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Introduction

Purpose and background

The National Capital Authority (NCA) has the role of managing and planning the areas of National significance, in the interest of the Australian Government and its people.

Acton Peninsula (Figure 1) is a physically and visually prominent location in the National Capital, on the northern shore of Lake Burley Griffin. It is the setting for some of the most important cultural and educational institutions in Canberra, including the National Museum of Australia (NMA), the Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies (AIATSIS) and the Australian National University (ANU).

This area has not been examined since the mid-1990s when planning policy was changed to facilitate development of the National Museum. Acton Peninsula and the institutions play a significant local, national and international role for Canberra. The NCA has worked collaboratively with the Peninsula Partners; the NMA, the AIATSIS, the ANU and the ACT Government to develop this plan.



Figure 1: Acton Peninsula study area

What is the draft structure plan?

The draft structure plan sets the overarching principles for Acton Peninsula and provides a clear direction on the physical organisation and future character of the peninsula. The draft structure plan provides a cohesive and long-term framework for future detailed planning and design.

The vision for Acton Peninsula is to create a world-class cultural precinct that celebrates Australia's national identity and respects Canberra's local heritage. It is a place that promotes the exchange of ideas—education, culture and heritage— and blends a range of uses and attracts the public to use the spaces.

The plan identifies five key moves to create the character of the Peninsula including:

- creating public spaces on the Peninsula for a wide range of uses, day and night, ranging from individual recreation to large event areas
- better connecting the Peninsula to other parts of Canberra including the city and the National Triangle for pedestrians, cyclists and motorists
- consolidating car-parking into one area to reclaim public space and improve the sense of arrival at Acton Peninsula
- consolidating any new buildings into defined areas of a set height that is in proportion to the surrounds and preserves views
- high-quality design throughout the site which includes a consistent approach to materials and landscaping.

National Capital Plan Requirements

The National Capital Plan (the Plan) came into effect on 21 January 1990. The current Plan requirements for the area investigated as part of the draft Structure Plan are within the Acton Peninsula Precinct Code, the Australian National University Precinct Code, West Basin Precinct Code and the Lake Burley Griffin and Foreshores Precinct Code.

Given its local and national significance, the NCA and Peninsula Partners wanted to engage the community on the structure plan for the future use of this space. The draft plan will be updated and then go to the NCA's board for endorsement. Once endorsed, the NCA will begin work on a Draft Amendment incorporating the relevant aspects of the Acton Peninsula Precinct Structure Plan into the Precinct Codes of the Plan.

The statutory requirements of the Plan amendment process are described in the *Australian Capital Territory (Planning and Land Management) Act 1988* (the Act). This includes mandatory public consultation here is public consultation providing further opportunity for the community to provide feedback on the statutory planning changes at this time.

Consultation process

In accordance with the NCA's *Commitment to Community Engagement*, the Acton Peninsula Draft Structure Plan was released for public consultation on 2 May 2017 to provide national stakeholders, the wider Canberra community and local businesses an opportunity to provide meaningful feedback. The public consultation period ran for six weeks, concluding on 13 June 2017.

Tools and processes

The following tools were used for consultation:

- Media Launch on 2 May 2017 at the National Museum of Australia. A YouTube video was played and speeches were given by the following representatives:
 - Malcolm Snow, Chief Executive, NCA
 - Professor Mathew Trinca, Director, NMA
 - Craig Ritchie, Chief Executive Officer (a/g), AIATSIS
 - Chris Grange, Executive Director (Administration & Planning), ANU
 - Nicholas Holt, City to the Lake Director, ACT Government
- On 2 May 2017, the NCA wrote to identified stakeholders by mail and/or email advising about the release of the draft structure plan for public comment. The stakeholders included Acton peninsula lessees/land holders, community groups, industry, and special interest groups (see Appendix A for full list of stakeholders).
 - Local Indigenous representatives were contacted before the release and a briefing offered.
 - Other meetings with stakeholders were conducted on request.
- Notice published in 'The Canberra Times', Saturday 6 May 2017.
- Information made available on the NCA Website throughout consultation period:
 - Acton Peninsula Draft Structure Plan – hard copies available on request
 - Draft Acton Complex Heritage Management Plan 2015
 - Q&A Document
 - Media Release
 - YouTube video



Figure 2: Media launch on 2 May 2017 at the NMA

Information on how to provide feedback via online survey; email; mail; Facebook and Twitter

- NCA display in the Main Hall of the National Museum of Australia with three drop-in sessions to answer questions. Session dates:
 - Thursday 18 May, 11.00am – 2.00pm
 - Saturday 20 May, 11.00am – 2.00pm
 - Tuesday 23 May, 11.00am – 2.00pm
- Social media promotion on Facebook and Twitter throughout consultation period:
 - link to online survey
 - using conversation starters and prompts to promote thinking on the key issues (see Appendix C)
 - opportunity to provide feedback via Facebook and Twitter comments

Consultation response data

During the six weeks public consultation period the NCA reached a significant number of people and received feedback through social media, written responses, during the drop-in sessions and via the survey.

In summary, at the close of the consultation period:

- The combined **Facebook posts** of the Peninsula Partners reached **178,586** people, and approximately **190** Facebook comments.
- NCA's Acton Peninsula first post and **video** reached **88,537** people, with **53,289** views.
- There were **595** views of the video on YouTube, separately.
- The combined **Twitter** tweets across the Peninsula Partners had a total of **17,781** impressions.
- The combined reach of the Peninsula Partner's **websites** for Acton Peninsula received **5,986** hits.
- The online **survey** had a total of **183** submissions.
- There were a total of **34** written (emails and letters) submissions.
- During the **drop-in sessions**, **65** people stopped to talk with the NCA representatives.

Reporting

- The list of key stakeholders that were notified of the release of the Acton Peninsula Draft Structure Plan can be found at Appendix A.
- A summary survey report can be found at Appendix B.
- Written submissions have been consolidated at Appendix C.
- A social media report can be found at Appendix D .

Key Issues

The key issues raised are summarised below and these have been arranged under common themes, followed by the NCA response. Consolidated lists of submissions have been recorded in Appendix B, C and D.

3.1 Overall draft structure plan

Comments received

The respondents that made comments on the report had a variety of views that ranged from “a well-balanced plan” to “the basin plan is too long (yet lacks necessary detail)”. There was general support for the draft structure plan and strong support for the vision of Acton Peninsula.

Some felt that the draft document was not clear and it was difficult to understand what is proposed. Some respondents found that there was a lack of necessary detail including staging, timing around development and who would be responsible for development. There were also comment that clarification was needed around the images used as they seemed to be misleading, as well as some of the site analysis.

A few respondents commented on the consultation process and expressed the need for further public consultation on Acton Peninsula. There was criticism that engaging with only the Peninsula Partners was not enough and more rounds of public consultation were needed. There was a large amount of confusion about how other proposals (such as the ACT government’s City to the Lake plan) related to the draft structure plan. Clarity was requested about the role of this draft structure plan and how it would be applied.

NCA response

The NCA will review the format of the document to make it easier to understand and provide additional information where possible. Specific comments and suggestions around text changes, use of images, and some of the site analysis will be individually reviewed.

As the structure plan is a long-term plan for the area, its purpose is to set out overarching principles that guide future development of the area. The staging of individual development on the Peninsula will be determined by each of the partners.

Interested stakeholders will have further opportunities to input into the planning and design of Acton Peninsula. The next stage will be incorporating aspects of this structure plan into a Draft Amendment to the National Capital Plan, which will be released for public consultation.

Any development or future proposals, such as City to the Lake, will need to be consistent with the Plan. This includes any amendments made to the plan as part of implementing the structure plan. It should be noted that the current West Basin Precinct Code includes provision for the kind of development and lake infill considered by the City to the Lake proposal.

3.2 Land use

Comments received

The main concerns with the land uses on Acton Peninsula indicated that there was a misconception about the proposals in the draft structure plan. Submissions identified concerns that plan was paving the way for residential and commercial development on Acton Peninsula.

Submitters were generally against commercial development, high-rise residential buildings, and private development on the peninsula. References were made in relation to Kingston Foreshore, the 'City to the Lake' project and giving up public ownership of current spaces as examples of what should not be delivered on or near Acton Peninsula. The proposed new Lawson Crescent alignment was suggested to be proposed in order to facilitate the buildings adjacent to the 'Water Axis Terrace' as residential or commercial developments.

One comment identified concern that Springbank Island was proposed to be removed from public use.

A small number of submitters would like to see some more residential and commercial uses in the area to improve activities and vibrancy at night. Generally there was support for cafes and restaurants as an appropriate way to activate the area. Other suggestions included an indoor stadium, an indoor playground, and relocating other existing institutions to the area. There was strong support for providing youth-focused activities, such as a skate park.

NCA response

Acton Peninsula is a prominent area within central Canberra which is secured for National Capital uses such as cultural institutions. The current land use in the Plan is 'National Capital Use' and the draft structure plan does not propose a pathway to amend this. There is no proposal for commercial offices or residential uses for Acton Peninsula, nor is there a proposal to restrict public use of Springbank Island. Some commercial uses such as restaurants and cafes are considered ancillary to the predominant land uses facilitating the National Institutions.

The areas adjacent to the 'Water Axis Terrace' in the draft structure plan currently fall within 'West Basin –Land Use C' classification in the Plan which permits:

- Aquatic Recreation Facility
- Cultural Facility
- Diplomatic Mission
- Place of Assembly
- National Capital Use
- Waterfront promenade

Any future amendment is not intended to include commercial offices or residential development on these sites.

Acton Peninsula is considered a location for more passive and small scale recreation. The construction of uses such as skate parks and indoor stadiums is considered to be more appropriate for other areas of Canberra.

3.3 Building scale, density and height

Comments received

Comments about the areas identified as ‘development zones’ were centered on the scale and the types of development, as well as the amount of development proposed.

Numerous respondents felt that the building zones were too large, too high and/or too close to the lake. While others commented that previous hospital buildings were much larger, and the peninsula could be made more vibrant with more density and supported the proposed heights.

The quality of future architecture was of concern, and some were supportive of the proposed heights as long as it complemented the landscape. A few respondents would like to see taller buildings, one commented that it should reflect Griffin’s concept of tall structures in a ‘pleasing and accentuated architectural composition’

There was significant opposition to larger scale development with some expressing concern about how the 4-6 storey buildings further towards the ANU campus along Liversidge Street. It was noted that this development will affect vistas from across the lake to Black Mountain and impact on the Acton Conservation Area.

It was also suggested that buildings should be no more than 2 storeys fronting the lake. The closeness and the height of the buildings were in reference to concerns about diminishing the natural beauty of the area. Numerous respondents wanted to ensure that the lake edge would stay ‘green’, and maintain a connected public waterfront around the peninsula.

It was suggested that repurposing existing structures for new uses should also be included in the structure plan.

NCA response

The built form principles of the structure plan require buildings to be developed at a fine grain to prevent monolithic structures. This is to ensure more diverse uses and allows public permeability through this area. The height principles require that new buildings and their massing complement the existing built form, site and topography of Acton Peninsula and its surrounds.

The areas shown as ‘development zones’ indicate where buildings can be built and does not indicate the permissible building footprint. This would require further investigation to support a Draft Amendment to the Plan and subsequent detailed design development.

The inclusion of the development zones and the maximum building height requirements in a future Draft Amendment will reduce the development capacity of Acton Peninsula to a level more sensitive to its landscape character whilst providing for the current cultural uses to expand. The adaptive reuse of existing structures is not precluded by the structure plan.

3.4 Public spaces

Comments received

The key aspects that most comments supported were preserving public access around the peninsula, having 'green spaces', and provide better facilities and amenities. However, input varied in regards to the quantity of green space, what amenities should be provided, and what should be in these public spaces. A number of respondents used Kingston Foreshore as an example of what they did not want for Acton Peninsula. Identifying they were against the 'hard concrete' aesthetic, buildings and 'private use' being too close to the water's edge, and the alleged 'poor design quality' of the developments.

Numerous respondents remarked that the existing open areas are not being well used and that the structure plan should have public areas that are more engaging. In particular, there were numerous suggestions to provide more opportunities for young people and families. There was strong support for integrating the peninsula landscape into the natural setting of Black Mountain and improving the spaces around the limestone outcrops to make them more engaging.

There were comments from those who were concerned about retaining green spaces around the peninsula considered the open space should be left alone. They would like to see more trees planted and having a natural lake edge was desired as opposed to a 'concrete' urban one. There were concerns for the quality of the open spaces, retaining it for peaceful recreation and the spaces being inviting to the public.

A few respondents commented on wanting to increase access and use of Springbank Island, while others thought access should be curtailed to protect and preserve it.

NCA response

A key principle of the structure plan is to maintain free and public access to the lake shore on the Peninsula and adjacent areas. Another principle of the structure plan is to have 'a predominance of landscape over built form, extending the native planted character of Black Mountain through the spine of the peninsula to the lake'.

The open space character of the peninsula is also required to be maintained and exhibit a natural landscape character, not an urban character though the use of large expanses of concrete. The structure plan intends for the natural character to be enhanced whilst providing opportunities for the current cultural institutions on the peninsula to expand. Further detailed planning will further determine the character of open spaces, specific uses within these, and the types of amenities to be provided.

These principles will be incorporated in to the Draft Amendment which will include a delineated area set aside for open space including a quantitative setback to the lake shore. Detailed design proposals will need to look at the different qualities of the spaces (including landscaping, material choice and amenities) and how they will be designed either for large intensive uses such as events, or for more quiet/passive uses.

In regards to Springbank Island no direct pedestrian access is proposed, and only improvement to water access has been identified in the structure plan. This is already possible, and some amenities are provided on the island. Additional amenities may need

to be considered in more detail, along with management of the recent archaeological findings on the island but this is beyond the scope of this structure plan.

3.5 Pedestrian, cycle and public transport links

Comments received

Overall, there was support for improving all forms of pedestrian and cycle movement into and out of the peninsula. Extending the boardwalk around the entirety of West Basin was generally supported. Commentary made was regarding the need to provide separated cycle and pedestrian paths as there are still concerns with shared paths, even if they are to be widened.

There were some queries over the identified network adjacent Parkes Way, as it implies that the cycle route would be added to Parkes Way. Also, there was concern that the proposed siting of the development zones might mean there is not enough space around the foreshore to fully allow for improved pedestrian and cycle infrastructure.

A few respondents suggested developing the pedestrian bridge to Lennox Gardens, as originally shown in the Griffin Plan. There were also suggestions to improve connections to future light rail stops. Wayfinding and accessibility for everyone was also considered important for Acton Peninsula.

NCA response

The draft structure plan details principles about accessibility and wayfinding and signage. The cycle network adjacent Parkes Way is within the current open space area, and is not intended to be built directly on Parkes Way. Connections crossing Parkes way are proposed in the forms of over-passes, but will be assessed in more detail as opportunities for implementation arise. These over-pass links will be more clearly depicted in the diagrams.

The new network connections around the foreshore could be developed in a number of ways, including providing boardwalks over the lake. The diagrams for pedestrian and cycle movement indicate proposed connections for further assessments. This will be reviewed in more detail in the next phases of planning, and will look at requirement such as widths and separation.

The suggestion to develop a pedestrian bridge to Lennox Gardens was removed from the Plan in 2012. This included public consultation. Further information can be found in *Amendment 79 – Removal of West Basin Pedestrian Bridge*. The Acton Peninsula Structure Plan does not revisit the possibility of a pedestrian bridge from Acton Peninsula to Lennox Gardens.

3.6 Car parking and vehicle traffic

Comments received

In general, there was support for the car parking measures for Acton Peninsula. Most respondents agreed that the current car park was too intrusive and that they would like see less car parking. This did not necessarily mean less parking spaces but better designed

car parks so they were less visually intrusive. Numerous respondents want to ensure that parking is kept away from the lakefront, the open spaces and the vistas.

Some respondents wanted more clarity around car parking, including the number of spaces and what will be replacing the existing parking area. It was suggested that a parking study be done, that all parking be provided underground or improve other modes of transport to decrease traffic in the area.

Some specific concerns were raised about the lack of parking during big events, and ensuring and improving access for people with a disability. There were also concerns raised with future increases in traffic, safety and amenity around the childcare centres.

NCA response

Details such as car parking numbers, road widths and traffic or transport studies are outside the scope of this structure plan. These details will be included in detailed design for particular projects such as the construction of the centralised car park structure proposed in the structure plan. This will include ensuring safety and amenity around existing uses such as the childcare centres in accordance with Australian Road Rules and Australian Standards.

The structure plan includes a proposal provide a revised street network to better manage traffic during large events. A central car parking area, in the form of a structured car park, would ensure that most car parking is integrated more discretely into Acton Peninsula.

Transport access for people with a disability will still be accommodated in key areas close to buildings and in close proximity to major destinations around the peninsula in accordance with Australian Standards and principles of universal design. This will form part of the detailed design development for individual proposals.

3.7 Heritage

Comments received

There was a range views from the respondents who commented on the heritage of Acton Peninsula generally and individual heritage elements on the Peninsula. Some considered that the heritage of the area needs to be better integrated, yet others commended on the approach and research into the heritage issues. There was support for the preservation and enhancement of the heritage areas, particularly the limestone outcrops, and suggestions were made to provide more cultural and heritage signage.

Concerns were raised that the draft structure plan did not adequately consider the history and heritage, and this section lacked integration with the rest of the structure plan. It was thought that more emphasis was needed on describing the history rich area in the document. Some submitters felt that an explanation of the Griffins' Plan should be included, which was considered to continue to be a major influence on the site's development and character. It was commented on that some of the indicative development zones were overlaid on heritage sites, and that any redevelopment needed to recognise and protect the identified heritage values. Additionally, more Aboriginal recognition was thought to be needed in the plan. Numerous respondents suggested the development of a heritage trail with interpretive signage of all the heritage values found on the peninsula, including Springbank Island.

NCA response

The heritage information included in the draft structure plan was intended to be a summary of the history of the peninsula – this will be clarified in the structure plan. Information about the relevance of Griffin’s plan will also be added to the document.

The *Acton Complex Heritage Management Plan (HMP)* has been submitted to the Department of Environment for approval. The NCA understands that this will be considered when resources allow however, any new proposals and applications for works approval will be considered against the recommendations therein. This includes the ongoing protection and increased interpretation of the Limestone outcrops.

The ‘development zones’ only show the areas in which buildings could be developed. Development will still need to adhere to the principles of the structure plan, the National Capital Plan and the HMPs. The *Acton Conservation Area Heritage Management Plan* and the *Acton Complex Heritage Management Plan* also still apply and any redevelopment of or around heritage buildings and areas will be assessed in accordance with statutory heritage processes.

The policies and recommendations in HMPs will contribute to any future Draft Amendment and will need to be considered as part of any future development proposals.

3.8 ‘City to the Lake’ project

Many submissions noted the adjacent City to the Lake project which includes possible changes to Parkes Way. Comments noted that the City to the Lake proposal is considered to be over developed, and has taken away significant public space for private residential and commercial, and that any infill of the lake should not occur.

Submissions requested that a review of the entire West Basin foreshore, including City to the Lake should be considered.

NCA response

In regards to the proposed City to the Lake project, the West Basin precinct code currently allows for infill of the lake and development of the area subject to a number of provisions of the Plan. The NCA understand that further detailed planning and design is still being undertaken by the ACT Government. The Acton Peninsula Structure Plan and any future Amendment to the plan will need to be considered as part of this detailed planning and design.

3.9 Issues outside the scope of the Acton Peninsula Structure Plan

Comments received

There were numerous comments that were provided as a part of this consultation, but have been considered outside the scope of the Acton Peninsula Structure Plan. This included:

- Architecturally, the NMA should be turned around, or moved to a different location altogether such as Yarramundi Reach, which was the original proposed location.
- Issues around light rail.

- Money would be better spent elsewhere in Canberra, such as in Civic, Woden or Tuggeranong.
- Improve the public transport like the light rail with a lake crossing and increased bus service, extend the free bus loop to the NMA.
- Redevelop a hospital back on the peninsula.
- Renaming of Springbank Island in consultation with Canberra's Ngunnawal and Ngambri custodians.

NCA response

This consultation report predominantly focuses on comments that are directly related to the Acton Peninsula Structure Plan. The three key issues mentioned by numerous respondents were the relocation of the NMA to Yarramundi Reach, as identified back in the 1980s, the development of City to the Lake, and the need for West Basin to be reviewed as a whole.

The relocation of the NMA to Yarramundi Reach is no longer a consideration. Due to the biodiversity and heritage values identified at Yarramundi Reach, such as the Yarramundi Conservation Grasslands, amendments were made to the National Capital Plan in 2013, changing the area from 'National Capital Use' to 'Open Space'. More details can be found at *Amendment 80 – Yarramundi Reach* available on the NCA website.

