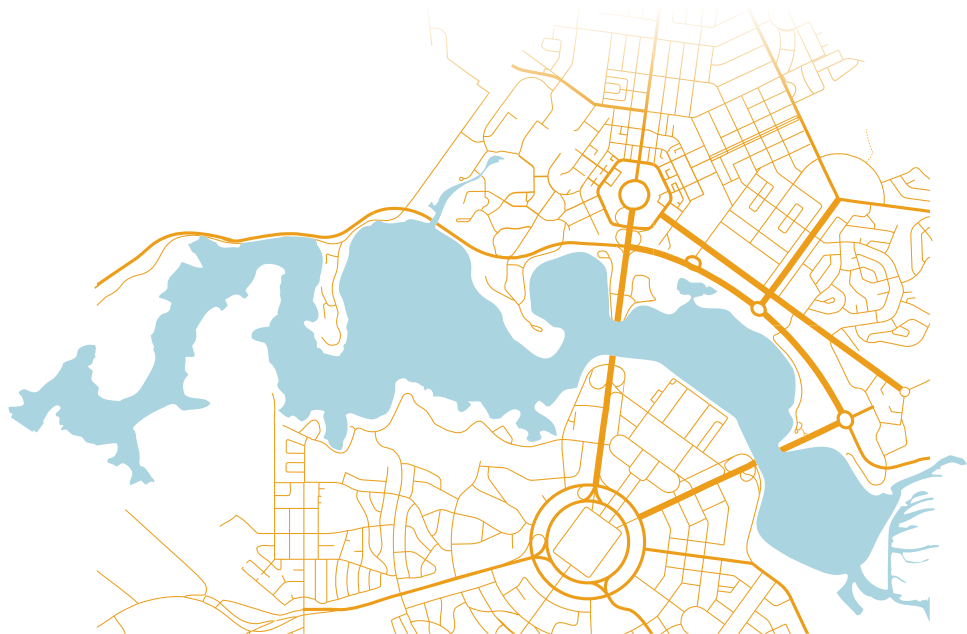
Nolli diagrams (named after Italian architect and surveyor, Giambattista Nolli) are a means of representing the relative sizes of built and open spaces in a city. The examples presented here offer snapshots of various city centres from around the world. A close comparison shows us that Canberra's urban environment, with lower density, extensive open spaces, green hilltops and parkland is unlike any other major city. Maintaining Canberra's unique character and its democratic ideals means achieving a delicate balance between practical planning and grand vision.

Look closely at the 4 nolli maps. Compare Canberra with Washington, London and Beijing. Washington is a city built according to plan rather like Canberra. Describe some of the similarities you see? London and Beijing developed naturally over a long period of time. How might these cities look different to Canberra?

Legend

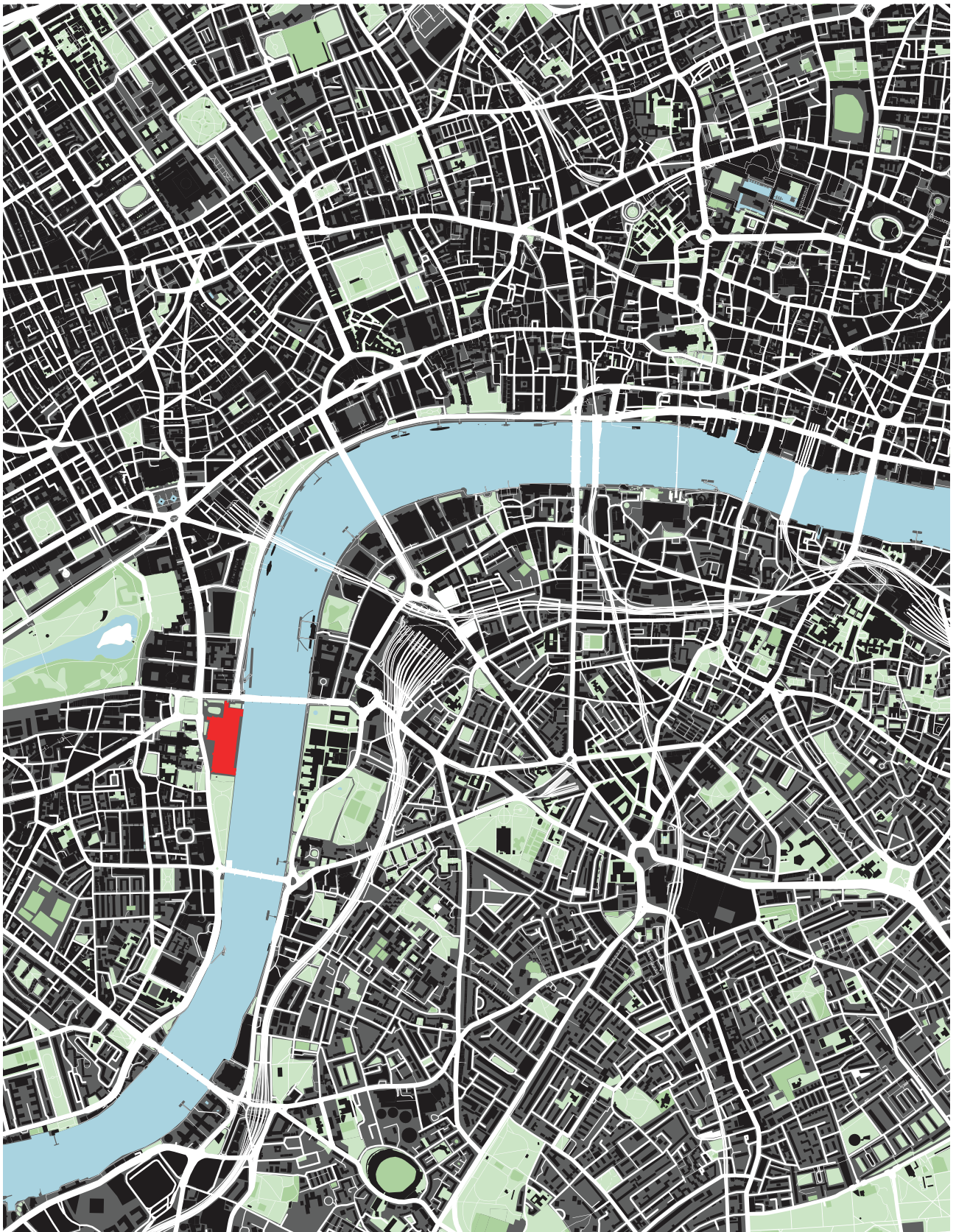
-  Government
-  Buildings
-  Industrial or private space
-  Public parks
-  Paths and roads
-  Lakes and rivers

