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**Authority Meeting A2016/1**  
**Public Record**

12 February 2016

## **Members Present**

Mr Terry Weber (Chair), Mr Malcolm Snow (Chief Executive), Ms Chris Faulks (Member) and Mr Glenn Keys (Member).

This was the first meeting for 2016.

The following is a public record of the matters discussed at the Authority meeting held on 12 February 2016. As some matters are privileged or confidential, this record follows, but does not completely represent the formal minutes of the meeting.

## **Capital Metro Agency – Light Rail Project Update**

The ACT Government has announced ‘Canberra Metro’ as their preferred bidder for the Light Rail Project.

Representatives from CMA provided a presentation to the Authority on Canberra Metro’s proposal. The presentation provided the context for the decision and an overview of the proposed light rail design including details about the construction program.

### **The Decision**

The Authority noted the light rail project status update from representatives from the CMA and that a Works Approval application for the proposed works to the Magistrates Court and Canberra Theatre car parks had been submitted and was currently under assessment. Further, they agreed to out of session consideration of the Consultation Report for proposed works to the Magistrates Court and Canberra Theatre car parks.

## **Draft Amendment to National Capital Plan – West Basin and City Hill**

Any group, organisation, or individual may request an amendment to the National Capital Plan (the Plan). The Authority must support any such request to enable the statutory amendment process to commence. The Lake Burley Griffin Guardians (the Guardians) requested an amendment to the Plan to vary the detailed planning and design policies for the West Basin and City Hill Precincts.

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## **The Decision**

The Authority noted the request from the Lake Burley Griffin Guardians for an amendment to the Plan in relation to City Hill and West Basin Precincts, but did not support the request, noting that the strategy for the Phase two review of the Plan proposes that a review of detailed policies for City Hill and West Basin Precincts be undertaken at a later date.

## **Development Conditions for Anzac Park East and West**

The draft revised National Capital Plan requires the preparation of detailed conditions of planning, design and development for the Anzac Park East and West sites. In December 2015, the Authority noted the progress to date on these development conditions. Subsequently, the Authority was presented with the final draft document for consideration.

## **The Decision**

The Authority noted the progress on the draft DCP for Anzac Park East and West, and agreed for the final DCP to be returned to the Authority out of session for final endorsement following the completion of Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 (EPBC Act) processes.

## **Canberra Avenue Planning and Design Framework**

The draft Development Control Plan (DCP) for the Manuka Oval precinct requires that the Authority make decisions on built form policy and planning controls, in particular maximum permitted building heights. Following their request at the previous Authority meeting, the Authority was presented with a 3D Model of the precinct showing the impact of various policy settings.

## **The Decision**

The Authority noted the urban design analysis undertaken in regard to building height options in the Manuka Circle Precinct and requested a comprehensive analysis of other aspects of development in the Manuka Circle Precinct, in particular traffic management and parking, for both normal mode and event mode

## **ACT Government Office Building – Urban Design Guidelines**

The City Hill Precinct forms part of the Designated Area of the National Capital Plan (the Plan). The Plan sets out land use provisions and detailed conditions of planning, design and development for the precinct. The Authority was provided an update on the status of major projects within the City Hill Precinct, in particular the proposed new building at Section 19 City to accommodate ACT Government public servants.

### **The Decision**

The Authority noted the status of proposed major developments within the City Hill Precinct and that the final urban design guidelines for Section 19 City will be returned to the Authority for endorsement. Further, they noted that the National Capital Authority (NCA) will continue to work with the ACT Government. A further paper was requested for a future meeting indicating scope and timeframes for the project.

## **NCE Redevelopment Update**

The National Capital Exhibition (NCE) redevelopment project will see the co-location of the Canberra and Region Visitor Centre (CRVC) within the NCE building. The Authority was given an update and status report on the progress made to advance the works since the last Authority briefing.

### **The Decision**

The Authority noted the progress on the relocation of the Canberra Visitor Centre to Regatta Point and also noted the budget, timeframes, and collaboration between the NCA and Visit Canberra.

## **Management of Lake Burley Griffin Recreational Use**

The Authority was provided with information regarding the recreational uses of Lake Burley Griffin and how these uses are managed by the NCA.

### **The Decision**

The Authority noted the report regarding the Management of Lake Burley Griffin Recreational Use.

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## Closed

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, 14 April 2016.

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