Recommended Changes

In response to submissions received, the following changes are recommended to the structure plan:

- Consolidate and simplify the structure plan objectives and principles; remove duplications.
- Provide a summary of the relevance of the Griffins' Plan in the history section.
- Add principles regarding the history of the site.
- Clarify the land uses proposed, and what is considered ancillary land uses, and the associated diagrams.
- Clarify the pedestrian and cycle networks over and adjacent to Parkes Way.
- Review principles to better integrate heritage where possible.
- Clarify what the development zones indicate in the structure plan.

Conclusion

The consultation process initiated by the NCA for the Acton Peninsula Precinct Draft Structure Plan attracted a total of 183 surveys, 34 written submissions and approximately 190 social media comments. The period of public comment ran for 6 weeks in accordance with the NCA's commitment to Community Engagement (August 2011) and concluded on 13 June 2017.

Appendices

The following are attached in the sections as follows:

- Appendix A – List of identified stakeholders
- Appendix B – Written submissions and NCA Response
- Appendix C – Survey report
- Appendix D – Social Media report

Appendix A - List of identified stakeholders

Land Holders on the Peninsula (Peninsula Partners)

- ACT Government
- Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies (AIATSIS)
- Australian National University
- National Museum of Australia

Business Groups and Organisations

- Australian Institute of Landscape Architects (ACT Chapter)
- Canberra Business Chamber
- Canberra Southern Cross Yacht Club
- Canberra Environment Centre and the Recyclery
- Geological Society of Australia (ACT Division)
- Heart Foundation (ACT) - Healthy Active By Design
- Institute of Foresters of Australia
- Ivy & The Fox, Old Canberra House
- Lakeside Ferry Cruises
- Molonglo Group
- National Trust Australia (ACT)
- Planning Institute of Australia (ACT Chapter)
- Property Council of Australia

Community Groups

- Acton Walkways
- Archbishop's Residence, The Catholic Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn
- Buru Ngunnawal Aboriginal Corporation
- Canberra & District Historical Society
- Canberra Community Action on Acton
- Canberra Cycling Club
- Dr John Gray, Retired Fellow AILA
- Friends of ACT Trees
- Friends of the Grasslands
- Inner South Canberra Community Council
- King Browns Tribal Group
- Lake Burley Griffin Guardians
- Lake User Group
- North Canberra Community Council
- Pedal Power
- Rowing ACT
- United Ngunnawal Elders Council
- Walter Burley Griffin Society (Canberra Chapter)
- Weston Creek Community Council

Appendix C – Written Submissions

Note: The National Capital Authority (NCA) undertakes an open and transparent works application process. Works Approval documentation advised that the NCA would prepare a Consultation Report for publication on the NCA website, and that this Consultation Report would include a summary of each submission, along with the name of each person making the submission. Names of submitters have been omitted where a submitter requested confidentiality and where the NCA agreed to this.

No.	Comments Received	NCA Response
1	<p>Submission - Garry Mayo</p> <p>Can I please bring to your attention my concern about the plan - specifically the treatment of the few remaining natural outcrops of limestone. I cannot see in the plan what you plan to do to address the conservation of this outcrop other than noting its existence.</p> <p>Indeed many of the proposed developments will impinge on some of the few remaining pieces of limestone on the peninsular. Realistically any ground works are likely to also encounter limestone as have many of the buildings in the Parliamentary triangle, the ANU, Braddon etc. So why does this matter? You will be aware that the early explorers named this area the "Limestone Plains" because of the significant number of outcrops. To the best of my knowledge most of these have disappeared, taken by early settlers for building and lime making - the filling of Lake Burley Griffin also did a good job on submerging a significant amount of what remained.</p> <p>I am aware that Dr Andy Spate did write a paper on the "lost Karst of Canberra", but I am not sure if it made publication - I did see an early draft and would strongly recommend that he be consulted along with the Canberra Speleological Society.</p> <p>For me it will be a tragedy if those few accessible remnants of limestone disappear under the new development at Acton - there by destroying one of the few remaining tangible and touchable remnants of pre-European settlement and links to the early name for this region.</p>	<p>See Key issue 'Heritage' at section 3.7.</p>
2	<p>Submission - Doug Finlayson, Geological Society of Australia (ACT Division)</p> <p><i>[This submission included images to illustrate their comments, and Appendices, which have not been included in this summary]</i></p> <p>The Geological Society of Australia (ACT Division) (GSA ACT) wishes to congratulate the National Capital Authority and its partners in this project that sets out a vision for the future of the Acton Peninsula in the heart of Canberra.</p> <p>GSA ACT has an interest in the area as the site of Acton limestone outcrops that have significant scientific and heritage value for the region as they led to the genesis of the name "Limestone Plains" and to early European settlement in the region. In the 19th Century they were important as a feedstock resource for the lime kilns built nearby for the manufacture of mortar used in stone building construction.</p> <p>The limestone outcrops, many now under the waters of Lake Burley Griffin, are currently on the Commonwealth Heritage List and hence the expectation is that they will be appropriately protected when incorporated into a parkland setting envisaged in the 2017 Draft Structural Plan.</p> <p>GSA ACT participated in the 2013-15 review of the heritage features of the natural and built features of the Acton Peninsula. The background to the significance of the limestone outcrops is attached as Appendix 1 to this document. Much of the detail in that 2015 document is relevant to the design considerations discussed in the current Draft Structural Plan.</p> <p>It is pleasing to see that the eastern side of the peninsula will, in essence, be devoted to parkland, and walking and cycling pathways that will enable conservation of the outcrops.</p> <p>GSA ACT is more than willing to be involved in future consultations regarding development on Acton Peninsula.</p> <p>Notes and Comments from the 2017 Draft Structural Plan</p> <p>The notes below contain extracts from the 2017 Draft Structural Plan that are seen as encouraging signs that the Acton limestone outcrops will be conserved and protected from destruction in future. It is hoped that future conservation measures will include information signage to educate future generations of visitors about the significance of the rock outcrops.</p> <p>GSA ACT welcomes the designation of the eastern shores of the Acton peninsula as parkland and walking/cycling pathways. This provides an opportunity to highlight the educational and heritage of the Acton limestone.</p> <p>The Acton limestone is one of forty GSA ACT geo-heritage sites listed on the GSA web site www.gsa.org.au. The description of the geo-heritage site is contained in Appendix 2.</p> <p>Also, another geo-heritage site, more of geological rather than heritage importance, is the poor Acton Shale outcrop near the Old Canberra House on the ANU campus (see Appendix 3).</p> <p>The Acton limestone outcrops are currently a destination for community groups engaged in walking and educational tours of central Canberra. The</p>	<p>See Key issue 'Heritage' at section 3.7.</p>

	<p>following images illustrate the interest of local and interstate tourists.</p> <p>[Appendix 1 of submission contains geological extracts from the Acton Complex Heritage Management Plan, March 2015]</p> <p>[Appendix 2 of submission contains report ‘Site 1- Acton Peninsula Limestone]</p> <p>[Appendix 3 of submission contains report ‘Site 2-Acton Peninsula Acton Shale]</p>	
3	<p>Submission - Heather Stewart</p> <p>Having viewed the plan online I wish to register my comments. Firstly and most importantly there should be no accommodation added to the site - no apartments, no hotels, no camping/”glamping” areas ... NOTHING!</p> <p>Having experienced the grim, concreted horror that is Barangaroo in Sydney this model should be studied and shunned. There is little to no shade and few soft edges. Trees and bushes in planter box-style beds are unfriendly and unwelcoming. Walking on confining hard paths is uncomfortable. Water views do not negate these mistakes.</p> <p>Regarding Acton Peninsula, comfortable, grassy, shaded seating areas should be a priority. Water features are always welcome. Keep the retail minimal – popups are good as they can be added, removed and varied according to the needs of various age groups, physical abilities, functions and crowd sizing.</p> <p>Thank you for the opportunity to comment, although a mere week for public submissions is too brief.</p>	<p>See Key Issues ‘Land Use’ at section 3.2, ‘Building scale, density and height’ at section 3.3, and ‘Public spaces’ at section 3.4.</p>
4	<p>Submission – Jack Kershaw</p> <p>Background</p> <p>These comments and suggestions are based on the author's involvement as president of Canberra Community Action on Acton Inc. (CCAA), the many public meetings of that organisation, and attendance and evidence given at numerous official meetings etc. on the topic of the future of Acton Peninsula, including Committees of the Parliament. The work and activities of CCAA focussed on the history, future, and community values of the former hospital complex on Acton Peninsula, and on the precinct generally. The organisation gave expression to the views and aspirations of thousands of people. This submission takes into account post-CCAA events.</p> <p>Summary</p> <p>Opportunities for buildings of scale on the peninsula, and better connectivity with the National Triangle precinct are noticeably missing in this Draft Structure Plan. It falls short of setting the scene for the peninsula precinct to develop and flourish appropriately, now and into the future.</p> <p>Walter Burley Griffin's plan for the Acton Peninsula and West Basin is the key to an exemplary structure plan. His vision is largely ignored in the Draft Plan, and it needs to be embraced by the NCA and the other stakeholders.</p> <p>It's time for a more visionary plan for the Acton Peninsula precinct, based on Griffin.</p> <p>Understanding and achieving a better Acton Peninsula Precinct Structure Plan.</p> <p>Significant buildings, with prominent scale and distinctive massing, characterised Griffin's Canberra hospital, which he located in the therapeutic Acton Peninsula setting, created by his superb lake design. That building-height designation reflected the time-honoured expression of significant structures located at such places - think lighthouses, forts, the Sydney Opera House.</p> <p>1960's planners and architects respected and realised Griffin's vision in the development of the main block and nurse's quarters of the former Royal Canberra Hospital, tragically and ignorantly demolished by explosion on July 13, 1997. Those substantial and well-built buildings presented wonderful opportunities for renovation and continuing use. (The aerial photo of the completed hospital complex on page 15 of the Draft Plan should be labelled 1960s, not 1940s.)</p> <p>Saved from demolition were several early low-rise hospital buildings strung along the sunny western end of the northern shore of the peninsula. These now have heritage status. To his credit, the ACT Health Minister at the time went ahead, before the ill-fated explosions, with the conversion and extension of one of the buildings into a fine hospice.</p> <p>The hospice, which a later ACT Government dangerously kept occupied during the nearby explosions, was in a sunny location, close to the established trees along the Lennox Crossing road, with fine water views and connective prospects of Civic across West Basin. For no good reason, the discrete hospice was wastefully closed by that government, and a new one sited on remote south facing Grevillea Park on East Basin's shore, right on Griffin's Causeway Axis.</p> <p>The peninsula was Territory Land, and using the "priceless" argument to avoid valuing it realistically and having to pay parity, the Commonwealth managed to acquire it from the ACT in return for a small strip of Commonwealth land at Kingston Foreshore, a place the Territory was keen to redevelop. The peninsula hospice could have remained on the new National Land, by arrangement.</p> <p>For years, Yarramundi Reach was the preferred site of museologists for the proposed National Museum of Australia, and detailed concept plans were prepared for that site. Those experts had been looking for a unique Australian museum expression, reflecting its differences in character and content from the fine State museums, and overseas examples. They had found it at Yarramundi.</p>	<p>See Key Issues ‘Land Use’ at section 3.2, ‘Building scale, density and height’ at section 3.3, ‘Pedestrian, cycle and public transport links’ at section 3.5 and ‘Heritage’ at section 3.7.</p> <p>The supplementary comments are beyond the scope of this Structure Plan.</p>

The NC(P)A carried out a study looking at a range of sites for the museum. The study included Yarramundi Reach, the Parliamentary Zone (which the Authority clearly preferred), Kings Park, and Acton Peninsula.

A scheme to relocate the National Museum from Yarramundi Reach to Acton Peninsula was meant to give the institution "commercial visibility", ignoring the fact that the museum's brief was basically for low-rise pavilions ("sophisticated sheds"), and that they would be largely hidden by the peninsula precinct's significant cultural landscape, including fine trees planted around the shoreline, echoing planting on the opposite side of the lake.

Worse, it appears that the compactness of the museum on the peninsula site more or less forced its designers and operators to imitate the scale and nature of the States' museums, while trying to find a point of difference regarding content. However, at Acton there is a high content of "popular culture", with occasional "blockbuster" exhibitions, and the substantial First Australians: Gallery of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders. So the Yarramundi concept of a unique Australia-wide national museum was lost, at least for the time being.

After the hospital explosions, the then NC(P)A set a building-height limit for the peninsula at no higher than the treetop line. That low permissible height was clearly a rationalisation of the museum's likely building height, and ignored and insulted Griffin's completely logical and exciting concept of prominent tall structures in a pleasing and accentuated architectural composition.

The museum project went ahead on the peninsula, and the "commercial-visibility" solution was to cut down virtually all of the outer trees and incorporate a spiralling looped element above the museum entry way.

However, the buildings on the peninsula remain barely visible from many inner areas of Canberra, notably from Mt Ainslie. Compare that with Marion Mahony Griffin's world famous rendering of the city viewed from there, clearly showing the appropriate scale and form of the planned hospital buildings etc. and how they fitted with the overall city arrangement, providing focus and interest. And they didn't rely on a denuded landscape for visibility and legibility.

To use a quaintly anachronistic term heard of late, the present peninsula development is a bit of a "damp squib".

We should not be stuck with the current lowly building height restrictions, as proposed in the Draft Structure Plan. And decision makers should not be so apparently afraid of architecture and buildings in any case, and encourage (as the NCA is meant to) properly convened design competitions to achieve optimum results in that regard.

The Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies was formerly housed in the former Acton Hotel buildings, located in what is now the New Acton precinct. The national museum had been carefully planned by experts to be sited at Yarramundi Reach, and a well-designed initial building was installed there. The building remains at Yarramundi today used by local indigenous groups. AIATSIS was given no choice but to move to Acton Peninsula. However, it is a place of significance for native Australians.

The museum's architects, in their initial design, expanded their above-mentioned spiralling loop element into a strange bridge-like link extending from the outer centre point of the museum across the lake to Lennox Gardens. The link, which was deleted, probably for cost reasons, may have made passing but inappropriate reference to Griffin's proposed Acton - Lennox Gardens bridge. His bridge beautifully echoed the circular shape of his West Basin, and preserved the integrity of the peninsula's form, which the museum architects' cross-lake link design did not.

The extant Development Control Plan for the peninsula, prepared by the NC(P)A before the NMA/AIATSIS development, required car parking for the museum to be unobtrusive, located underground or in a small-footprint structure. For cost reasons, the museum planners summarily ignored that requirement, and the current vast open car park squats in the body of the peninsula on some of the most prime land there. That clearly needs to be redressed.

Apparently, budget constraints excluded grade separation of public and service entries in the adopted museum arrangement. The Sydney Opera House design achieves that separation. So, shamefully, the museum has its loading docks on the lake side of the building, adding to the compromised nature of the whole NMA development.

It has to be said that the architecture of the museum and AIATSIS is deeply idiosyncratic, more of an expression of the architects' desire to stretch the imagination of visitors and users with their far-out style, startling use of materials, colours, reflectances, and symbols, and obscure "tributes" to famous architects and architecture from other eras and cultures - possibly for valid-ish reasons that are not fully explained on site.

We see Braille embossed into facades, a "copy" of the famous Berlin Jewish Museum housing the NMA's First Australians Gallery, and a black version of Le Corbusier's famous all white 1920's Villa Savoye at Poissy in France, placed on the roof of AIATSIS. Debate continues over the validity and appropriateness of all that. The Garden of Australian Dreams in the museum's forecourt by the project's landscape architect is a brilliant and somewhat more self-explanatory element in the overall composition.

But without doubt, the scale of the existing buildings in their setting is a failure, and an insult to Griffin. The new Precinct Structure Plan must address that.

ANU land adjoins the NMA-AIATSIS site. The university, with its reported lease in perpetuity, was quick to preserve its boundary line with a substantial but well-designed metal fence. To its credit the ANU established a fine "international" sculpture garden inside the fence. However, it is rather cryptic and rarely visited. Other ANU land extends along the western edge of West Basin. Both parcels are sensibly included in the Precinct Structure Plan, and they present national capital development opportunities by arrangement. Historic Springbank Island is also logically included.

Regrettably, the museum seems to be destined to stay on the peninsula, at least for the medium term. That's despite the fact that the preferred site, Yarramundi Reach, not that it needed it, now has significant "commercial visibility" connections brought about by its proximity to the popular National Arboretum.

In the long term, at least the museum should move back to Yarramundi Reach, enabling it to have that unique Australian tract expression in a natural lakeside landscape setting, with the opportunity to grow incrementally over time, incorporating large outdoor exhibits of natural, indigenous, and post-1788 items, including earthworks, natural and cultural landscapes, industrial and agricultural exhibits, relocated structures, and so on - a true national attraction.

The peninsula already stands quite visually remote and isolated from the body of Civic, even from the emerging West Basin lakeside enlivenment. However, it's been said that Acton Peninsula, although not *in* The National Triangle, is certainly *of* it. Griffin understood that, so ways and means of improving readily interactive accessibility or connectivity between the peninsula and the triangle need to be found.

The Draft Structure Plan doesn't address that fundamental issue.

Given budget cutbacks to the development of the centre of national capital, and the shocking proposed sell-off of significant buildings in the National Triangle, the stakeholders in the subject Structure Plan, instead of tacitly accepting that situation, must impress upon the powers-that-be that a visionary approach to the future of the peninsula precinct is required.

They need to confidently promote a ground-breaking plan, which not only realises Griffin's vision, but creates opportunities for brilliant new largely self-funding developments in the precinct. The stakeholders must take the peninsula precinct forward and not let it stagnate by tinkering with existing compromised developments.

Better integration with the Lennox Gardens precinct and beyond, is the key.

(The NCA's own 2008 *The Griffin Legacy* publication touches on this with its *Strategic Initiatives* recommendation No 27 in the section entitled *Extending the Griffin Legacy*, which suggests a thin straight-line pedestrian bridge extending from the tip of the peninsula to Lennox Gardens. This perfunctory item clearly compromises the integrity of the peninsula form and that of circular West Basin, limits the nature of the connectivity, and sadly looks like an ad hoc afterthought.)

The solution is to take direction from Griffin, and connect the peninsula to the Lennox-Gardens/Flynn-Place precinct across the lake from a point some distance away from the tip of the peninsula, so preserving the integrity of its land form and that of circular West Basin.

Notwithstanding any proposed change in his lake levels, the connection needs to reflect Griffin's stunning formalised circular geometry of this part of his lake system, seen in his 1913 plans. Today, that would involve significant earthworks, creating approximately 12 hectares of superb additional land on the Lennox Gardens shore, and about 3 hectares of land on the south-western shore of the peninsula.

Based on today's as-built dimensions of the peninsula and the lake, the new lake crossing bridge would be approximately 350 metres long following a gently curving level segment of a circle with a radius of approximately 300 metres, springing from the above-described new Lennox Gardens land on one side, and from the new land on the southwest peninsular shoreline on the other.

Lawson Crescent would be extended on the new peninsula land out to the bridge abutment; and on the other side of the lake, the bridge would be connected to existing Flynn Drive at a convenient location via a section of road passing across the Lennox Gardens extension. Both sections of new carriageway would be "shared zones" for traffic calming and to enable safer pedestrian crossings.

The memorial to young Katie Bender at the spot in Lennox Gardens where she was shockingly killed by the hospital explosion, must be kept in situ.

Exactly how Griffin's link/crossing would be planned, designed, and implemented today obviously requires further work, encompassing technical studies, and notably modal use. A personal choice would be for pedestrians, bikes, small buses, and cars including (not-so-futuristic) mini self-docking electric hire cars. Heavy vehicles would be banned. The pedestrian sections would offer a path sheltered from the weather. The new level bridge would be physically subservient to the existing Commonwealth Avenue Bridge.

The above-mentioned museum architects' cross-lake looping link; the *Griffin Legacy* item No 27 pedestrian bridge; and the recent ill-fated "Immigration Bridge", would all be excluded from consideration. They all compromise the peninsula's defining land form, the West Basin geometry, and they all limit connectivity.

What to do about yachts, especially those with tall masts? The formalising of West Basin's circular geometry in current plans, and this new bridge proposal, would indicate that such craft be kept to the sublime and not insubstantial West Lake and beyond. The current sailing course could be reshaped slightly to avoid the newly created bridge, and could extend slightly more into Yarralumla Bay, while still passing between the peninsula and the island, and maintaining its current length. (Hopefully, the mooted extensive Jerrabomberra Creek dam in the Symonston valley, with its planned safe and full 2,000 metre rowing course [unavailable in Lake Burley Griffin] and sailing course, will be realised before too long.)