**Explore
Canberra's
past, present
and future.**

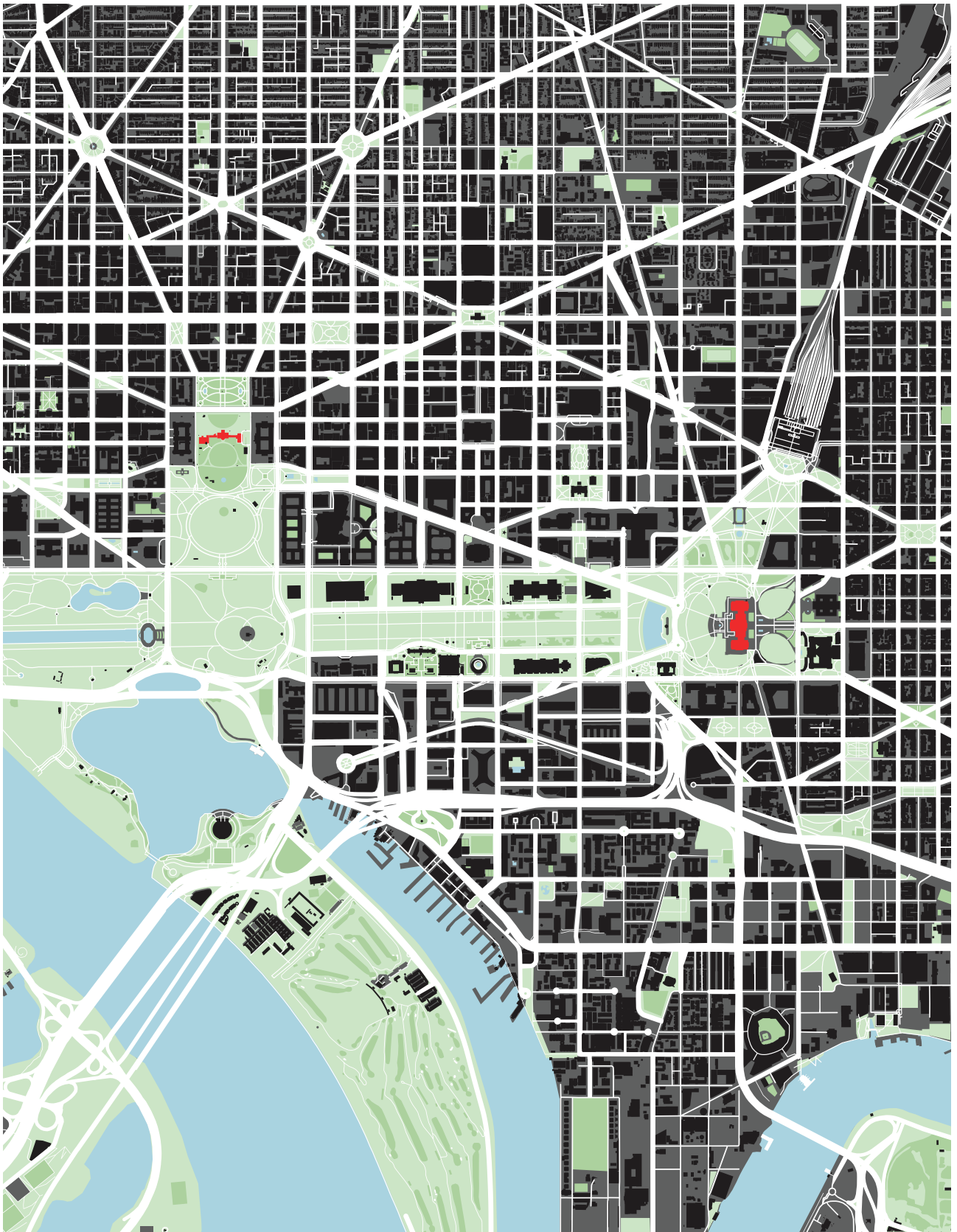