With Griffin's cross lake connection in place in the Structure Plan, we should now look to the development opportunities that are integral with it, while preserving much loved areas of heritage and natural beauty.

Looking firstly at the "head" of the expanded West Basin shore on and near the Water Axis - "The Lawson Precinct". Any non-ANU development here

would clearly require cooperation between, and consideration of the university. The Draft Plan indicates a "key landscape destination" on the Water Axis in the Lawson Precinct. This would divide development here in two, creating an interconnectivity problem and a possible unresolved architectural duality. Better to encourage a significant publicly-accessible and permeable architectural element on the axis, forming a focus, and uniting the built forms on each side of the axis line. Contemporary "green" landscaped characteristics could be incorporated into this built element.

The current plan for the proposed National Convention Centre, or People's Forum, sees it located in the southeast segment of City Hill. Briefly, that site has never been satisfactory for many reasons, not the least being to do with its restricted area, and the preferred general symmetry of development about the highly important Commonwealth Avenue axis (notably when viewed from Capital Hill), which the unique architectural form of the convention centre would preclude.

That site is currently open space (car park) more or less matching the open space (cloverleaf carriageway) on the other side of Commonwealth Avenue, an arrangement that enhances expansive vistas to and from the City Hill hilltop park, which need to be preserved (see also supplementary comments on Parkes Way and City Hill at the end of this submission). As well, that site does not offer a good line of sight to and from Parliament House, a preferred and laudable symbolic prerequisite of the People's Forum. The People's Forum's original proponents chose the West Basin shore for its location.

With the additional connectivity from the Central National Area to the Acton Peninsula/Lawson Precinct being afforded by the above described new Griffin crossing, the Lawson Precinct emerges as a highly suitable site for the National Convention Centre, with the emphasis on "national". It would be highly visible and derive prominence from the Water Axis location, and great connectivity with the ANU, West Basin, hotels etc. in the New Acton precinct and beyond, while being afforded ready access to the Parliamentary Zone, the Hyatt Hotel etc. And it would command a good line of sight to and from Capital Hill.

Turning now to the body of the peninsula. Clearly, Griffin's peninsula building heights, recommended for adoption above, would enable at least one new carefully designed linear tower structure to be installed on the peninsula, say on the ill-sited main car park land (with a new shared car park located underground).

This building or group of buildings could include a hotel (including affordable accommodation, especially for Australians of modest means to enjoy close-up, the national capital they paid for), and would have great connectivity with the Central National Area via the above-described new Griffin lake crossing, the nearby suggested Lawson-Precinct National Convention Centre, the city, and the ANU.

Further carefully designed and sited medium-tall slender buildings could be installed on sections of the rising Lennox Crossing ANU land to the west of the main peninsula, characterising say, an Italian hill town with the taller building on the higher land. This precinct would be studded with sculptures from the existing garden gallery.

Looking now at the above recommended newly created land on Acton Peninsula, forming the approaches to the new bridge. It should be kept as recreational open space relating to the existing public open space and "grasslands" west of Lawson Crescent. A replacement jetty would be installed off the extended Lawson Crescent near the new bridge abutment.

The Draft Plan contains several interesting and attractive proposals for new public spaces, and building extensions for the extant institutions, on the peninsula and beyond, and they are certainly worthy inclusions.

The existing heritage-building precinct on the northern shore of the main peninsula needs to be retained. The buildings and grounds need to be made permeable in their community uses to allow physical and visual connections for the public between the lakeshore and Lennox Crossing and vice versa. The museum should be discouraged from adaptive reuse of those buildings, in favour of new extensions to its own complex, indicated in the Draft Plan (notwithstanding the preferred return to Yarramundi Reach).

Ideally, a significant hospital-related complex with scale and presence, á la Griffin and his built forms, should return to the peninsula, replacing the re-located museum.

However, the above newly created Lennox-Gardens land offers a fine opportunity in that regard, echoing the former hospital functions. In response to advancements in the fields of health and well-being, it is recommended that a National Centre for Epidemiology and Population Health (NCEPH) be established there, relating to the ANU, and offering some clinical services, and a hospice. Such a complex would desirably not be high-rise, but a low-rise grouping set in a landscaped lakeside setting.

It's time for the NCA to push for and embark upon a more visionary plan for the Acton Peninsula precinct, and beyond. For what it's worth, I'd be happy to discuss any aspect of this submission with the Authority, the other stakeholders, and readers generally.

Supplementary comments

On a related issue, the implementation of the above proposed plan would be more realistic for the Commonwealth and the Territory than embarking on the highly expensive, disruptive, technically difficult, and politically fraught vertical duplication of Parkes Way, part of the covetous City to the Lake Plan.

Parkes Way is an important element in the history and development of the city, and deserves preservation and even heritage recognition. As is, it works very well as a vital east-west traffic link. It's well designed and built, particularly at its intersection with Commonwealth Avenue, which thankfully prevents that increasingly heavy east-west traffic from directly entering City Hill and vice versa. The proposed duplication will permit that intrusive access to City

	<p>Hill.</p> <p>The existing Parkes Way-Commonwealth Avenue-London Circuit intersection arrangement includes cloverleaf carriageways inside and outside London Circuit, and these fine evocative traffic elements assist in the creation of desirable open space in this important southern sector of the hill, enhancing Central National Area views. A fourth cloverleaf should be added in the hill's southeast sector, enhancing traffic movement, views, and symmetry. Clear pathways from the hilltop park to Commonwealth Park, Commonwealth Avenue Bridge, and the West Basin shore should also be added.</p> <p>Parkes Way does need more and better pedestrian overpasses for improved City-Lake connectivity. What is not needed is the intense elitist development proposed for West Basin. It is not suitable for the Central National Area. The Kingston Foreshore development is enough of that.</p> <p>The City to the Lake developments will destroy the feeling of legible open space connectivity, as well as impeding the superb vistas of lake and mountain available from City Hill, Commonwealth Avenue, and the Basin parkland.</p> <p>If it's required, residential redevelopment near Civic should be focussing now on Reid, designed in a contextually sensitive way.</p>	
5	<p>Submission - Lyn Obara</p> <p>I would like to put forward a suggestion for a floating boardwalk to connect Canberra City to the Acton Peninsular.</p> <p>I am basing this idea on the floating boardwalk along the Brisbane River.</p> <p>It would provide great pedestrian and bike access to the Peninsular.</p> <p>This along with the ferry service would offer an alternative method of transport for visitors to enjoy the Acton Peninsular.</p>	<p>The level of detail in these suggestions is beyond the scope of this Structure Plan. See Key Issue 'Pedestrian, cycle and public transport links' at Section 3.5 in regard to ferry service.</p>
6	<p>Submission - Trevor Lipscombe</p> <p>Acton Conservation Area – a story yet to be told?</p> <p>The Draft Structure Plan demonstrates scant appreciation of the historical and heritage importance of the Acton Peninsula, not just to Canberrans but to all Australians, as the birthplace of the Nation's Capital and its first suburb. The Plan fails to recognise both the outstanding historic values of this area and its heritage value as a tourism resource for centuries to come.</p> <p>This is evidenced by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Lack of any reference in the heritage section of the Plan (page 15) to the historical and heritage importance of the Peninsula as a whole as the first administrative, residential and social centre of Canberra from 1911-1940s. From 1911, the detailed planning and construction of the National Capital was orchestrated from Acton until the 1940s. In 1911 the young Federal Government realised the advantages of this site near to the river crossing and between the planned municipal centre (Civic) and the site for Parliament and national institutions. It annexed 214 acres here for government offices and other uses. The Residency (Old Canberra House) was built to house the Administrator of the Federal Capital Territory. A Professional Officers Mess (Lennox House) was built to house single male public servants - engineers, surveyors, draftsmen. Houses for married officers were erected along Liversidge Street. Many of these historic buildings survive. Hundreds of artisans and construction workers lived in tents and humpies below the ridge. Further houses followed in the 1920s. Charles Scrivener and Charlie Weston both lived and worked at Acton Peninsula for many years, as did many other important people who shaped the new city. The first plant Nursery was here and provided many of the trees which still grow in Canberra's inner areas. The first government offices, first hospital etc. were here. It is a rich and little known story, waiting to be told. - Apparent lack of understanding that buildings from this era survive and form a unique, continuous, heritage precinct, the Acton Conservation Area, Commonwealth Heritage List Place ID 105340. The Acton Conservation Area, its history and its heritage values are comprehensively detailed in the Acton Conservation Area Heritage Management Plan produced by ANU in 2011. This precinct extends beyond the northern boundary of the Acton Peninsula Precinct as defined in the Draft Structure Plan. The Plan needs to take account of this reality and of the Plan's potential impact on the part of this precinct that is outside the Acton Peninsula planning area. These are not individual heritage buildings dotted on the landscape as the Plan suggests (map page 15) but a continuous and intact precinct representing, to quote the heritage citation, 'the most extensive surviving historic cultural landscape of that period'. The whole is far greater than the sum of the parts. The Lennox House zone is opposite Old Canberra House (which has other heritage listed built elements in its grounds) and these are adjacent to 1913 and 1925-9 cottages on Lennox Crossing and on both sides of Liversidge Street. Behind the cottages on the western side of Liversidge Street are 7 further houses in Balmain Crescent from 1924-9, and listed buildings in the Old Community Hospital zone. Placing the proposed Water Axis Plaza (page 33) in the middle of this heritage precinct would split it in two and place an alien element at its heart. - The Plan maps (pages 15 and 23) appear not to recognise that 16 Lennox Crossing and 8 Liversidge Street are part of the Acton Conservation Area and heritage listed. The CHL heritage citation regards 16 Lennox Cottage as 'individually important as a highly intact example of the earliest surviving government housing erected in Canberra. The significance of Number 16 Lennox Crossing is reinforced by the early garden and intact outhouses including a loose box and standard buggy shed and stalls, the latter shared with the former adjacent property'. On page 23 of the Plan the sites of 16 Lennox Crossing and the adjacent Constables Cottage car park are shown as an Indicative Development Zone. It also appears to be the case that 8 Liversidge Street is shown in an Indicative Development Zone. <p>Acton as a 'destination'</p> <p>The Plan talks about creating a 'destination'. Acton Peninsula's rich heritage is nowhere incorporated in the Plan, indeed it seems to be a nuisance which</p>	<p>See Key issues 'Building scale, density and height' at section 3.3, 'Pedestrian, cycle and public transport links' at section 3.5 and 'Heritage' at section 3.7.</p> <p>In accordance with the EPBC Act, all proposals must conform to the policies provided the Acton Conservation Area Heritage Management Plan, Acton Complex Heritage Management Plan (2016) and the Lake Burley Griffin and Adjacent Lands Heritage Management Plan (2010).</p>

	<p>Supplementary Submission: Submission regarding the Acton Peninsula Draft Structure Plan</p> <p>Road System: The current Plan shows a road system adjacent to the Lakeshore all the way around the Peninsula. This will seriously detract from the peaceful amenity of the area and require expensive reclamation of the existing Lake. New roads should be minimised in the Plan area and not be through routes. A sensitively designed footpath around the peninsula shores would much improve the area, and there is no reason to change the existing cycle path and road arrangements, which would just attract more traffic.</p> <p>Heritage: The proposed new Lakeshore road and cycle path (and related Lake infill) would have a serious impact on the heritage values of the Acton Geological Site limestone boulders. Currently the Site is a natural landscape area with native trees and a soft edge to the Lake, reflecting the natural state of the Molonglo river shores of which the limestone boulders are a reminder. This natural landscape is an important historic link with the naming of the Limestone Plains. A wooden boardwalk through the area and retention of the current Lake shore would preserve these historic features while maintaining a continuous footpath around the Lake shore.</p> <p>Multi-use buildings: The proposed two buildings on the west shore of West Basin are placed within 15m or so of the Lake shore. If the proposed road, cycle path and footpath are built there would be no room for trees along the shore in this area. The Plan for West Basin east has a 50m setback for the proposed buildings, providing for a token parkland strip, and if these buildings have to be here they should at least maintain continuity with the arrangements for West Basin east. There should be a continuous parkland strip around West Basin. These buildings seem to have no determined purpose and are not essential to this area which is public parkland on national land and the property of all Australians. Most Australians would far rather have access to this area as a world class urban park. Buildings are just a short term excuse for revenue raising, revenue that will be quickly spent and forgotten, leaving the area blighted for generations to come.</p> <p>If buildings are going to be built here (to the distress of many) then they should as a minimum blend in with the environment. It is ironic that the cover page of the Plan shows this area as an attractive treed shoreline which continues the line of the treed shores of the Central Basin and most of the Lake. If this is not to become just another West Kingston the proposed buildings should be effectively screened and the facings and glass of the buildings coloured green. The hotel at the right hand side of the entrance to Canberra Airport viewed from Mount Pleasant demonstrates just how effective this would prove. A similar if less effective example is the blending of the ASIO building on Constitution Avenue when viewed from the south side of Central Basin.</p>	
7	<p>Submission - Sue Byrne, Australian Garden History Society (ACT, Monaro and Riverina Branch) On behalf of the Australian Garden History Society, ACT Monaro Riverina Branch (www.gardenhistorysociety.org.au) I am pleased to be able to comment on the Acton Peninsula Precinct Draft Structure Plan.</p> <p>AGHS is a national body with a membership of more than 1800 members. The Society was established in 1980 and aims to develop an appreciation of and concern for the parks, gardens and cultural landscapes which form part of Australia’s heritage. The development of Lake Burley Griffin and its foreshore landscape remains the largest and most comprehensively designed landscape in Australia and as such our members continue to advocate for a comprehensive overarching management plan of the whole lake and lake foreshores and not the continued fragmentation by various development and management or structure plans. The Lake and foreshores have now been placed upon an AGHS national Landscapes at Risk list endorsed by more than 300 members present at our national conference held in Canberra last year.</p> <p>The Acton Peninsula Precinct Draft Structure Plan stresses the visual and heritage aspects of this prominent site so it is pleasing to note that these characteristics are elements that will functionally integrate ‘the peninsula into Canberra’s broader landscape.’ (p31) In the Study of the Social Value of Lake Burley Griffin and its Setting, a report to the National Trust of Australia (ACT) 2009 conducted by Shirley Pipitone, a survey concluded that ‘Overall, the places visited more often are predominantly those with views and those attracting a large number of positive comments.’</p> <p>Unfortunately this broader landscape will be seriously eroded by the massed buildings planned for West Basin. The erosion of green public space with the construction of the West Basin Estate and a hard-edged built lake rim will impact on the outlook and visual panorama from Acton Peninsula. The proposed infill of the lake as part of the City to the Lake program to allow for private development close to the lake foreshore will not enhance the vistas now so pleasing from the northern side of the museum. A review of the West Basin precinct is urgently required so that the amenity of the Acton Peninsula is not compromised.</p> <p>In this draft plan, reference has been made to two earlier management plans and a heritage assessment (p15) and it is to be hoped that the considerations made in these studies will contribute to the final precinct development. It is pleasing to note that the site is presently appreciated for its cultural meaning to the indigenous people, its natural landscape and its historical links to early Canberra. (p16).</p>	<p>See Key issues ‘Building scale, density and height’ at section 3.3, ‘Public spaces’ at section 3.4, and ‘Heritage’ at section 3.7.</p>

	<p>There is however no reference to the aesthetic values inherent at the site. The framework used for assessing heritage significance (Draft Acton Conservation Area Heritage Management Plan – Statement of Significance (e)) states ‘the place has significant heritage value because of the place’s importance in exhibiting particular aesthetic characteristics valued by a community or cultural group.’ With a strong emphasis now on a built environment around the whole of West Basin, it would be appropriate to further assess the importance of the aesthetic experience of the West Basin and Acton Peninsula parklands, vistas and views before we lose all that is valuable and unique to our National Capital.</p>	
<p>8</p>	<p>Submission - Dee Powlay</p> <p>I spoke with your urban designer and her colleague at The National Museum last week and studied the information boards and outlined principles there and on the website.</p> <p>I love our city and all its open spaces. The lake foreshore should be a pedestrian and cycle space for all Canberrans to enjoy. Our population would benefit greatly from more outdoor activity space and would not benefit from more cafes or coffee shops or restaurants or night clubs. There are already many options that cater for that.</p> <p>More buildings around the lake edge would not improve our city.</p> <p>Canberra city already has vacant buildings in the city centre, funds should be directed to the city centre to improve that space instead, making it safe for pedestrians to walk instead of trip hazards, uneven paving and poor lighting.</p> <p>If we doubled the cycle path (or at least flattened out the very bumpy one in place) we'd all be able to get out and enjoy our green spaces more easily. The cycle paths are congested on the weekends and in peak hours making it very unfriendly to use. The wider sections on the central basin are great, with lovely views, parks and sculptures. Could we extend those to the East and West Basins as well? This would enhance our city and encourage more people to get outdoors and walk or ride instead of sedentary type outings e.g. cafes and restaurants.</p> <p>I enjoy walking and riding around our beautiful lake area, I do not want to see it turned into a building site for tall buildings and more car parks.</p>	<p>See Key Issues ‘Land Use’ at section 3.2, ‘Buildings scale, density and height’ at section 3.3, ‘Public spaces’ at section 3.4 ‘Pedestrian, cycle and transport links’ at section 3.5, ‘Car parking and vehicle traffic’ at section 3.6.</p>
<p>9</p>	<p>Submission - John Nutt</p> <p>I am writing to make a submission to you relating to the above draft plan (‘the draft plan’). My concerns are as follows.</p> <p>1. West Basin of the Lake should be planned as a whole</p> <p>West Basin of the Lake is impacted upon by both the City to the Lake West Basin Plan as well as the draft plan. The draft plan and the City to the Lake West Basin Plan should not each be considered in isolation, but should be considered together as a whole. This is simply a matter of common sense to avoid unexpected consequences. With this in mind, work should be suspended immediately on the West Basin aspect of the City to the Lake development until a high quality design can be produced for the combined areas.</p> <p>2. Danger to the draft plan from residential development adjacent to Commonwealth Avenue</p> <p>The benefits of the draft plan would be seriously compromised if the proposed high rise residential development is built on the eastern edge of the West Basin adjacent to Commonwealth Avenue. Such development would ruin critical vistas to the west from Vernon Circle and Commonwealth Avenue, as well as vistas to the east across West Basin from the Museum and nearby areas.</p> <p>3. Business case for the Light Rail Stage 2 proposal</p> <p>Any need to bolster the business case should not be used as a justification for the intensification of residential or commercial development in this sensitive area that has substantial heritage elements. The Light Rail Stage 2 should be able to stand on its own two feet without the need to sacrifice the existing elements of West Basin.</p> <p>4. Need for unfettered public access to the Lake and its existing public space areas</p> <p>Any built development in the draft plan that is near the Lake should be as far as possible from the edge of the Lake, to ensure that full public access will continue unfettered. In particular, having regard to the existing limited areas of public open space, none of it should be alienated for private profit. To do otherwise would be unsound public policy, and would ignore the wider public interest.</p> <p>5. No infill of lake bed in West Basin</p> <p>West Basin is small enough in its present form and should not be diminished further. The existing soft edges of West Basin should be retained, and not replaced with hard edge forms. Otherwise, the natural beauty of West Basin surrounded by a green parkland rim will be lost forever.</p> <p>6. Delete proposed 4-6 storey buildings around Acton Conservation Area</p> <p>The draft plan proposes 4-6 storey buildings around the Acton Conservation Area, Liversidge Apartments and historic ANU buildings. These should be deleted from the draft plan. They would destroy the heritage value of the existing structures, and create in effect a high wall of prominent buildings along the ridge to the detriment of the existing visual connection with Black Mountain.</p> <p>7. Validity of the public consultation process</p> <p>With a view to a sound public consultation process, the draft plan should not be regarded as ‘locked in’ with only minor changes permitted at the margins. It should be in the forefront of the planners’ minds at all times that this is a popular heritage area that needs to be preserved at all costs.</p>	<p>See Key Issues ‘Buildings, Height and Scale’ at section 3.3, ‘Public spaces’ at section 3.4, ‘Heritage’ at section 3.7.</p> <p>In accordance with the EPBC Act, all proposals must conform to the policies provided the Acton Conservation Area Heritage Management Plan, Acton Complex Heritage Management Plan (2016) and the Lake Burley Griffin and Adjacent Lands Heritage Management Plan (2010).</p>

<p>10</p>	<p>Submission - Juliet Ramsay, Lake Burley Griffin Guardians</p> <p>Acton Peninsula is a most important cultural landscape component of Lake Burley Griffin, a nationally significant Australian cultural landscape. Lake Burley Griffin Guardians note that the whole of Acton Peninsula and West Basin are within the Designated Area, meaning the area has national significance. As well, the whole of Acton Peninsula and West Basin lie within National Capital Open Space System signifying their importance as national capital open space.</p> <p>The Griffin Legacy planning principles expounded by the National Capital Authority for the <i>City to the Lake</i> development have been ignored in the Structure Plan. The Guardians stress that this Structure Plan particularly the West Basin component needs to be reviewed and reworked along with the <i>City to the Lake</i> plan. A review is the recommendation discussed under Items 4,5 and 6.</p> <p>1 Community Engagement and Social Importance</p> <p>There are several community groups and individual community stakeholders who have direct association with the former hospital and hospital buildings, and with the early Acton housing that should be involved in all planning. Planning should commence with documenting what people value.</p> <p>Recommendation 1:</p> <p>1.1 Undertake basic planning research with the cross section of stakeholders and individuals with strong historic association with the Peninsula, including Indigenous groups and those associated with the Hospital buildings and early Acton housing.</p> <p>2 Heritage</p> <p>The <i>Acton Complex Heritage Management Plan</i> (draft) 2015 is limited to a desktop study of heritage features of the southern end of the peninsula. All statutory and indicative heritage places in the zone covered by the Draft Structure Plan should have been identified in the 'desktop' document. At present they are not. A key omission is the Acton Conservation Area 2 and, as a consequence, the values of this Commonwealth Heritage listed place are not considered or respected in the proposals as they should be.</p> <p>The ACT Government's recent performance and the ANU's demolition of Bruce Hall demonstrate that at least two of the Acton Peninsula Partnership players have little regard for heritage values.</p> <p>The <i>Acton Complex Heritage Management Plan</i> notes that the peninsula would have been a focal area for the local Indigenous people but the landscape has been greatly disturbed and therefore artefacts would have not research potential. However, the ANU area has many undisturbed spaces where many artefacts have been found and historical records note that the area belonged to the Ngambri Black Mountain tribe who held a corroboree in 1846.</p> <p>Historic importance must be respected. The former hospital buildings have the link back to Griffin's intention for the peninsula and should be conserved and hopefully reused in a way that respects their hospital heritage. We note that the memorial to the hospital was opened on 27 November 2006 recording the 50 years of the Hospital is a heritage feature and the Commemorative area to remember Royal Canberra Hospital should be conserved.</p> <p>The Acton Conservation Area is an intact urban precinct dating from the 1911-29 period when this area was the administrative, residential and social centre for the design and construction of the new national capital. It is described in its Commonwealth Heritage citation as 'the most extensive surviving historic cultural landscape of that period'.</p> <p>The Guardians strongly note that there is no heritage listing of Lake Burley Griffin and its lakeshore landscape and that this is an absolute travesty.</p> <p>Recommendation 2:</p> <p>2.1 Prepare or compile a combined heritage analysis that includes the Peninsula's ANU complex so that the whole area is considered according to its heritage layers and their significance.</p> <p>3 Vistas, Views and Aesthetic Importance</p> <p>The aesthetic evaluation that should be part of the area's heritage is limited to the historic buildings and individual trees. An analysis of the entire peninsula for its importance as a vista terminus and a viewing point, the aesthetic experience of the place and the interaction of culture and nature is needed to upgrade the heritage data. Recognition of the importance of the silhouette of the peninsula, and its role as a tree-canopied area extending from Black Mountain, is needed to direct future planning.</p> <p>Recommendation 3:</p> <p>3.1 Prepare a professional aesthetic analysis of Acton to guide further planning of Acton Peninsula. As well consider the significance of strategic and local views. Refer recommendation 9.1.</p> <p>4 Acton Peninsula as an Important National Cultural Destination</p> <p>Acton Peninsula should be upgraded as a great visitor destination. A landmark cultural building interpreting the historic and heritage values of the area and Canberra in general would complement the National Museum and draw more visitors to the area. The opportunity to have West Basin as a welcoming point with some cafes and services, some parking, electric people movers, public bicycles cannot be underestimated.</p> <p>As previously noted, West Basin lakeshore is within the Designated Area zone because it has national significance. The land was planned by WB Griffin and developed by Menzies' NCDC as National Capital Open Space and should remain as such to retain the heritage of our lake landscape and the beauty of the</p>	<p>See Key Issues 'Buildings, Height and Scale' at section 3.3, 'Pedestrian, cycle and public transport links' at section 3.5, 'Heritage' at section 3.7. See key issue 'City to the Lake' at section 3.8.</p> <p>In accordance with the EPBC Act, all proposals must conform to the policies provided the Acton Conservation Area Heritage Management Plan, Acton Complex Heritage Management Plan (2016) and the Lake Burley Griffin and Adjacent Lands Heritage Management Plan (2010).</p> <p>The NCA has submitted a nomination for Lake Burley Griffin and adjacent lands for the lake and lands under the management of the NCA to the Commonwealth Heritage List. The NCA notes this does not cover the area included in the 'Lake Burley Griffin and its lakeshore landscape' nomination to the National Heritage List also under consideration by the Department of Environment and Energy.</p>
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basin surrounded by a green parkland perimeter.

The success of the Acton Peninsula Precinct proposal will be seriously blighted by the proposed *City to the Lake* (CttL) West Basin development to its east, which involves privatising lakeshore land. Furthermore with regard to the Building Estate, there has been, no heritage impact study, no social impact and no public consultation.

Recommendation 4:

4.1 Conduct a review and replanning of the entire West Basin to ensure heritage aspects including the Griffin planning heritage are not compromised and that a reworked *City to the Lake* (CttL) plan is prepared that will work in the best interests of Canberrans, the Peninsula and the heritage significance of Lake Burley Griffin and its lakeshore landscape.

5 Impacts from West Basin *City to the Lake* project

There is now a serious lack of integrity in around junction of the proposed West Basin Waterfront pedestrian/bike routes with the routes for Acton Peninsula at the north-west area of the Basin shore that demonstrates the lack of sense in the intention to reinstate a so called 'Griffin arc' in West Basin.

There is a proposed 80m of lakebed infill for West Basin (East) and more lakebed infill on the Acton Peninsula shores for a new lakeshore edge. All of this infill reduces the scale of West Basin to almost half the size of East Basin.

The infill of Lake Burley Griffin proposed for the *CttL* prevents a properly formed curved lake edge as Griffin proposed in all his plans. Instead there is an appalling dogleg where the junction of the proposed West Basin Foreshore meets more infill proposed for Acton Peninsula.

Recommendation 5:

5.1 As for 4, a review and replanning of West Basin is seriously needed to address this and other concerns

6 Indicative Development Zones in West Basin and Lake Infill

The development zones for the West Basin Acton Precinct are excessive. They show 6 building blocks in 2 very large zones. The zones squeeze the terraced space of the water axis terraces and appear to extend to the existing lakeshore with infill by at least 10m.

Although we understand that these buildings will **all** be public and cultural, as announced by Malcolm Snow on ABC Radio (Adam Shirley 2 May). That fact should be noted in further planning documents including the National Capital Plan.

The Guardians strongly object to all the proposed development in West Basin landscape as it is **in conflict with the Griffin Legacy, a planning principle that should be adhered to.**

The Draft Structure Plan may provide some assurance about development principles (page 30), the ACT Government and ANU controlled sites which align with the water axis must respect the value of the landscape any buildings developed must be minimal and low scale landmark public access buildings. This should be more clearly stated in the document.

Recommendation 6:

6.1 No development planning even at the broad scale should countenanced until a complete and comprehensive review of all of West Basin is undertaken.

6.2 The intention for any buildings in West Basin to be public and cultural should be clearly stated in the forthcoming Precinct Plan and the National Capital Plan.

6.3 Review the development plan to reflect the Griffin Legacy, instate a wider terraced space as shown on Griffin's 1914 and 1918 plans and delete all buildings from the West Basin parklands

7 Circulation and Parking

Circulation throughout the Peninsula is not defined. Parking in front on the Museum is to be greatly reduced and replaced with a car-parking structure. The success of this is in the planning, and how it affects public access is a key question yet to be answered.

The foreshore public access space must be adequate to accommodate pedestrians with a separate bike track, landscaping and tree planting. More walk-through spaces should be created, to provide a greater sense of access/connection to the City. It appears that again there is a proposal to increase the building zones by lake infill.

Recommendation 7:

7.1 A study of the light rail, bus, car, ferries, pedestrians, and bike circulation needs to be clarified prior to further development.

7.2 The building zones should be reduced to ensure adequate walk-through spaces to the city.

8 Height of Buildings

The proposal for 4-6 storey high buildings around the historic ANU buildings of the Acton Conservation Area and Liversidge Apartments should not happen unless they are visually hidden. High buildings along the ridge will destroy the visual setting of the lake and create a high wall of conspicuous buildings, blocking the visual link with Black Mountain.

Recommendation 8:

	<p>8.1 Conduct a professional visual analysis to determine strategic and local views of key features such as Lake Burley Griffin, Parliament House, Commonwealth Avenue Bridge and Black Mountain, how the views are framed, and the potential impacts of developments on these key features. This may involve assessment across the visual plane of the lake and the sight-lines beyond to establish the view cones that can indicate if the views can tolerate background buildings.</p> <p>9 Green Space</p> <p>West Basin lakeshore is within the Designated Area zone because it has national significance. The land has always been public open space and should remain as such to retain the beauty of the basin surrounded by a green parkland rim that should be conserved for public informal recreation and events.</p> <p>As the concrete building density of the Canberra City area increases, the value of green space in West Basin intensifies. If the highly detrimental plans of Cttl West Basin and the Acton Peninsula Precinct Structure plan as proposed go ahead, all the green space in West Basin will be obliterated.</p> <p>The infill of the lake and a possible public walkway over the water is not recommended. There is adequate concrete walkway at Point Park, Kingston and in the Central Basin. A natural landscape edge is recommended for aesthetic and environmental reasons. A concreted walkway going past the limestone outcrops would be excessively ugly and detract from the heritage values of these outcrops.</p> <p>Recommendation 9:</p> <p>9.1 Review and amend the plan for West Basin as it appears in the National Capital Plan and the City to the Lake to prevent or reduce the development.</p> <p>9.2 Another concrete walkway and lake infill should not be undertaken.</p>	
11	<p>Submission – Paul Hornsby, Australia on the Map</p> <p>As requested, this submission proposes enhancements to the Draft Structural Plan for the Acton Peninsular Precinct. It proposes a phased series of plaques (and interactive points) along the proposed West Basin promenade and pathway west of the National Museum of Australia.</p> <p><u>Concept</u></p> <p>The proposed plaques / enhancements to the pathway (including promenade) take the visitor on a three phase understanding of the intrinsic nature in all of us to navigate and explore our world. The ability to be able to navigate by the stars, by the coast, by rivers and lakes, and by features of the land is something that was more sophisticated within indigenous cultures before it was in European, Arabic, American or Asian cultures. The ability to navigate, particularly across oceans, brought these cultures together; sometimes in trade and sometimes in confrontation, both with the elements and with each other. In Australia, pathways and the intrinsic human nature to explore is reflected in both sacred and secular indigenous stories and art. Indigenous art is perhaps the earliest reflection of cartography, with its ‘aerial’ approach to coastal, riverine and land features. Today, the rise of technology has meant a watershed jump in our ability to map our world, navigate safely and understand our changing environment. Not well recognized is that it is an area of science, particularly in the Services, that has attracted a disproportionate interest from indigenous professionals and students. Internationally today, hydrography and cartography are some of the very few areas in which nations come together and exchange freely, when often no other lines of communication exist.</p> <p><u>Background (Concept)</u></p> <p>The exceptional success of the “Mapping Our World” exhibition at the National Library in 2014, which brought in over 100,000 visitors, has triggered us to consider how the national capital might celebrate our exploration heritage in a permanent way, particularly as an island continent. This proposal to enhance the West Basin pathways and promenade are in the same vein as the Australian of the Year Walk (in front of the National Library), or Writers Walk (at Circular Key leading to the Opera House). As you have reflected in the draft Acton plan, many cities have adopted similar walks and cycle ways that are innovative without being intrusive. This project might be termed the Mura Gadi Project, meaning, as we understand it, “pathways for searching” in the Ngunnawal language. Explorers Park or Navigators Walk are alternative translations.</p> <p><u>Project</u></p> <p>As discussed, this might be covered in three phases along the pathway:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the indigenous experience (starting at the possible indigenous cultural center) , • maritime exploration (along the proposed boardwalk, i.e. over the water), and • the move inland (following the path west of the NMA, possibly to the Arboretum) <p>The project also affords the opportunity for segues into the changes in exploration from oared craft to sail to steam (say at the point the NMA currently berths its paddle steamer ‘Enterprise’). It also offers segues into the technological changes in oceanic and continental navigation that have contributed to our collective Australian culture. This includes the Arabic contributions to Greek and European star-taking instruments, through to Australia’s world first contributions to autonomous systems that now map our coasts and continental environment. Again, this is an area of exploration well represented by indigenous hydrographers and surveyors. Australia’s leadership in mapping technology is important with respect to corporate philanthropy and sponsorship, with many of world’s largest companies having regional offices in Canberra.</p> <p><u>Project Oversight & Support</u></p> <p>I write this submission on behalf the boards of the Australasian Hydrographic Society and Australia On The Map. While our focus is usually on the science</p>	<p>The proposal is outside the scope of this structure plan. This will need to be looked at as part of a broader Interpretation Strategy for the Peninsula, including interpretations around the Aboriginal heritage, the European heritage and the story of the Royal Canberra Hospital.</p>

	<p>(and art) of maritime and littoral exploration, our corporate members have interests in all areas of exploration and we would be pleased to offer our support to such a project. Our group is a learned society that has been promoting the science, education and heritage of the subject across Australia, New Zealand and the SW Pacific since 1972. You may be aware that the AOTM organization was instrumental in the international events that celebrated the 400th anniversary of Australia first being charted. This received welcome support from all levels of government. Since then the group has received great support from the government and foreign embassies for other projects celebrating the indigenous concept of exploring and the many achievements of other navigators.</p> <p>While the Society pursues many of its philanthropic aims by bringing together our corporate members, regional navies, off-shore explorations companies and the like, on larger projects such as this we unquestionably need support from the NCA, the NMA, the ACT Government and the appropriate indigenous reference groups, particularly for the first phase. We would obviously provide our focused support to the maritime narrative (second phase), and we have gained the support of the Surveying and Spatial Sciences Institute of Australia for the third (land) phase.</p> <p>Beyond the investment of the ACT Government in the NCA's worthy plan for the Acton Peninsular, the Mura Gadi Project would require that the expertise in the history (and future) of navigation be coordinated. To that end, we are happy to provide our support, including that of some of our directors with both indigenous heritage and highly successful careers in surveying.</p> <p>Consultation has already taken place with various state museums, maritime and otherwise, and they are supportive given they is no national commemoration of this type of concept. The approach would be egalitarian, so that the achievements of certain navigators were not unduly celebrated above those of others; all introduced and framed in the indigenous view of 'path-finding'. Specifics of the design might be put to a national competition from say schools, with the added benefit of promoting our heritage. We would thank you for your support for this worthy cause and look forward to hearing from you. There are some additional details about AHS and AOTM at the following websites: www.ahs.asn.au and www.australiaonthemap.org.au</p> <p>[Attached- 'Similar Concepts', Images of plaques concepts and boardwalks]</p>	
12	<p>Submission - Richard Arthur, Pedal Power</p> <p>As I mentioned previously, I appreciate these are early days and understand your plans necessarily are not yet detailed or well advanced, as you have confirmed in your email of 26 May. So, the comments below are offered against this background.</p> <p>Pedal Power has a positive reaction to the Draft Structure Plan for the Acton Peninsula Precinct. We particularly like the rich layout of proposed paths, the plan to segregate pedestrians from primary cycling routes, continuity of the lake circuit, provision of shade and lighting, priority to pedestrian and cycle movement throughout the peninsula, adequate bicycle parking facilities, and the aspiration to a high level of amenity and comfort. Pedal Power looks forward to world's best practice in design and implementation of the developments of the precinct. Our further feedback on these attractive attributes will be provided as the details become available.</p> <p>I note NCA remains in negotiations about routing of cycle paths. For example, there appears to be more than one option under consideration for routes through ANU near Liversidge Street, Lennox Crossing, and Bachelors Lane. Pedal Power regards multiple, route options as high priority, to connect: one side of the peninsula with the other, the lake circuit with city and ANU campus, and the campus with the city. There are other network issues to consider. For example, there is a potentially unsafe cycle/pedestrian conflict at high traffic density times of the day, on the footbridge over Parkes Way at the end of Marcus Clarke Street. Although this traffic-jam point is outside the Peninsula Precinct, partial solutions lie within the precinct.</p> <p>Beyond these routing and network observations, there are several priority issues warranting specific mention, and which Pedal Power will follow-up with you in due course. They are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Pedal Power recommends the highest classification of cycle route for both the commuter route over the hill in ANU (and crossing Liversidge Street), and the busy round-the-lake route which you have described as "route 2" in the attachment to your email of 26 May (and attached here). Both routes are already busy and will continue to grow in usage, especially as improvements are implemented within the peninsula. 2. Consistent with this high classification, Pedal Power believes the cycle crossing of Liversidge Street will need upgrading to allow priority for cycle and pedestrian traffic. This will become a safety issue as cycle traffic inevitably increases. A raised zebra crossing would be appropriate. 3. As this same path (over the hill) continues on the eastern side of Liversidge Street and parallel to Bachelors Lane, the steep hill encourages cyclists to reach high speeds entering the underpass (under Lawson Crescent) and when exiting the tunnel on the lake side. There are two elements of the path design creating hazards. The path is narrow. On the hill especially, the risk of collision at speed is increased by a narrow path edged with gutters. Secondly, the entrance and exit paths are both unaligned with the underpass, reducing visibility for high speed cyclists (coming off the hill) and for opposing pedestrian and cycle traffic within the underpass and approaching it from the lake side. This awkward layout has been reported by our members as hazardous and risking serious collision. To avoid accidents, the paths on either end of the underpass need to be widened and aligned with the direction of the underpass. The alignment needs to continue beyond the underpass, in both directions, for a distance that gives suitable visibility of oncoming pedestrians and cycle traffic. This widening and re-alignment of the paths would require only a relatively small adjustment and would be available within the grassed areas around the existing paths. Because of the safety issue, Pedal Power regards path widening and re-alignment as pressing. We ask that high priority be given to addressing the necessary changes. <p>Point 3 above, is instructive of something else. Adjusting the paths either side of the underpass would be a simple, inexpensive, and obvious solution. So,</p>	<p>The priority issues mentioned are beyond the scope of this structure plan. See Key Issue Pedestrian, cycle and public transport links 3.5.</p>

the natural question arises: Why was the underpass set up this way? Perhaps experienced cyclists were not consulted in the design.
To support you in advancing your design, please regard Pedal Power as a resource. We are available to participate in discussions and to consult generally on routing and facility. It may be more helpful to you to enlist our early consultation than to seek comment only after another stage of publication of a draft structure plan. Pedal Power looks forward to your further contact.

[Attached – Drawing of four cycle routes over an Acton tunnel alignment diagram]



13 Submission - John Fitz Gerald, Resident of Higgins
I wish to comment about aspects of the Acton Peninsula Precinct Draft Structure Plan that relate to the significant landscape area: limestone outcrop, first mentioned on plan page 12.
I read on page 16 the text: "Limestone outcrops reference the Limestone Plains as the site chosen for the National Capital" and see a map showing an open landscape area linking Limestone outcrops back to open spaces along western Peninsula. That link is highly desirable.
As a regular walker enjoying the Acton Peninsula, I appreciate that these low Limestone outcrops run along approximately 100m of eastern Peninsula shoreline.
Geological Society of Australia in 2008 published a Map of the Geology of the Australian Capital Territory. The Acton Limestone is featured there as one of 17 significant sites of geological interest in or near the suburbs of Canberra, and therefore deserves its place as a highlight of the Precinct.
This rocky area is unfortunately presently dominated by exotic plants and weeds - Chilean Needle Grass, Blackberry and Ivy are a major concern, but also Cotoneasters, Privets and Cocksfoot choke the open spaces. While some deciduous trees have been felled at the lake edge, there are many small regrowths plus a number of large Lombardy Poplars. Eucalypts are mostly non-local Tasmanian Blue gum. While vegetation and weeds have been partially cleared along some of this area between informal lakeside path and lake, the area upslope from path from lake has not been cleared.
The map on p19 of the draft plan indicates a secondary cycle-movement route around peninsula banks could be inserted. I submit that such a route would totally compromise the integrity of the outcrops if dug into the bank here - need either elevated route over rock, or a route over water at lake edge - expensive options I realise but essential.
There is plenty of scope to seriously clean up and conserve the place and to erect interpretive signage to inform visitors about the geological history of these shallow water limestones, part of the extensive Canberra Formation sediments laid down about 425 million years ago.
Such signage should form part of a site-appreciation message involving all of the heritage and landscape foci noted in the table on draft plan p16.
Once the area is cleaned up and weeds controlled, considerate but sparse introduction of native grasses and small plants recognised as hardy grassy woodland species would be a great enhancement of natural local values in this significant place.