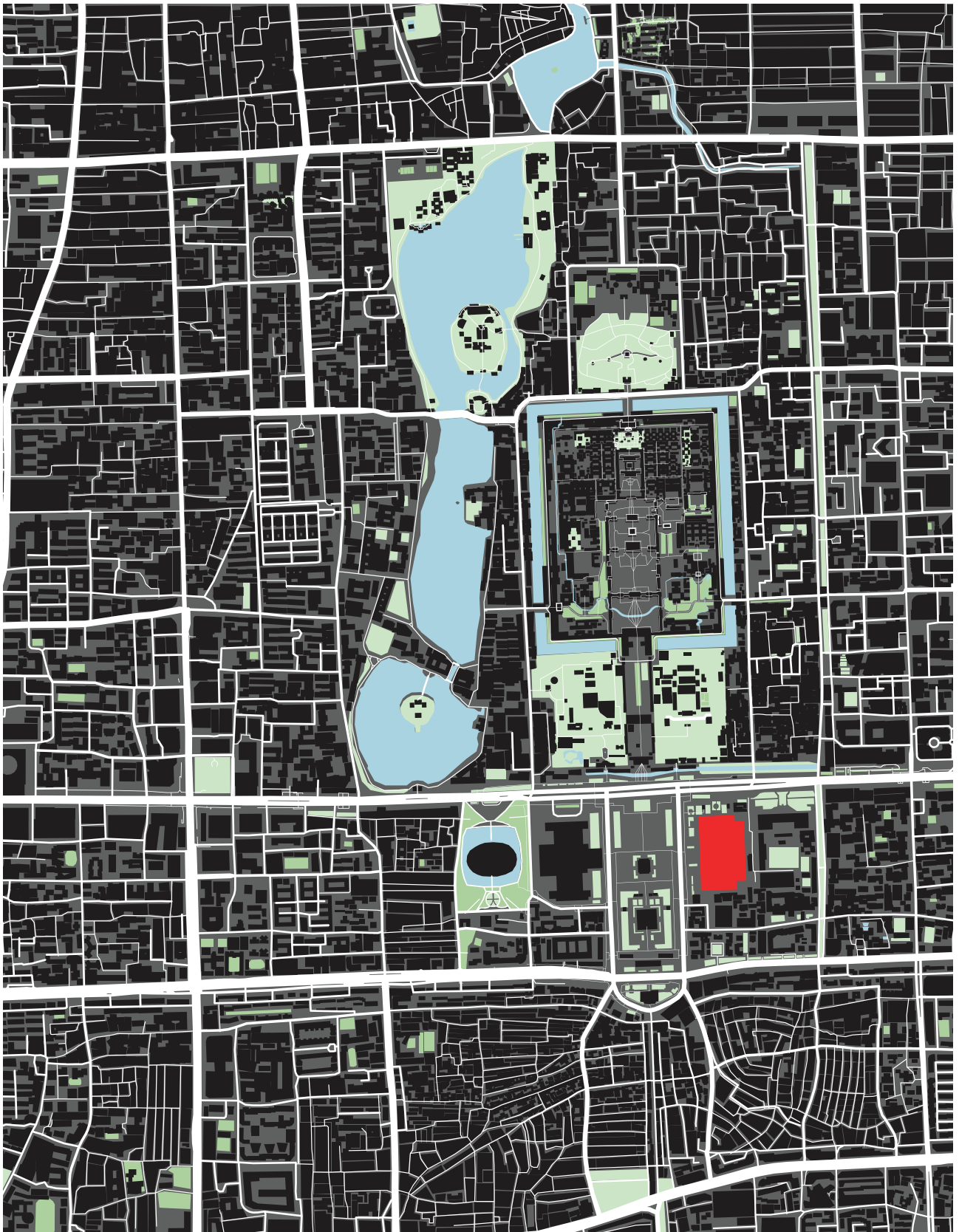
Canberra



London



Washington



Beijing