See key issues 'Pedestrian, cycle and public transport links' at section 3.5 and 'Heritage' at section 3.7.

14 Submission – David Denham

The structure plan is not proposing any changes to access at

	<p>Some Comments on the Acton Peninsula Precinct Draft Structure Plan</p> <p>Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Draft Structural Plan for the Acton Peninsula Precinct. The main problem I have is that the aims do not appear to be consistent in what is being proposed. For example, the Acton Peninsula Partners state:</p> <p><i>“It is a place which promotes the accessibility and exchange of ideas, a blending of uses and promotes the activation of public spaces, all underpinned by development which stimulates economic investment and growth”</i></p> <p>And the top two outcomes are:</p> <p><i>“The objectives for Acton Peninsula will achieve the following outcomes: –</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <i>1. Re-launch the peninsula Precinct by defining its place within the city as a venue for international museum, cultural and educational and research facilities; and</i> <i>2. Create a new place within Canberra to be defined by a unique, recognisable and marketable character;”</i> <p>A commendable set of goals, which would be appropriate for a national institution or a convention centre. Instead, when one examines the details in The Plan a very different picture emerges. It appears that most of the peninsula that is not currently developed will be occupied by apartments and mixed-use buildings and the Public Realm will be severely degraded. On the western side of West Basin for example, the public realm by the Lake Burley Griffin will be reduced to a narrow pathway similar to what exists now along the Kingston Foreshore, where green space and views have been replaced by concrete pathways and little or no shade or shelter. There needs to be a wide green space along the LBG foreshore. The statement in the Foreword makes several unsupported assertions about the character of the present site. For this statement to have any credibility it needs to explain why “the public spaces are not of a standard commensurate with their significance”; in what ways are the “surrounding views underutilised?” (how has the NCA measured how many people are using the views and which views is it talking about?) and in what way is “the sense of arrival into the peninsula visually compromised?” The surprise of the sudden view of The Museum when you turn the corner to enter the car park is a big plus and not a detractor.</p> <p>The picture on the front of the Structure Plan document shows the wonderful tree-lined lake near the National Museum of Australia. The trees and open space in this part of the peninsula will be effectively replaced by blocks of apartments. We are observing a relentless concretisation of the foreshore of Lake Burley Griffin and the result is a degrading of the natural public realm. This process started along the Kingston Foreshore and has continued in a piecemeal way ever since. There are some wonderful natural vistas along The Lake and these should be maintained until a plan for the whole lake is adopted.</p> <p>Before the planning for the Acton Peninsula proceeds any further a Master Plan for the whole of the foreshore of Lake Burley Griffin should be developed. At present the foreshore development appears to be ad hoc.</p> <p>I was amazed that the Plan even suggests that jetties and landing areas at Springbank are being proposed, presumably to encourage increased access to the island. The best plan is to leave the island well alone so that local wild life can call it their home.</p> <p>Can you imagine what will happen to the island with uncontrolled access? Rubbish will accumulate on and around the island, wild parties on summer evenings will degrade the natural environment and all fauna and flora are likely to be exterminated or degraded. The island should not be disturbed!</p> <p>I therefore make the following recommendations:</p> <p>R.1 The planning details provided in The Plan should be aligned with the aspirational principles and outcomes.</p> <p>R.2 The Plan should make clear why “the public spaces are not of a standard commensurate with their significance”; in what ways are the “surrounding views underutilised?” and in what way is the sense of arrival into the peninsula visually compromised?”</p> <p>R.3 Before the planning for the Acton Peninsula goes any further there needs to be a Master Plan for the whole of the foreshore of Lake Burley Griffin. At present the whole development process round LBG appears to be ad hoc.</p> <p>R.4 The proposal to build jetties and/or landing facilities on Springbank Island should be abandoned.</p>	<p>Springbank Island as this is already allowed in the National Capital Plan. Currently the island has picnic tables, BBQ facilities, toilets, and a jetty.</p> <p>See key issues ‘Land use’ at section 3.2 and ‘Public spaces’ at section 3.4.</p>
15	<p>Submission – Tom Anderson, Weston Creek Community Council</p> <p>The Weston Creek Community Council is pleased to offer the following comments on the Acton peninsula Precinct Draft Structure Plan.</p> <p>Acton Peninsula is well known to most of the Canberra community and many tourists as it is the location of the National Museum. In this sense we have a culturally significant institution at both a national and local level in a prominent position physically overlooking Lake Burley Griffin but which is not particularly well connected to the heart of the city. The connections to the campus of the Australian National University would also benefit from review and enhancement.</p> <p>We note the information about the cultural and physical history of the peninsula and suggest that this be reinforced with an effort to ensure that there are identifiable places where this history is acknowledged.</p> <p>The sense of arrival into the peninsula is car dominant and the surrounding views are not exploited to advantage. The frontage to Lake Burley Griffin and surrounding views are underutilized by the current structure which could easily be enhanced with careful design.</p> <p>There is great emphasis within the Draft Plan on movement and we applaud the intention to consider all forms of movement into and out of the area. In</p>	<p>See key issues ‘Building scale, density and height’ at section 3.3, ‘Public spaces’ at section 3.4, at section, ‘Pedestrian, cycle and public transport links’ 3.5, and ‘Car parking and vehicle traffic’ at section 3.6.</p>

	<p>particular, the intention to develop pedestrian and cycling links around the West Basin taking into account the proposal for that area.</p> <p>The proposed hierarchy of streets within the peninsula clearly identifies a main vehicular access route and includes secondary streets to achieve permeability. Little mention is made of parking and the plan does not appear to indicate any further parking to that already available. It is noticeable that at present much of the parking along Lawson Crescent is utilized by people accessing the ANU. If no change is made to the parking restrictions then that situation is likely to continue. We suggest therefore that it will be essential to ensure that adequate regular public transport is available. To do otherwise would be to negate access for many people to the proposed upgraded area.</p> <p>The draft structure plan places great emphasis on a network for walking and cycling which is part of a connected system providing a choice of routes and gives priority to these modes of transport. In view of this emphasis we suggest that good signage could play an important part in ensuring trouble free travel particularly for visitors. We applaud the provision of these alternate routes and especially the proposed use of traffic calming techniques and detail in the street design that will offer a high level of amenity.</p> <p>It is stated that the plan is intended to integrate Acton Peninsula with the broader West Basin area. However, Council is concerned at the possibility that the proposed increased density of built form on the peninsula may link up with the built form on West Basin. This would constitute a continuity of buildings that would be contrary to the current character of the area. Council sees a linking landscaped area to be the more appropriate use of this area.</p> <p>Council also notes the proposal for a new space on the peninsula as a venue for major events. This aligns with the intention for the public realm to be a social space with a variety of uses. However, this entails careful selection of the landscape materials to ensure that they will withstand the proposed heavy usage.</p> <p>We also suggest that the soft landscaping, in particular large trees, should also have prominence over the built form to retain the character of the peninsula and its visual link with Black Mountain.</p> <p>Overall the Weston Creek Community Council is pleased that this Draft Plan seeks to revitalize and enhance a well-known area to improve the accessibility and integration into the social and physical life of the city.</p>	
16	<p>Submission – Brett Odgers, Walter Burley Griffin Society Inc.</p> <p>Introduction</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ancestors of the traditional owners enjoyed the location, environment, resources and spirituality of Acton Peninsula, hosting important ceremonies and occupations. 2. Walter Burley Griffin’s winning entry for the international competition to design Australia’s national capital accorded Acton Peninsula an integral part of his landscape architecture, geometry and symbolic layout of the central area. 3. Acton was a hive of activity for the early planners, administrators and builders of Canberra, amidst recreational, sporting, plant nursery, community, cultural and health facilities, the source of abundant stories and heritage. 4. The history of the Acton Peninsula since 1989 has been highly unsatisfactory. Nevertheless, at this point in 2017 the potential development and redevelopment possibilities for the Precinct are plentiful. 5. The Walter Burley Griffin Society welcomes the opportunity to express its views and appreciates the detailed and thoughtful ideas formulated by the NCA and Peninsula Partners in this timely Draft Structure Plan. 6. In the Society’s view, the Draft Plan demands a much higher order of long term vision, greater respect for heritage, wider consultation and a richer, more reliable data base than is apparent in the Draft Structure Plan. <p>Consultation</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 7. The stakeholders, who have to date been consulted, are named as the 5 Peninsula Partners: NMA, AIATSIS, ANU, ACT Government and NCA. They had the benefit of workshops, discussions and exchanges. 8. Why was the Canberra Environment Centre not included among the stakeholders? The Centre has a large, wide community and professional membership, occupy a key site in the middle of the Acton Precinct, hold exhibitions, festivals, workshops and classes that engage a wide range of people of all ages in environmental and sustainability activities, research, learning and production. 9. The last time that consultations were held (by the National Capital Planning Authority) on Acton Peninsula and Acton West Basin (1992-93) the broad Canberra community and specialist organisations had the benefit of a Draft Discussion Document, Community Urban Design Forum, series of community workshops, professional Urban Design Forum, National Design School Charrette, community consultative committee and expanded period for written submissions. 10. The priority, long term and complex nature of planning for Acton Peninsula would patently benefit from a more extensive public consultation process than given here. The usual constricted time frame for submissions of 5 weeks to 13 June and absence of prior workshops are inappropriate. Early community consultation is far more valuable and effective than later with a final Structure Plan. 11. For comparison, the current consultation process for the Kings and Commonwealth Avenues Draft Design Strategy 2013-2017 is allowing plentiful information, understanding of issues and objectives and community deliberation. 	<p>The discussion regarding the rich history and context of the peninsula is noted. See key issues ‘Building scale, density and height’ at section 3.3, ‘Public spaces’ at section 3.4, at section, ‘Pedestrian, cycle and public transport links’ 3.5, and ‘Heritage’ at section 3.7.</p>

12. Why is the process for Acton so restricted and why the rush? The dangers in its apparent convergence with the ACT Government’s dubious West Basin Plan warrant careful review of both Draft Plans.

The Walter Burley Griffin Society

13. The Walter Burley Griffin Society promotes a better understanding of the ideals, vision and works of Walter Burley Griffin and Marion Mahony Griffin. As a priority, the Society serves the goal of Canberra being a great national capital of Australia, especially by conserving and realising the enduring potential in those elements and principles of the Griffins’ plans for Canberra that have survived until now.

14. The Society has demonstrated over the past ten years its interest in the significance of the Acton Peninsula Precinct by making quite relevant, carefully considered submissions and representations with regard to: the Griffin Legacy Amendments to the NCP; Albert Hall Precinct; Humanities and Science Campus, Parkes, ACT; Old Canberra House, ANU; City Hill Development Plans; Parliament House Vista; Immigration Bridge Australia; Lake Burley Griffin and Adjacent Lands; Rond Terraces War Memorials; Nishi Building; City Plan; City-to-the-Lake; West Basin; the Chinese memorial in Lennox Gardens; and Stirling Ridge Diplomatic Estate.

15. In addition, the Society has also made strong representations with respect to the various federal parliamentary and executive inquiries from 2008-2011 into the role and powers of the National Capital Authority, taking a consistent line in support of greater powers and resources for the NCA, and as well for the Canberra National Memorials Committee.

16. The Society has several hundred members from various parts of Australia and the USA. Through annual general meetings, management and special purpose committees, an award-winning website, quarterly newsletter and prestigious publications the Society maintains continuous discourse on the Griffins’ legacy. Members of the Canberra Chapter have prepared this submission, with endorsement from the WBGs Management Committee.

National Capital Plan and Griffin’s Plan

17. The layout of Central, East and West Basins of Lake Burley Griffin, the National Triangle, Avenues, the Land and Water Axes, extended vistas and the alignment of public buildings in the landscape exhibit an integrated, formal, legible national symbolism. This simple, powerful, beautiful idea of Griffin’s should be refurbished and enhanced, not degraded.

18. Moreover, Griffin’s Plan envisaged ample areas for parklands, national institutions, memorials and monuments. Griffin did not propose mixed uses urban development on the lakefront in the three central Basins. Griffin placed great emphasis on public open space along the Lake foreshores and planned extensive parklands around West Basin. Ease of accessibility was shown by contiguous roadways.

19. One of the strongest principles of his life and work was continuous access to foreshores. The examples of Chicago and Lake Michigan, the Mall in Washington DC and of his and Marion’s own love of water recreation influenced him. It was a distinguishing characteristic of the Canberra Plan and the Castlecrag venture.

20. By the same tokens, witness Grant and Millennium Parks in Downtown Chicago: Walter and Marion would certainly have been in favour of more stimulating lakeside activities and features than West Basin presently provides.

National land

21. Current planning and property management by Commonwealth agencies are reducing, alienating and privatising the land estate of the central national area that is held by the government on behalf of the Australian people for the future development needs of the national capital.

22. Public buildings in the Parliamentary Triangle are being privatised. Monuments, memorials, recreation facilities and pavements are rapidly occupying land in Kings Park. Embassies are expanding around land along Commonwealth Avenue and adjacent to Capital Hill. The ACT Government’s plans for West Basin will further deplete the national land bank as well as threaten to alter the overall form and architecture of the setting of the National and Parliamentary Triangles.

23. The future will certainly produce continuing demands for land by federal departments and agencies, by proponents of memorials and monuments and by national organisations, other nations and international bodies. Land will be needed for accompanying landscape settings, pathways, sculptures, furniture and amenities.

24. The problem is that the Draft Structure Plan for Acton, presented with Griffin imprimatur, shows scarce appreciation of Griffin’s visionary concepts and design principles, still enshrined in the National Capital Plan, and pays no heed to the depletion of scarce national land. It seems for the most part to be in effect a complementary extension of the intense, high density urban development incorporated in the ACT Government’s West Basin Plan.

The Water Axis

25. Axes, radials and avenues are important for the structure, layout, landscape setting, geometry, and symbolism of Griffin’s Canberra. Unlike the strongly defined Land Axis, the Water Axis has always been more subtle yet constitutes a basic datum against which the placement of buildings, symmetry of the basins and spatial relationships become clear. It runs parallel to the municipal axis (Constitution Avenue) and continues to be recognised in most plans, statutory and otherwise. It is highlighted in The Griffin Legacy (2004, NCA). However, its significance seemingly remains to be fully appreciated, reinforced or exploited.

26. Griffin’s Water Axis is the east-west generative line of his scheme projected from the summit of Black Mountain at right angles to the Land Axis,

projected from the summit of Mount Ainslie. It is a clear line through the central Basins and further through the planned East Lake (now wetlands and Molonglo River corridor) and the elevated country alongside the Molonglo River. The combination of hillsides, water, foreshore parklands, Acton Ridge and Black Mountain render it a nature axis: Linking the topographic features of mountain and valley, the Water Axis provided a symbol of nature in the heart of the city and formed its principal recreation setting (The Griffin Legacy, 2004).

27. As focus on the western end, Griffin's idea was to site an amphitheatre higher on the Acton Ridge (not on the water's edge) as a magnificent outdoor convocation place for the university, poised above the lake to have a sweeping vista over the Commonwealth Avenue Bridge down the Water Axis – which in this location, was also the main organising line of the 'Education Group' campus, thus visually connected to the other Federal Groups in his Plan

Scope of the Acton Structure Plan

28. The geographic boundary of the draft Structure Plan warrants major qualifications. Firstly, although the line is drawn between the Acton Plan and the ACT Government's West Basin Plan, there are risks that ensuing development will draw both areas into excessive built and mixed use activities which transform the whole area way from basic elements of the Griffin visionary concepts, even the totality of the National Triangle and central Lake Basins, which are desired to be protected and recovered. The Kingston Foreshore shows what can happen adversely. These are the fundamental objections to the ACT Government's plans for West Basin, incorporated in the Northbourne Avenue Precinct under the City Renewal Authority.

29. Secondly, the ANU has within the defined Acton boundary major present and prospective roles and responsibilities that should be expressly described in the Plan.

30. Thirdly, The National Museum of Australia after 17 years remains a disappointing and controversial national institution. It is fair to say that the NMA falls short of public expectations regarding the nation's premier cultural institution. Questions of significant upgrading and expansion, and even in the longer term of relocation to Yarramundi Reach should be addressed at this Draft Plan stage.

31. The NMA site is cramped, the museum's status and capacity are limited, and its integration with the landscape and broader ensemble of national forms and buildings remains to be addressed. Parking will become a bigger problem.

32. Yarramundi Reach may have to come back into calculations for the NMA given these problems plus the developing popularity of the National Arboretum Canberra and western end of Lake Burley Griffin.

33. Fourthly, the Society believes serious consideration should be given to connectivity with Lennox Gardens. Typically, Griffin solved this connection as part of his carefully designed and organic Plan. Following Griffin's land bridge to Lennox Gardens (as in the 1918 Plan and at the point of Kaye's farmhouse and RCGC clubhouse) would yield accessibility, connectivity and a considerable area of land adjacent to the Peninsula

Canberra local and early capital planning history and heritage

34. There have been in recent times remarkable illustrations of the rich history, heritage and artworks of Acton. The guided walks, tours, talks, informative and interactive website, and exhibitions run by Dr Kirsty Guster's Acton Walkways from 2009 to the present (7th year!) have been highly popular and well supported by the suburb's stakeholders. Allen Mawer's Canberry Tales (2012) provided a colourful reminder of Acton's contribution to Canberra's social, cultural, recreational and political history. This year's Heritage Festival Walk of West Basin/Acton conducted by the National Trust (ACT) was very popular. They have demonstrated the public appeal, education, tours, signage, recreational and tourist potential of Acton.

35. The ANU has commendably maintained in fine condition the historic cottages in Balmain Crescent and Liversidge Street. However, the heritage conditions decreed by the federal Minister for the redevelopment of Old Canberra House (after Old Parliament House, Canberra's most historic building) have regrettably not been implemented and the Lewis houses in Brian Lewis Crescent are at risk of demolition.

36. On the evidence of this May 2017 document, the data base and full value understanding of the local Acton history and existing assets are sadly lacking. For example, the references to Old Canberra House and the Acton cottages, the hospital and hospice presence and the landscaping and tree plantings for the era after 2011 (pages 15-16) are all inadequate and show no proper valuation of their significance.

37. The Society endorses strongly as authoritative reminders of the heritage significance of Acton in the submissions on the Draft Plan from Jack Kershaw (21.5.17), Trevor Lipscombe (22.5.17) and the Australian Garden History Society (22.5.17).

Acton Precinct vision and objectives

38. Besides its significance in terms of the Griffin Plan and heritage assets, the site is of uncommonly high value. It is relatively undeveloped, has incomparable water frontage and vistas in all directions, notably the spectacular east-west vistas of sunrise, sunset, Lake and nearby foreshores, distant hills and the Brindabellas.

39. Future development should enhance the Griffin Plan connectivity with the Parliamentary and National Triangles. Marion Mahony Griffin's renderings of the Mt Ainslie Summit view and Water Axis NW perspective show an impressive massing of buildings (Hospital Group) on Acton Peninsula. Her sketch of the university showed a modest high rise structure (the Library) attracting attention across the Water Axis. Here is the idea for a more impressive architectural ensemble, buildings of scale and prominence, than the existing museum buildings.

40. From their life works, Walter and Marion provide additional concepts and principles of a social nature which resonate strongly a century on. They held and applied strong beliefs on democracy, community development, cultural expression and environmental sustainability. In setting a vision for Acton

	<p>development, these system-wide multiple objectives are desirable.</p> <p>Recommendations</p> <p>A. The Structure Plan should raise the vision and objectives of Acton Peninsula to a higher scale of uses and architecture commensurate with its proximity to the National and Parliamentary Triangles and with the inherent potential of the area. It should serve both national and local metropolitan purposes.</p> <p>B. Future development on the Peninsula should enhance the connectivity with the National and Parliamentary Triangles.</p> <p>C. The Water Axis warrants more careful consideration in order to highlight its character. A 'built form arrangement' (p 24) can well signify the ANU's alignment and anchor the vista but should not detract from the natural backdrop.</p> <p>D. Along with West Basin, Acton Peninsula Precinct needs much better public accessibility and stimulating lakeside amenities than presently exist.</p> <p>E. Acton should retain open spaces and parklands to afford people the experience of the land, scenery, institutions, heritage trees and limestone outcrops, without pervasive concrete and paved surfaces. There remain glimpses of Old Acton, notably around the Water Axis area and Acton Ridge.</p> <p>F. The optimum role of Acton Peninsula, as envisaged in the Griffin Plan, was not addressed in the Griffin Legacy West Basin Amendment except by the radial and arc of foreshore to City Hill and the suggestion of a bridge (the later 'Immigration Bridge') across to Flynn Place. As a result, the subsequent morphing of West Basin into high density residential blocks, mixed commercial uses and reduced parklands threatens to run counter to the Griffin Plan. The ACT Government's City to the Lake and West Basin Plans and the Acton Draft Structure Plan should be jointly reviewed.</p> <p>G. The Society's concern about the close correspondence between the controversial West Basin Plan and the Acton Draft Structure Plan could be met by both the NCA and the ACT Government giving more genuine consideration to Griffin's Plan and intentions, particularly with respect to national land, parklands, the spacing of buildings and landscape vistas.</p> <p>H. With their uneven record on heritage (Old Canberra House, University Avenue and Bruce Hall) and the importance of Acton Ridge and evolving land demands, along with the developmental potential of Acton Peninsula Precinct, the ANU's role in the Acton Plan should be stressed.</p> <p>I. Further public consultation should precede a final Structure Plan - see paras 7-12 above.</p> <p>J. As national designated lands are alienated, diminished or handed over to the ACT Government or other federal agencies, the NCA should make a comprehensive study of possible future demands for and supply of national land, similar to Washington DC's Monumental Framework (National Mall) Plan (US Commission of Fine Arts, National Capital Planning Commission, 2009) and Memorials and Museums Master Plan (National Capital Planning Commission, 2001).</p>	
17	<p>Submission – Ray Edmondson, Friends of the National Film and Sound Archive</p> <p>Although the precinct as defined in the plan borders on, but does not include, the National Film and Sound Archive (NFSA), we suggest that the planners should take into account the proximity of the NFSA in considering the dynamics of the area.</p> <p>Public transport</p> <p>Easy access by public transport is an important consideration in encouraging visitation of the NFSA. The NFSA has two public entrances: the porticoed front entrance facing McCoy Circuit, and the back entrance facing Liversidge Street which has good disabled access. There are existing bus stops on Liversidge St within reasonable walking distance from the back entrance. In any moves to enhance the route from Civic to the Acton Peninsula, the NFSA should be a featured stop that is made as attractive as possible.</p> <p>Parking</p> <p>Parking in the vicinity of the NFSA is a perennial problem: the limited parking space has to service both the university and adjacent CBD. This is under constant pressure from all-day parking users, and it leaves little scope for short term visitors to the NFSA. The proposed central parking area in the Peninsula plan will not directly alleviate this problem. We ask that consideration be given to short term visitor parking adjacent to the NFSA which will help to make the NFSA more accessible to visitors. In general, the surrounding area should be reviewed with a view to increasing spaces reserved for short term parking, and encouraging the use of public transport from less pressured parking facilities in Civic, adjacent to the National Museum or elsewhere in the Peninsula.</p> <p>Open area in front of the NFSA</p> <p>The "front yard" of the NFSA, bounded by McCoy Circuit, is a large public open space that is under-utilised. In the day time it is a good place for picnics and games, and as a coffee break and lunch stop for tourist buses. It is well treed. The addition of some picnic benches and tables would make the space more user friendly and inviting. At night, the space can be used as an open air concert-type venue - this has occasionally happened in the past. Good public transport and short term parking, of course, will help.</p>	<p>The National Film and Sound Archive (NFSA) site is beyond the scope of this structure plan.</p> <p>The open area adjacent to the NFSA as described in your submission is part of the NFSA block (Block 1, Section 21 Acton). Any suggestions for works need to be brought up with the NFSA themselves.</p>
18	<p>Submission – Eric Martin, National Trust of Australia (ACT)</p> <p>We acknowledge the vision of the National Capital Authority (NCA) to improve the quality and accessibility of the Acton Peninsula commensurate with its significance.</p> <p>The following comments are provided.</p>	<p>A heritage assessment of the NMA building itself is not within the scope of this structure plan. The principles of the structure plan seek to maintain the NMA buildings as a dominant built form feature on the Peninsula.</p> <p>In accordance with the EPBC Act, all proposals must follow the</p>

	<p>1. The vision and objective to protect and enhance the heritage and landscape qualities of the peninsula is appropriate and supported. To achieve this, it is necessary to recognise, protect and promote the Commonwealth Heritage values of the three hospital buildings and the limestone outcrops, and the significance of the site as a whole as an important feature of the central Canberra landscape.</p> <p>2. Lake Burley Griffin has been assessed and found to have Commonwealth Heritage values. Redevelopment of the Acton Peninsula should recognise and protect the identified heritage values of Lake Burley Griffin and promote them where possible.</p> <p>3. The National Museum of Australia is the dominant built feature of the Acton Peninsula landscape and should maintain this status throughout the proposed development.</p> <p>4. The National Museum of Australia is likely to meet the threshold for listing in the Commonwealth Heritage List if formally tested. It is therefore recommended that a heritage assessment of the Museum is undertaken prior to any major development of the site.</p> <p>5. Maintaining significant views to and from the peninsula is supported. Significant views include distant views, particularly to the Brindabella Ranges. The whole issue of buildings and building heights around the lake edge and city to lake is of concern as it is likely to affect significant views. This has not been adequately considered and detailed in the proposal.</p> <p>6. All future development at the site should be undertaken following the policies provided the Acton Complex Heritage Management Plan (2016) and the Lake Burley Griffin and Adjacent Lands Heritage Management Plan (2010). This is particularly relevant to the existing elements of Acton Peninsula which represent a very extensive cultural heritage and landscape precinct of Canberra over the 1911-1940s period when it was the administrative hub of Canberra and accommodated many significant individuals including Charles Scrivener and Chares Weston. The peninsula’s significance and relationship to the lake needs better recognition and be restricted from development.</p> <p>7. Detailed information on the potential removal of buildings is not included in the Draft Structure Plan. More information is required on this, particularly if it is in reference to buildings with identified heritage values. The removal of significant buildings is not supported.</p> <p>8. Community and stakeholder engagement is appropriate and should continue for the duration of the development of the precinct.</p> <p>9. In the 1964 paper prepared by Richard Clough and John Gray titled the ‘Landscaping of Lake Burley Griffin’, it was recommended that the “character of the natural landscape should be maintained”. This level and density of proposed new development may conflict with this recommendation.</p> <p>10. The purpose of creating a unique sense of place and identity is appropriate. The creation of a recognisable character for the area was an early design recommendation for Lake Burley Griffin.</p> <p>11. A heritage interpretation strategy and plan should be undertaken prior to any major redevelopment of the site.</p>	<p>policies provided the Acton Complex Heritage Management Plan (2016) and the Lake Burley Griffin and Adjacent Lands Heritage Management Plan (2010).</p> <p>A heritage interpretation strategy may be considered in the context of the NCA’s priorities in maintaining its EPBC obligations and the NCA’s Heritage Strategy.</p>
19	<p>Submission – Rohan Goyne</p> <p>I refer to your request for public comment on the proposed ACTON Management Plan and I offer the following comments:</p> <p>As a direct descendent of William Sullivan the last free land owner of the property formerly known as Springbank which now constitutes Springbank Island I note that the proposed precinct for management includes Springbank Island however a gapping omission is that the associated Heritage Management Plan does not include the island within the Heritage Plan which seems a significant discrepancy.</p> <p>The historical significance of Springbank Island was noted in the recent archaeological project and subsequent report on the site prepared by the ANU school of Archaeology and the Canberra Archaeology Society in February 2016 which confirms the occupational history of the site to 25,000 years ago. I have attached an article on the archaeological report for the benefit of the NCA deliberations.</p> <p>The report made a series of recommendations for further work including signage on the island to properly reflect and recognise the story of Springbank Island as a site of human occupational in the district for 25,000 years. It would appropriate for these recommendations to be integrated into a revised heritage management plan which encompasses all the precinct not just the current limited unrepresentative section.</p> <p>[Attached article – Richardi et al. 2016, ‘The Springbank Island Archaeological Project’, ANU school of Archaeology and the Canberra Archaeology Society]</p>	<p>The NCA acknowledges that Springbank island is a site which may have archaeological artefacts dating back to the first human occupation 25,000 years ago. The island was not within the study area for the <i>Acton Complex Heritage Management Plan (2015)</i>. It is however subject to the <i>Lake Burley Griffin and Adjacent Lands Heritage Management Plan (2010)</i> which recognises the significant indigenous values of the area. A review of this HMP is due and will need to incorporate new work such as that undertaken by Richardi et al. 2016.</p> <p>The structure plan does not propose any new development on the Island but proposed to improve existing water access and amenities. See further NCA response at Section 3.7.</p>
20	<p>Submission – Sarah Sharp, Friends of the Grasslands</p> <p>Friends of Grasslands (FOG) is a community group dedicated to the conservation of natural temperate grassy ecosystems in south-eastern Australia, included related fauna species. FOG advocates, educates and advises on matters to do with the conservation of grassy ecosystems, and carries out surveys and other on-ground work. FOG is based in Canberra and its members include professional scientists, landowners, land managers and interested members of the public.</p> <p>FOG has in the past decade taken up opportunities for input to planning processes related to the Acton Peninsula and enthusiastically appreciates this new opportunity for comment on the Draft Structure Plan (DSP). FOG congratulates the five institutions in the newly formed Acton Peninsula Partnership for agreeing to cooperate in master planning, particularly if it can lead to positive outcomes in conservation and biodiversity by enlightened application of planning principles (DSP p36) to favour ecology, wildlife and habitat. As the DSP highlights, there are significant assets in natural heritage and public open</p>	<p>Each specific land owner is responsible for the management of matters of environmental significance on their land. However, the NCA notes the need to act cooperatively on adjacent sites to achieve any tangible improvements to pest and weed control on the sites.</p> <p>The recommendations for land management activities are outside the scope of the structure plan.</p>

	<p>spaces on Acton Peninsula that should be more widely visited, appreciated and valued by all citizens of, and visitors to, the ACT. Relinking this area to the naturally rich Black Mountain would be particularly welcome, as would the proposed focus onto the limestone outcrops that connect back to the original Limestone Plains now buried under urbanised Central Canberra and Lake Burley Griffin.</p> <p>The DSP in several places notes and maps extensive grassland areas that are grouped as Open Space and Landscape. FOG notes the passing reference (illustration DSP p16) to Canberra's Native Grasslands and points to the regrettable fact that much of the area indicated as grassland in the Acton Peninsula Precinct has become dominated by invasive exotic grasses and other weeds. These weeds have for a long time threatened a group of biodiverse fragments, almost all within the ANU, of modified but still native-dominated grassy woodlands.</p> <p>FOG is chiefly concerned about these fragments and their conservation. The ANU is well aware of the fragments' values and presence, having had them pointed out in a set of actions which it was required to take under Federal Environmental Protection and Biodiversity Conservation processes triggered by building works on the Peninsula (Crawford School, stages 1 and 2). While those formal requirements have now reached their end date, it was always expected that ANU would shoulder the responsibility to permanently manage and enhance these significant natural grassy woodland assets under in its care. Clearly this has not occurred, based on DSP p23 where a large development zone is indicated west of Lennox Crossing. The boundaries of the zone are in major conflict with vegetation survey data collected for the ANU (Burgher 2010, Cumberland Ecology 2010) during the EPBC actions. FOG understands that the zone boundaries also contradict values in the ANU's own Biodiversity and Environmental Management Plans.</p> <p>One advantage that should follow the integration espoused in the DSP is the opportunity for integrated management. FOG urges the five Acton Peninsula Partners to waste no time in coordinating their environmental management. Most of the institutions cooperated in a pest control program some years back; that initially successful activity needs urgent revival as the numbers of feral rabbits appears once again to be high and damaging the native habitat of Acton Peninsula. The need for more active control of weeds is likewise pressing.</p> <p>In brief, FOG recommends that the Partners:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • apply planning principles to favour ecology, wildlife and habitat; and • revive pest and weed control urgently to protect areas of significant natural value. <p>References:</p> <p>Burgher, I. (2010). Worth Keeping or Next to Worthless? An Assessment of Conservation Value of Grassy Box Woodland Remnants down by Old Canberra House and Recommendations for Management. Report to ANU Green, June.</p> <p>Cumberland Ecology (2010). ANU ANZSOG/NSC Building, Vegetation Survey, for Tanner Architects.</p>	
21	<p>Submission – Downer resident</p> <p>I have briefly seen the above plan at the NMA and am concerned about the so called space that has been so encroached upon b/t the planned buildings and the water - it simply separates the amenity that is left on either side of the block of buildings and is hard to see how the small area b/t those buildings and the water won't turn into the hard surfaced, concreted commercial directed ugliness and potentially overcrowded 'spaces' that greet you at every turn on the Kingston foreshore.</p> <p>The space left b/t the planned high rise in West basin area and the lake looks very narrow and insufficient for all to enjoy – is more like a little walkway too far off areas than a pleasing place for the broader public (i.e. not just the inhabitants of the adjacent multi story apartments) to enjoy in itself, that is also still relatively close to the CBD.</p> <p>Those multitudinous mean walkways around apartment buildings and the waterways at Kingston foreshore must not be replicated. Canberra deserves better. The planned apartments are far too close to the lake and need to be removed totally to enable more open space and low level community use infrastructure for public use, to facilitate a broader range of activities that may attract people to that space that is convenient for public uses .</p> <p>– all this should be a vital part of any refocussing on this basin area and the current plan interrupts that. It will not encourage the public to move towards the NMA around the lakeshore, they will just drive to the NMA as they do now.</p> <p>Public space becomes all the more important as backyards shrink is highly relevant to our lakeside 'developments' - it is very pertinent to the mass building taking place already in Acton near the lake and Civic and encroachment so close to the lake shore as shown on the plan will simply create another Kingston foreshore ghetto with virtually no public amenity included, thereby putting off broader public visitation there and beyond (especially towards the NMA).</p> <p>Broader public consultation is needed about how the basic plan would work to the advantage of the broader community (rather than developers) and more time allowed for feedback.</p>	<p>See key issues 'Building scale, density and height' at section 3.2 and 'Public spaces' at section 3.4.</p> <p>Also see key issue 'City to the Lake' At section 3.8.</p>
22	<p>Submission - Rashna Farrukh, ACT Youth Advisor Council, Environment and Planning Subcommittee</p> <p>The southern grounds surrounding the National Museum is a space with unrealised potential, with incredible views and open walkways. However, they feel connected to the Museum as opposed to giving a feeling of being multi-purpose public spaces which can be used at any time. One gets the sense that the grassed areas along the rear vehicle accessible road towards the back of the National Museum are afterthoughts or extensions of the carpark. This could be changed by installing seats, a fully circumferential walking track or BBQs to encourage people to use the space.</p>	<p>See key issues 'Building scale, density and height' at section 3.2 and 'Public spaces' at section 3.4.</p>

	<p>The National Museum does a good job of making the rear area usable. This is especially evident in the wine and music afternoons they have, alongside private events which also utilise the area. By opening up walkways around the museum and ensuring better connections to the West Basin waterfront, other Canberra landmarks, and the city, these kinds of activities can be replicated by pop-ups on a larger scale. Connections to the ANU bike path network and the Civic network are certainly important. A bus route connected to civic would of course be appreciated by many. Effective lighting during night time is a huge incentive for anyone wanting to use it at night.</p> <p>Public spaces we personally would use are certainly those that have affordable food and drink options and are in the open. An area we currently get a lot out of is the Black Mountain Peninsula which has BBQs, access to the water, free parking, and a playground. Certainly, if parking - we appreciate the simplicity of a single consolidated carpark – and bike access to Acton Peninsula is made easier, it would become a more frequented area for many people.</p> <p>The plan to ensure any new buildings are of a reasonable height is certainly an admirable principle. Part of the reason the lake and surrounds are so pleasant is that it doesn't have tall buildings going up to the water's edge, but instead open grassy areas that can be used by the public.</p> <p>All in all, we would love to see the Peninsula become more integrated into Canberra's various established landmarks, and are sure that with greater accessibility, this pristine area will get the use it deserves.</p>	
23	<p>Submission - Bronwyn Davis, Management Committee of University Preschool and Childcare Centre</p> <p>University Preschool and Childcare Centre (UPCCC) is a community-based, not-forprofit child care centre located in the Lennox House precinct on the Australian National University (ANU) campus. It was founded in 1969 by ANU staff as an independent organisation. It has been in its present location since that time. UPCCC is managed by a voluntary management committee comprised of parents whose children attend the centre. We appreciate the opportunity to give our views on the draft structure plan, particularly as we were not aware of or invited to participate in the plan as it was developed. Our submission covers two main areas: how the draft structure plan can meet the needs of children using the area on a daily basis, and ensuring it properly takes into account the heritage values of the area.</p> <p>We also note that the draft structure plan states that Acton Peninsula is “disconnected with constrained access.” (page 12). We are not sure that any structure plan can overcome what is a feature of its geography and topography. A peninsula is by definition constrained in its access. We also query the claim that the buildings on Acton Peninsula are disconnected from the rest of the ANU. While the buildings in the area are low rise and scattered, this is consistent with most of the southern part of the campus.</p> <p><u>Needs of children</u></p> <p>In addition to UPCCC, in the Lennox House precinct is another childcare centre— Heritage Early Childhood Centre—and between the two centres there are around 142 children and 50 staff on-site every week day. This makes early childhood Education a significant activity on Acton Peninsula.</p> <p>We are concerned that the draft structure plan does not acknowledge that there are two childcare centres on Acton Peninsula, or take their needs into account. Indeed, there is very little recognition of the impact of any proposed development on children in general. The only allusion to children in the draft structure plan is a requirement on page 32 that the area needs to “work for all people including ... the young”.</p> <p>We note that the needs of children visiting the cultural institutions on Acton Peninsula are likely implicitly recognised in the overall draft structure plan. However, the children in the two childcare centres have different needs, as for them the Acton Peninsula is a 'home away from home', not a place to visit for a special occasion. The children in the childcare centres are also very young (from babies to five years of age), and thus have different needs to older children.</p> <p>We feel the plan would better meet the needs of the children, parents and staff of the childcare centres on Acton Peninsula if it:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Gives them safe access to and from the centres whichever form of transport they are using. <p>While we would welcome improved pedestrian, cycle and public transport access, we are concerned that the draft structure plan implies increased traffic on both Lennox Crossing and Lawson Crescent and potentially an additional street running to the south of the Lennox House complex¹. An increase in road traffic is likely to increase the risk to children as they arrive and depart the centres. It will also reduce the amenity of the play areas at UPCCC, one of which is close to Lawson Crescent.</p> <p>We do not support the proposal for additional on-street parking on both sides of Lawson Crescent. This appears to be right next to UPCCC and we anticipate would encroach on the space between the centre and the road. It would also make accessing that part of the lake more difficult.</p> <p>We are also concerned that any increase in vehicle traffic will increase pollution in the area, both from vehicle fumes and traffic noise. Again, this will reduce the amenity of the outside play areas at UPCCC and more broadly the amenity of the open space around Acton Peninsula itself.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Gives them safe access to the open spaces around the area: a favourite and important activity for the children is exploring the open spaces—including the lake frontage—that are near to the centre. It is likely that as some of the most frequent users of the open space around Acton Peninsula, any development that reduces or impedes access to the natural spaces around the area will be felt most acutely by our children. <p>We also note the proposal for additional on-street parking on Lawson Crescent, and potential three storey buildings between Lawson Crescent and Lake Burley Griffin.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Keeps them safe in other respects: should developments on Acton Peninsula significantly increase the number of people in the area, we would have to 	<p>The NCA is aware that there are numerous other uses within and around the Acton peninsula. This includes the UPCCC and the Heritage Early Childhood Centre. It is not within the realm of the structure plan to acknowledge individual uses on and adjacent to the site.</p> <p>Detailed design investigations such as traffic assessment and building development are beyond the scope of this structure plan. There will be opportunity for community consultation at a later time when detailed planning and design is undertaken.</p> <p>See further NCA response at 'Building scale, density and height' at section 3.3, 'Public spaces' at section 3.4, 'Car parking and vehicle traffic' at section 3.6, and 'Heritage' at section 3.7.</p>

reconsider the security arrangements we have in place at UPCCC to make sure that unauthorised visitors could not gain access, or compromise the children’s safety. To this extent, we are concerned with the potential for buildings up to three storeys high to be built between UPCCC and West Basin. While we are also concerned with this proposal for heritage reasons (outlined below), having buildings that overlook the centre’s play areas would cause us considerable concern from a safety and privacy perspective.

¹ This is unclear: it is listed as a proposed secondary road on page 21, but as a pedestrian/cycle link on page 44.

Recognition of heritage values

The draft structure plan has references to ‘heritage’ throughout, including a desire to ‘respect Canberra’s local heritage’ (page 4). We note in particular that the Lennox House precinct includes some of the oldest buildings in Canberra and is listed on the Commonwealth Heritage List (CHL) (Place ID 105307) and also listed as part of the Acton Conservation Area on the CHL (Place ID 105340).

We note that the draft structure plan does not expressly acknowledge that the Acton Conservation Area, the Acton Peninsula Limestone Outcrops and a number of individual buildings in the area are listed on the Commonwealth Heritage List. Indeed, the clearest acknowledgement we could find of buildings holding heritage status can be found in this passage on page 9:

Acknowledging the Acton Complex Heritage Management Plan 2015, and the importance of the heritage values, while considering options to reinterpret the buildings, structures, and European and Aboriginal history in a range of ways which may include the removal of buildings to achieve a long term vision

We are concerned that the most explicit reference to the heritage of the area is an acknowledgement that some of it may be removed, even with the statement on page 16 that:

any redevelopment of or around heritage buildings and areas will be assessed in accordance with statutory heritage processes and relevant heritage management plans.

While this provides some comfort, we note that it is unclear what processes are in place for the land. It is our understanding that different parts of the peninsula are administered by different bodies, and thus are likely to be subject to different statutory heritage processes.

We are concerned that any development will—by its very nature—compromise the heritage values of the area. While we welcome the proposal to limit future building development to specific areas, we are concerned by the proposal for buildings up to three storeys tall to be built along the edge of West Basin. We do not consider that this is compatible with protecting the general amenity of the area, or with protecting the area’s heritage values. The buildings in the Lennox House precinct and other parts of the Acton Conservation Area were originally built as residences. They are humble, single storey buildings that are likely to be overwhelmed by any larger modern buildings nearby.

We consider that the draft structure plan would be a more persuasive document if it outlined the findings of the Acton Complex Heritage Management Plan, the ANU’s Acton Conservation Heritage Management Plan and any other relevant documents and then stated in more concrete terms what the effect of any development on Acton Peninsula is likely to be on the heritage values of the area.

On a related note, the map on page 15 states that Aboriginal sites and heritage trees are not shown. We note that the draft Heritage Management Plan indicates that physical and oral evidence identify the peninsula as an important corroboree place for Ngambri-Ngunnawal peoples. We consider that the draft structure plan needs to show where Aboriginal sites are on the peninsula if it is going to properly take into account this vital heritage of the area.

We also note that there are a number of historically significant trees on Acton Peninsula and consider that these should be shown in the draft structure plan.

Similarly, we do not consider that the draft structure plan adequately takes into account the wildlife on Acton Peninsula, and the impact development may have on it. We are aware that there are multiple nesting boxes in large trees next to the National Museum of Australia which implies there are conservation efforts underway, though we are not aware of who is responsible for them. We consider that the draft structure plan should state what impact any development is likely to have on the biodiversity of the area, and what (if any) measures are available to minimise this.

Ambiguity about whether there will be commercial development on Acton Peninsula

We do not consider that the draft structure plan is clear about whether any development on Acton Peninsula will include commercial buildings. We note that the Q & A document states in response to the question “Can the Acton Peninsula be used to build commercial or residential buildings?”: This is a prominent area within central Canberra which should be protected for public uses such as cultural institutions. Commercial and residential buildings are not currently listed in the National Capital Plan as permitted land uses for Acton Peninsula. The draft structure plan does not propose changes to the current permitted land uses.

Leaving aside that there is precedence for the NCA to change the permitted use for land (including amending the National Capital Plan to change Acton Peninsula’s use from “Community” to “National Capital Use”), the draft structure plan itself states (emphasis added):

Attractive and well used places usually have an intimacy and mix of uses that is supported by well planned local services and facilities. The draft structure plan encourages a rich layering of facilities and services to create a lively and commercially successful precinct. (page 28)

And:

Mixed Uses -: a range of uses including tourism, educational, research, recreational, cultural and commercial activities; (also page 28)

	<p>And:</p> <p>Quality streetscapes and landscape design will contribute towards the appearance, function and overall success of the peninsula as a destination for educational, cultural, recreational and commercial activities (page 36) The draft structure plan does not make it clear which buildings will be built for commercial use and where they will be built. The document also indicates options for further, incremental build-up on an “as-needed” basis. We do not oppose commercial development per se. However, the lack of acknowledgement of the childcare centres in the Lennox House precinct would lead one to believe that no consideration has been given for the potential impact of development on the centres, or the people who use them.</p> <p>We would welcome the opportunity to discuss the concerns we have outlined in our submission with you in more detail.</p>	
24	<p>Submission – Dr Kristy Guster, Acton Walkways</p> <p>Thank you for inviting me to provide feedback on the NCA Acton Peninsula Precinct Draft Structure Plan, 2017. In addition to living in Canberra from 1988 to 2000, and having studied at the ANU for my undergraduate degree, I have been significantly involved with the Acton Peninsula since 2009 as a resident of Acton, and as founder and manager of the Acton Walkways program (www.actonwalkways.com), and ‘Sunken Stories of Old Acton’ project (www.sunkenstories.com).</p> <p>During this time I have interacted with thousands of residents and tourists while leading guided tours (on land and water), and in exploring the history of the area through events, community focus groups, and interviews with early Acton residents. I have also engaged with many stakeholders in the precinct, including private, government and academic collaborative sponsors, in-kind contributors, and passionate – and primarily volunteer – tour guides from all walks of life happy to share their enthusiasm for the many rich layers of Acton with others.</p> <p>Having spent a lot of time interstate in the past two years I have not kept up with recent city development or heritage reports on the area, and without expertise in either field I cannot comment in detail about these aspects of your proposal. I do however feel it important to provide some feedback from my personal experience.</p> <p>After five years living in London, New York and Paris, then another five years studying and living in the South Bank precinct of Brisbane, it was the landscape of the Acton Peninsula that drew me back to Canberra to live, specifically an accidental ‘discovery’ of the limestone outcrops on the West Basin via a beautiful and hidden walking trail linking the National Film and Sound Archive and the National Museum. For me this was an influential and inspirational moment of appreciating Canberra as the Bush and Cultural Capital.</p> <p>I remember being really taken by the beauty and sculptural features of the rocky setting I sat down in – having no idea at the time of its geological and historical significance. The landscape drew me in and gave me a connection to place; something I had not experienced since moving here as a child. I set up Acton Walkways because I wanted to share this with others. I also wanted to see a thriving and vibrant community engaging with that landscape, and each other in it. In this sense I share and support what appears to be the vision behind this proposal. I do feel concerned however that with too much ‘paved’ development this connection to the landscape will be lost.</p> <p>As I now know, the foreshore of the lake on West Basin contains one of the few remaining outcrops of the original Limestone Plains on which Canberra is built, and representing, as Dr Peter Dowling remarked, “a couple of million years of geology poking up from the ground.” Given that these rocks are registered on the Commonwealth Heritage List, their position en route to many of the cultural attractions in Acton, and their scenic bush setting (with views towards the lake and Commonwealth Bridge), the Limestone Outcrop and the trail leading to it from either side could become a significant historic, natural and sculptural feature of the landscape for residents and tourists alike. The area just needs a bit of love and attention, a mow, some pruning, and ideally some lighting for night-walkers.</p> <p>During these walks I have also come to discover the even more hidden history of the area, leading to the ACT Heritage funded ‘Sunken Stories of Old Acton’: “Following the arrival of Commonwealth surveyors in 1909, Acton Settlement was to become Canberra’s first ‘suburb’, and remained the administrative and social centre of the city for the next forty years. The area included farmland, two golf clubs, a racecourse, fifteen worker’s cottages, a riding school, a swimming hole, a riverside tourist park, sports fields and playgrounds, a plant nursery, and most importantly, a close-knit and vibrant community. With the creation of Lake Burley Griffin after the Molonglo River was dammed in 1963-4, much of this early history was lost from view.”</p> <p>Through this project I came to appreciate the lost community of old Acton, the important role Acton played in the history of the nation’s capital, and experienced the significant community interest this history generated. While your proposal speaks of the importance of heritage in the area, I do not feel this has not been adequately acknowledged. Indeed I believe this history is a feature that could greatly enhance public interest in the area. Thus, while I</p>	<p>See key issues ‘Public spaces’ at section 3.4 and ‘Heritage’ at section 3.7.</p>

	<p>share in the vision of this proposal for a vibrant and connected Acton precinct, and understand that some development will enhance this, I would suggest that the Limestone Outcrop and the natural ‘bush’ landscape and trees in the immediate vicinity be maintained and protected as a feature, while also highlighting the multifaceted (and sunken) history of Acton.</p> <p>With permission from NCA urban design manager Cindy Munro, on the 9th June I forwarded news of the draft proposal and request for feedback to my Acton Walkways email subscribers (currently totaling 835). I gather from my analytics that close to 400 people have read the email; 60 have clicked through to the ‘Acton Peninsula Precinct Draft Structure Plan’ page on your website; and 20 have clicked through directly to your survey. I hope this has generated some additional and useful feedback for you. I also offered to include up to 300 words from individuals along with my feedback if they preferred this form of communication. Ten people have taken up this option; their responses are below.</p> <p>Please feel free to contact me if you would like more information about Acton Walkways or the Sunken Stories of Old Acton project, or contact details for the individuals who have supplied additional feedback.</p> <p>Thank you again for providing the opportunity to comment.</p> <p>[Attachment 1 - Additional feedback submitted to Acton Walkways, See submission 24-b to 24-k]</p> <p>[Attachment 2 – Acton Walkways Overview]</p>	
24-b	<p>[Part of Attachment 1 - Additional feedback submitted to Acton Walkways]</p> <p>My comment is to leave lots of open space for public use, and if there is to be any building, it needs to be low and blend into the surroundings and be for public use only. Preferably cultural such as indigenous and/or Canberra historical.</p> <p>Mirja Virenius, Latham</p>	<p>See key issues ‘Building scale, height and density’ and ‘Public spaces’ at section 3.4</p>
24-c	<p>[Part of Attachment 1 - Additional feedback submitted to Acton Walkways]</p> <p>This little pocket of Canberra quietly holds quite a bit of history important to early Canberra. From the indigenous people who met here, through the early white landholders and those responsible for much of early Canberra development, through the ANU & hospital and into the present Acton. I believe it's important that any development in this region acknowledges and respects the history here.</p> <p>The area could be made more accessible with shared paths throughout, giving a reason to explore, taking visitors through the area, divulging the area's secrets, including Old Canberra House and the remaining cottages of Bachelors Lane and Liversidge Street. I wouldn't like to see large shiny real estate development, which I'm sure this land could be considered prime for. This should remain a little pocket of escape into our history on the edge of the City. It's important to know how we got to where we are now.</p> <p>Thanks for the opportunity to comment.</p> <p>Kind regards, Karen McLeary</p>	<p>See key ‘Pedestrian, cycle and public transport links’ and ‘Heritage’ at section 3.7.</p>
24-d	<p>[Part of Attachment 1 - Additional feedback submitted to Acton Walkways]</p> <p>I will try and read the plan and do the survey over the weekend. One thing I have thought of is that it would be good to retain a monument to the folk who lived at Acton before the lake (the current one is located down by the wharf). But it definitely needs to acknowledge the traditional peoples who lived there and also the McPhersons. These are the two omissions that I know about. It was funded or partly funded by the families so I don't know how you would go about changing it.</p> <p>Best wishes, Pat Brady</p>	<p>Changes to existing monuments and memorials are outside the scope of the structure plan.</p>
24-e	<p>[Part of Attachment 1 - Additional feedback submitted to Acton Walkways]</p> <p>Any long-term plan and vision for Acton Peninsula cannot be realized effectively without addressing the quality of the lake water, particularly that in West Basin. Sunken Acton and land Acton need to be considered together. West Basin is steadily silting up, and its shape means that no natural flushing occurs. I believe that hiring best-practice international expertise to draw up and implement a West Basin water remediation plan would be funds well spent, in terms of vastly improved area amenity. I also hope the idea of a pedestrian/cycle bridge from Acton Peninsula to Lennox Gardens could be re-visited.</p>	<p>These suggestions are outside the scope of this structure plan.</p> <p>The Acton Peninsula Structure Plan does not revisit the possibility of a pedestrian bridge from Acton Peninsula to Lennox Gardens.</p>
24-f	<p>[Part of Attachment 1 - Additional feedback submitted to Acton Walkways]</p> <p>I have had just a very quick read - or a dip into - the Peninsula plan, so my comments and concerns are not as firmly based as they might be.</p> <p>However, I offer just two. First, the limestone outcrops. The paragraphs offered by Doug Finlayson look good re the significance of the site. While I feel that the site needs more public emphasis - such as signage in an appropriate place, I am nervous about its potential 'overdevelopment'. Obviously there is a need to keep it clear of weeds, especially blackberry. But the present single footpad to view it has a strong aesthetic of its own (something that Edna Walling would approve) and I would hesitate to recommend that it be surrounded by more prominent access paths or a concrete slab.</p> <p>Second - I wonder how the grassy woodland slopes below Lennox Crossing fit in. I often walk down there in the early mornings, and note the signage that suggests that this area is being actively managed at present - presumably by the ANU. But what of the sculpture park in that same area, that seems to me to fit well with the grassland management. I can't find a reference to that in the plan (if its there I've missed it). There is comment that the connection between the peninsula and ANU is poor, but I don't see that. Again, I would be cautious about overdevelopment. I hope the above is useful.</p>	<p>There are patches of grassland under ANU campus management. The structure plan has been updated to identify the grasslands.</p>

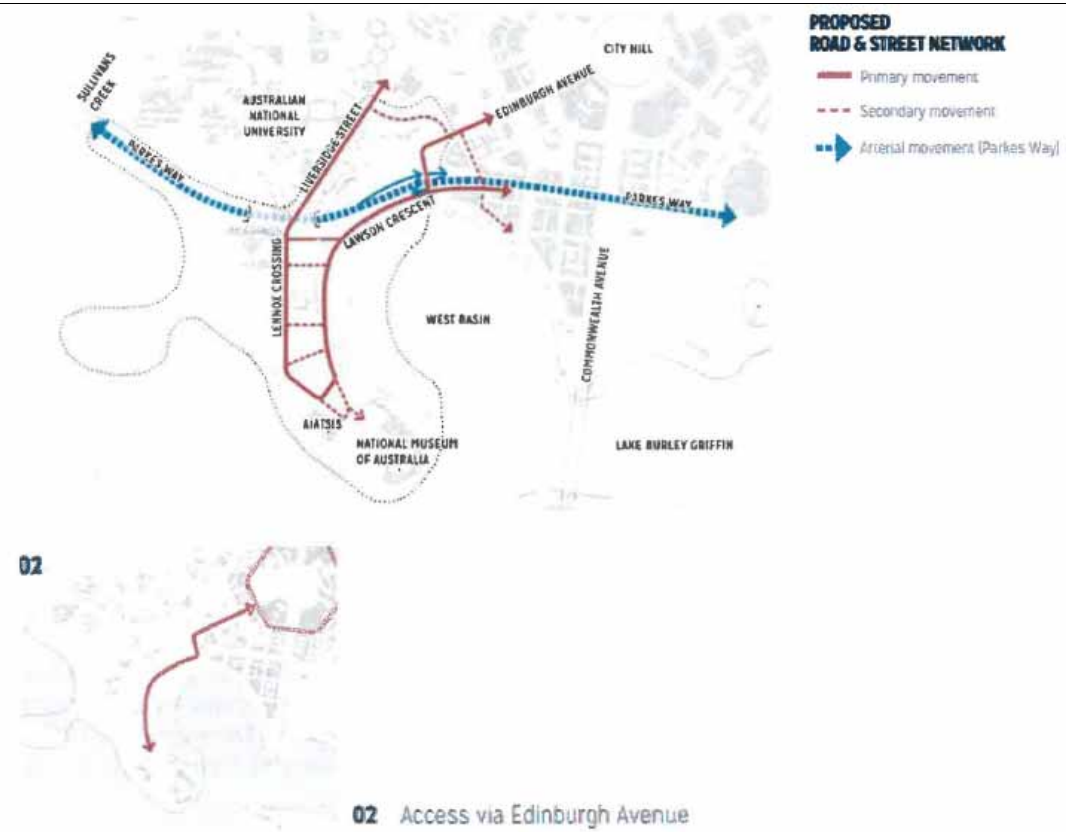
	<p>Regards, Liz Truswell, Visiting Fellow, Research School of Earth Sciences, ANU</p>	
24-g	<p>[Part of Attachment 1 - Additional feedback submitted to Acton Walkways]</p> <p>I have taken a quick look through the NCA Plan and I have to say I'm pretty unsure about these plans. My main concern, of course, is that the history of Acton Peninsula, in terms of the little cottages where my family lived, are not forgotten in the overall regeneration of the area. The memorial to those residents is an important feature in the landscape there and I would be very disappointed if the monument was disposed of and the history of the area lost.</p> <p>I noted this comment in the description of the site in the Plan "Acton Cottages provided accommodation for foreign diplomats and middle and upper level public servants." I'm not sure if this description includes the Acton Cottages I knew, where my grandparents lived because I'm pretty sure there were none of the people described living in those cottages. This is where Canberra's history gets distorted. There is always reference to the senior public servants, business people, property owners, heritage areas like Reid, Forrest, etc but the working class miss out on any reference to their history. They were the people who built Canberra after all! Other than that, I guess it will be inevitable for change to come but I hope some respect is given to the past history of the area and those of us who still live that history.</p> <p>Best wishes, Cheryl Gay</p>	<p>The comments regarding the past use of the Acton Cottages are noted.</p>
24-h	<p>[Part of Attachment 1 - Additional feedback submitted to Acton Walkways]</p> <p>My suggestions are derived from observations made whilst physically exerting myself during our little walks around the peninsula and the campus.</p> <p>Children-Education-Futurism: The peninsula becomes a showcase for ACT initiatives (eg. Solar farm, Aboretum) blended into a very hands on (and physical) engagement for our ambassadors of the future - kids, maximising education and stimulating 'mini-startups' from youth along the way. Think exercise bikes that display ergs and energy production measurements; Think paddle boats that display similar information that make connections as to what energy really is and how the ACT is leading the way for a cleaner and more efficient energy future; Interactive display boards that engage, intrigue and inspire; Limitless options to bring the ideas of the future into the minds of the young, in a healthy and stimulating way.</p> <p>Graduated education - from simple playground equipment for toddlers that generates basic thinking on whatever themes the planners feel relevant - I've introduced ENERGY and the ENVIRONMENT, the list is endless - but is tailored to reflect ACT's distinct vision for the future, and the role and encouragement of young minds that visit (and lots of school groups visit the ACT from all parts of the country) in that vision.</p> <p>National leadership (beyond politics): The peninsula becomes a creative part of the future, with a combination of physical and technological devices to stimulate the new owners - our next generations. It uses the themes and philosophies of existing ACT forward thinking projects to showcase the national capital's engagement with the future. Using a diverse range of stimulating educational techniques it contributes to the development of a sense of FUTURISM in the young mind, perhaps connecting to wider national education programs.</p> <p>Canberra has many strong resources for the young, but on the whole is an adult city. Is this the opportunity for 'Kids Peninsula', and in a very physical, hands-on and stimulating environment, to bring that exciting future into their world and inspire the notion that they can play a serious part in shaping it?</p> <p>Fellow walker, Chris Duce</p>	<p>Detailed development proposals are beyond the scope of this structure plan.</p>
24-i	<p>[Part of Attachment 1 - Additional feedback submitted to Acton Walkways]</p> <p>This plan has many serious flaws in it. I think that the people formulating this plan have little or no knowledge of the history of the area.</p> <p>While they are stating that there will be height restrictions on new buildings there is no guarantee that these will be adhered to - as was the case with the Nishi building which went against all the existing guidelines and the huge number of objections to it.</p> <p>The West Basin is a very unpopular project and hopefully will be considerably modified. The idea of infill in the lake is so preposterous that it would be laughable if it wasn't happening.</p> <p>We would recommend to the NCA and others that they have a look at the original topography of the area and understand what the area represented - hospitals, schools and many sports facilities - the sports grounds, the golf course and the race course.</p> <p>Gail Tregear</p>	<p>See key issues 'Building scale, density and height and heritage.'</p>
24-j	<p>[Part of Attachment 1 - Additional feedback submitted to Acton Walkways]</p> <p><u>IDEA #1 Ferry on Lake Burley Griffin:</u> There are 2 ferry companies that operate little ferry boats on False Creek in downtown Vancouver. The Aquabus and False Creek Ferry provide frequent, daily, passenger ferry service to the major destinations in False Creek. They are used by tourists, casual riders and regular commuters. It's a fun way to travel while enjoying the waterfront scenery. Most of the boats seat about 12 people, although there are a few boats that seat more. Boats are wheelchair, bicycle, pet, and stroller friendly. On Lake Burley Griffin, a scheduled ferry service using small passenger boats could be used to access major attractions on the lake (i.e. Kingston Foreshore; NGA, Nat. Portrait Gallery, High Court, Nat. Library & Questacon; Acton Peninsula & NMA; Visitor Centre & Regatta Point; as well to commute from one side to the other (i.e. if you live on one side and work on the other). The ferries could do a circle route between docks. Or one ferry could go back and forth between a central dock on each side if numbers do not support a wider circle service.</p>	<p>Detailed development proposals are beyond the scope of this structure plan. The purpose of the structure plan is to set out principles that will guide future development.</p>

	<p>www.granvilleisland.com/boat / www.theaquabus.com / www.granvilleislandferries.bc.ca</p> <p>IDEA #2 Canberra Night Market: There is a night market on Vancouver's North Shore. It is just a couple of years old and has really taken off. It features artisans, a farmers market, food trucks, live music, art, a beer garden (for age 19+) every Friday night from 5:30 - 10pm. It is family friendly and a great way to kick off the weekend. A good location and access to public transit is key to its success. One possibility in Canberra is at the terminus of the new light rail in Civic. Another possibility would be New Acton near Lake Burley Griffin. This location is scenic but not well connected to public transit.</p> <p>http://vancouvernorthshore.com/events-festivals/shipyards-night-market/ http://www.northshoregreenmarkets.com/</p> <p>Lori Ewert (Vancouver resident and visitor to Canberra)</p>	
24-k	<p>[Part of Attachment 1 - Additional feedback submitted to Acton Walkways]</p> <p>Tell them we are quite happy with the Peninsula just the way it is.</p> <p>Jo Sladic</p>	Noted.
25	<p>Submission – Mike Lawson, Resident of New Acton</p> <p>Thank you for providing an opportunity for the public to comment on the Acton Peninsula Draft Structure Plan.</p> <p>Dividing the Peninsula Up amongst “the players”</p> <p>There is no interest like self-interest and the five “players” (ACT Govt, NCA, ANU, NMA, AIATSIS) have obviously decided to divide the peninsula among themselves.</p> <p>This is evident early on not only in the tone of the document but in its content.</p> <p><i>“After consultation and endorsement, key aspects of the structure plan will be incorporated into a draft amendment to the National Capital Plan. Once finalised and endorsed, the amended National Capital Plan will be used to assess projects submitted for works approval.” Page 6.</i></p> <p>Nowhere is this more evident than the steps taken throughout the document to create 12 new indicative development zones between the Shine Dome and the tip of the Peninsula.</p> <p>It is also made explicit through the pre-emptive naming of places which don’t yet exist (e.g. Belvederes, Coolamon Place, Water Axis Plaza, Edinburgh Place) to make it look like there is lots of public open space when much of the existing open space is to be built over.</p> <p>Yet, after all the pre-planning that must have gone into this by members of the Acton Peninsula Partnership, there is to be only one, or at best two, rounds of public consultation, before the future shape of development on and adjacent to the Peninsula is locked in.</p> <p>So, my first point is that the NCA has to become much more explicit in discharging its special role as trustee of the national capital. The NCA needs to be the prime player in the peninsula, not just one of the five landholders, with the ACT Government as land sales agent, ANU as big city landowner and developer in its own right, and the NMA as institution needing to raise more of its own revenue.</p> <p>Recommendation: The Draft Structure Plan needs to make a very specific statement that Acton Peninsula is a nationally significant site, with diverse stakeholders, and will be developed with its national interest foremost. The NCA also needs to draw a clear distinction between the treatment that was permitted in West Basin Estate (east) and what will be allowed on the north and western shores of West Basin and the Peninsula itself.</p> <p>Of particular concern is what happens with lot 33 adjacent to Lawson Crescent and stretching to the limestone outcrops, which is under custodianship of the Land Development Agency and ACT City Services (Source ACTMAPi, 2017). This whole area is marked ‘leisure and entertainment’ in the broad sectors map on p29, but was shown to include a hotel and an aquatic centre on City to the Lake plans. This is an open invitation to the ACT Government to turn it into Sydney’s King St Wharf.</p> <p>The NCP amendment needs to preserve this area as public open space for national purposes, marking the place where the Lake Burley Griffin water axis comes ashore.</p> <p>Otherwise, at the very least, the ACT Government will turn this land, down to 10 metres from the reclaimed shoreline, over to private development. This would not only be an alienation of public parkland, it would also break the lakeside connective link between West Basin foreshore and Acton peninsula.</p> <p>Need for better community engagement</p> <p>The NCA needs to substantially improve the level of community engagement with regard to Acton Peninsula compared to West Basin foreshore, where the sales-focussed ACT land agency took the lead.</p> <p>This area is different, because it is visually very prominent, contains national land (Lot 55, Springbank Island and Lake Burley Griffin), as well as a number of pre- and post-contact heritage sites, and it has a wider range of local interests including local Aboriginal people, City residents, the environment centre, and lake users.</p> <p>Recommendation: NCA planners should establish another Acton Peninsula people’s partnership which represents the heritage, Aboriginal, city resident and lakeshore users who are interested in the peninsula, not just the landholders.</p>	<p>The structure plan is not proposing a change to land use at Section 33 Acton (identified as Lot 33 in the submission) adjacent to Lawson Crescent and extending along the West Basin Foreshore (identified as ‘leisure and entertainment’ broad sectors map) to include residential or office development. See key issue ‘Land Use’ at section 3.2 for further discussion.</p> <p>There is a required minimum area of 55m of for pedestrian areas fronting the waterfront currently in the West Basin Precinct Code. Any subsequent Draft Amendment will include a similar requirement for buildings to setback an appropriate distance from the lake foreshore. Ongoing public access to the lake shore is a key principle of the structure plan.</p> <p>See key issues Building scale, density and height at section 3.3 , Pedestrian, cycle and public transport links at section 3.5, Car parking and traffic at section 3.6 and ‘City to the Lake project’ at section 3.8 for further discussion.</p>

	<p>These could include the National Trust, local Aboriginal clans, the environment centre, Acton walking group, the sailing club, Lake Burley Griffin Guardians, Academy of Science and Pedal Power. Basically, it needs to talk to the neighbours.</p> <p>The need for usable continuous public access to the lakeshore</p> <p>One of the worrying features of the draft structure plan is that it would allow development down to 10 metres from the foreshore for the entire western half of West Basin (diagram, proposed limit of future building development, p 23). In contrast, the West Basin foreshore will have a 55-metre buffer between the reclaimed shoreline and the first private building.</p> <p>The one common thread of all consultations on Amendment 86, City to the Lake and West Basin was the high value which Canberrans place on having open space by the lake. The Structure Plan, if adopted in its current form, would create 12 new development zones, two of which are on ACT controlled land and just happen to reach down to the lakes edge (P23 indicative development zones). There is a real danger that the ACT will privatise access to the lake on these two sites, which straddle the water axis.</p> <p>Recommendation: The NCA must require a 55-metre setback from the lakeshore for all buildings on Lot 33 on the north and west shores of West Basin, as this is the minimum which would allow a continuity of foreshore infrastructure and access from the Basin Foreshore Stage 1 on the eastern side to Acton Peninsula on the western side.</p> <p>Parking</p> <p>One of the consequences of the development of West Basin foreshore will be a loss of surface parking for public events (Floriade, Skyfire etc.). As demonstrated amply during the 100 Objects exhibition at the NMA, there is a shortage of parking infrastructure on Acton Peninsula. The draft plan’s provision for public transport networks (p24) appears to be insufficient to make up for the space to be lost through the creation of Coolamon Place and the park over the saddle of Lennox Crossing.</p> <p>There is no way the car parking plan (including a centralised structure parking building and the proposed bus set down facilities) will be sufficient. Unfortunately, I think some of the land to the west of Lennox Crossing (currently ANU land) is going to have to be set aside for public parking.</p> <p>Recommendation: The Structure Plan needs to reflect the need for additional future parking on the peninsula, probably on ANU land on the western side of Lennox Crossing.</p> <p>Height and massing</p> <p>The development principles for building size and scale are welcome, but the area lakeside of Lawson Crescent is likely to be too tempting for the ACT Government to sell off for profit, which implies that it will also wish to maximise scale and height. Additionally, there are real issues with overshadowing on the cold north shore of Lake Burley Griffin which will need to limit building heights. So, none of the design principles in the Draft Structure Plan should be able to be traded away in future. The NMA needs to be retained as the dominant architectural feature on the peninsula.</p> <p>Recommendation: New buildings should be required to satisfy all of the design principles with regard to height and massing and this should be explicit in the NCP amendment.</p> <p>Reclamation of Lake Burley Griffin</p> <p>Already the ACT Government is intent on reclaiming at least 2.5 hectares of Lake Burley Griffin in Stage 1 and 2 of the West Basin foreshore development. Many of the drawings accompanying the draft structure plan show more infilling of the lake on the north and west shores of West Basin. (E.g. the Composite Structure Plan, p 44-45).</p> <p>The plan would ‘lock in’ these reclamations before the experience of the West Basin estate infill becomes obvious.</p> <p>Many groups in Canberra are very concerned at what is planned for West Basin and are dubious of the governance arrangements for city renewal under the ACT Labor-Greens Government. To ‘lock in’ a new foreshore reclamation of Lake Burley Griffin to create bigger development sites on the north and west of West Basin would be a travesty.</p> <p>Recommendation: The draft structure plan must not be allowed to proceed to an amendment to the National Capital Plan until the outcome in the West Basin foreshore and estate is known.</p> <p>Recommendation: The NCA must not permit any further reclamation of Lake Burley Griffin under the guise of the Griffin Legacy, City to the Lake or the Acton Peninsula Structure Plan, or any future amendments to the National Capital Plan.</p> <p>Conclusion</p> <p>Finally, there are many good elements in the Draft Structure Plan, including the commitment to place making, walkability and cycle friendly environment. So, I am sorry that this reads like a hostile response. However, a deficiency-based examination of the document is unfortunately the only approach left after witnessing a decade of planning madness and avaricious development in Canberra.</p>	
26	<p>Submission – Marilyn Truscott, Canberra & District Historical Society Inc.</p> <p>The following comments relate to the draft structure plan’s references to heritage, in particular, historic heritage / built heritage of the Acton Peninsula Precinct, in terms of the proposed developments in the precinct. There are various commitments made to the protection of such heritage, as noted below.</p>	<p>See key issues ‘Building scale, density and height’ at section 3.3, ‘Public spaces’ 3.4, and ‘Heritage’ at section 3.7.</p>

	<p>However, there are also proposals which according to my professional experience, suggest a lack of knowledge of the heritage values of those places in the precinct and heritage management principles to be observed in order for such values to be sustained. It is also noted that the current Acton Complex heritage Management Plan, of July 2016, is in only final draft form (noting that this draft structure plan refers to a 2015 version of this heritage report). It is therefore recommended that no final structure plan be adopted before this heritage report is finalised when any final structure plan can ensure a more consistent approach for heritage based on current best practice as outlined in the heritage report.</p> <p>As stated, there are commitments made to heritage which are commendable:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • noting as important the protection and enhancement of the heritage ... of the peninsula (p8) • Protects, conserves and interprets Canberra’s natural and cultural heritage (p10) • Any redevelopment of or around heritage buildings and areas will be assessed in accordance with statutory heritage processes and relevant heritage management plans. (p16) <p>However by contrast to these commitments to the protection of cultural heritage, the following proposals may very well result in the damage to the heritage values of that cultural heritage. In principle, they are not appropriate, but cannot be assumed as such without following proper heritage conservation management principles. For example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acknowledging the Acton Complex Heritage Management Plan 2015, and the importance of the heritage values, while considering options to reinterpret the buildings, structures, and European and Aboriginal history in a range of ways which may include the removal of buildings to achieve a long term vision (p9, emphasis added) <p>I have professional knowledge of most of the heritage places and structures in the Acton Peninsula Precinct, and am familiar with all the relevant heritage reports and significance assessments. On that basis, I suggest in particular / give the following examples of proposed developments to those places or in their vicinity are inappropriate, noting these observations are not comprehensive. On that note, the current draft structure plan does not identify all known heritage places. A comprehensive list needs to be attached to the final plan.</p> <p>This lack of full identification of heritage places, particularly historic buildings, is most notable at Lennox Crossing and Liversidge Street where in the latter case buildings up to six storeys are proposed and up to three storeys planned (p30). It is not merely the identified heritage values of those early cottages and other historic buildings, which are single storey, but the spaces in between forming a landscape that is a central aspect of their heritage significance and should not be visually disrupted.</p> <p>A core principle in ensuring the protection of a heritage place is understanding the particular values of that place. The heritage significance criteria a place meets may vary, and as a result, what can happen to that place can also vary accordingly. For this reason, as already recommended, no final Acton Peninsula Precinct Structure Plan be adopted until the relevant heritage management plan is finalised and adopted. That report in its draft form provides a clear outline of the current heritage principles and processes to be observed when proposing any changes to those heritage places, or near those places.</p>	
27	<p>Submission – Andrew Schuller</p> <p>Herewith some comments on the draft plan for the Acton Peninsula</p> <p>Priorities must be:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. to preserve the outstanding natural beauty of the current lakeshore sweep from the West Basin Boathouse to the Peninsula. True, it has already been blighted by the sore thumb of the Nishi Building which cuts the downward slope of the Black Mountain ridge but the various stands of trees with their constantly changing foliage must be preserved to maintain the natural parkland character of the precinct to complement the formally landscaped Point Park which is now taking shape. 2. to minimize the height and footprint of any buildings. The low-rise profile of the National Museum is exemplary. 3. to maximize the area of truly public land without engaging in artificial infill of the lake 4. to emphasize the heritage component of the precinct 5. to be consistent with the still uncertain and ill-defined plans for West Basin <p>Specific Comments:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Height issues. We need clarification: on p. 14 the topographical diagram seems to show Liversidge St at 580 RL. Is this at the level of the street or is it the height of the buildings? Does the building height of 587 for Liversidge St. mean 7 meters above the street level or 7 meters beyond the current height of the buildings? 2. p. 23 indicates a massive reduction of public space facing east into the basin. The indicative map on p.16 shows West Basin as a solid mass of building and minimal public space at Point Park. The combination will produce a mass of building round the curve of the basin and the disappearance of the current open space and natural landscape. 3. the map on p. 17 shows a 'road' in yellow running round the edge of the shore while the red cycle/pedestrian links are much further inland although in other maps they follow the shore line. Which is correct? 	<p>The Liversidge Street area is shown with RL 571-579 and indicates the existing ground level. So the building height indicated RL 587, depending on the exact location would range from 7 metres to 16 metres from the ground, which in fact would nominally indicate buildings of 2 - 5 storeys depending of the use of buildings.</p> <p>In regards to the map on p. 17, the yellow line is the Major Pedestrian and Cycle Links, and the pink line is the Road and Street Network. This is shown correctly on Page 44-45. This will be updated for the final document.</p> <p>See key issues ‘Building scale, density and height’ at section 3.3, ‘Public spaces’ at section 3.4 and ‘City to the Lake project’ at section 3.4.</p>

	<p>4. The photos are fantastical and misleading. Some are clearly labelled as existing sites elsewhere - though not ones we would want to emulate - and include one (p.32) looking across water at a host of skyscrapers. We do not want West Basin and Acton Peninsula to look like Sydney or the bottom of Manhattan. In general the photos of buildings, roads and open spaces suggest that the whole precinct will be much more spacious than is realistic. There is no photo showing the effect of 6 story buildings on the skyline and vistas. The photo on p.31 of MONA in Tasmania is significant in that it shows how low the museum's above-ground profile is. Most of the museum is below ground level.</p>	
<p>28</p>	<p>Submission – Adina Cirson, Property Council of Australia (ACT)</p> <p>Thank you for your recent discussion with the Property Council of Australia (ACT Division).</p> <p>The Property Council of Australia welcomes a precinct based approach to planning Acton Peninsula. We recognise the significance of the area captured by the draft structure plan and agree the area identified area would benefit from ambitious planning aspirations.</p> <p>To achieve best connectivity between people, place and purpose, we agree there are many opportunities to promote and indeed grow our role as the nation’s capital, and this should be informed by a strategic planning framework which in turn informs project timing and funding.</p> <p>Careful collaboration with all stakeholders will be necessary to ensure the integrated and co-ordinated delivery of infrastructure and services to the area between the ACT Govt, ANU, National Museum of Australia and other Commonwealth stakeholders. It is essential that we have commercial and residential opportunities located adjacent to the areas identified under the draft structure plan.</p> <p>The Property Council believes support for height can be gained where excellent urban design outcomes are achieved. This area lends itself to people orientated commercial development that interfaces with our national institutions. This is an approach that works well in other capitals, including in Wellington and Oslo which ensures people are not isolated from their institutions.</p> <p>We endorse the NCA’s approach to engagement with the public, private and broader community to ensure the full potential of the Acton Peninsula Precinct area is realised and look forward to further engagement as relevant. We would be happy to facilitate a further discussion amongst key members if this would be useful in progressing your plan.</p>	<p>Noted.</p>
<p>29</p>	<p>Submission – Gordon Lowe, Molonglo Group</p> <p>Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Draft Acton Peninsula Structure Plan.</p> <p><u>Introduction</u></p> <p>Acton Developments (ACT) Pty Ltd and Acton Investments (ACT) Pty Ltd are the crown lessees of Block 2 Section 104 City and Blocks 17-23 Section 106 City. The property comprises the existing development known as Hotel Hotel and the Palace Electric Cinema. Acton Developments (ACT) Pty Ltd and Acton Investments (ACT) Pty Ltd are also the crown lessees of Block 2 Section 103 City and Blocks 1-16 Section 1 06 City known as Nishi Commercial.</p> <p>We acknowledge the importance of preparing a Structure Plan which will establish clear planning and development principles for Acton Peninsula and provide a cohesive long-term framework for future planning, design and development. We also acknowledge that a Structure Plan, by its nature essentially deals with higher level principles rather than matters of detailed design. There are, however, some matters of detail that we wish to highlight in order that these may be acknowledged and addressed in any future design work.</p> <p><u>Road network access routes into and through the peninsula</u></p> <p>We note that the Draft Structure Plan gives considerable attention to the improvement of pedestrian, cycle, public transport and general vehicular access to the Peninsula. In general terms, we believe that these principles and the aspirations for improved connectivity - particularly for pedestrians, cyclists and public transport - are laudable.</p> <p>In large measure, these improvements rely upon extensions to Edinburgh A venue and Lawson Crescent and the introduction of a new link between the two across Parkes Way. It is assumed that this new link will replace the existing Edinburgh A venue/Lawson Crescent overpass. These proposals are shown in the Draft Structure Plan as follows:</p>	<p>The level of detail mentioned in this submission is beyond the scope of this structure plan. Any detailed design proposals, such as major road realignments, will need to be conducted in consultation with adjacent land holders</p>



We believe that there are potential benefits with this arrangement in that it will move the through traffic seeking to access Parkes Way west-bound further away from the frontage of Hotel Hotel and Nishi Residential. However, it is unclear what implications there are for the existing access arrangements to Hotel Hotel, Nishi Residential, Palace Electric Cinema and Nishi Commercial.

Existing Access Arrangements

The existing access arrangements to Hotel Hotel rely upon a service slip lane giving access to the main entry lobby and concierge. Guests are then able to use the existing Edinburgh Avenue slip lane and Parkes Way slip lane to access the entry to the basement parking located on Phillip Law Street.

These arrangements are evident from the aerial photograph below.



In the event of any future changes to the current alignment of Edinburgh Avenue it is essential for the efficient operation of Hotel Hotel that the service lane to the main entry lobby and the slip lane access to the basement parking be maintained.

Service Vehicle Access

It should also be noted that the main electrical substation and other services to the Nishi complex are located on the Edinburgh Avenue frontage. It is a requirement of ActewAGL and the other service agencies that their commercial vehicles can access these services at all times. Again, in the event of any future changes to the principal alignment of Edinburgh Avenue it is essential for the efficient operation of the Nishi complex that this access be maintained.

Residential and Commercial Waste Collection

Residential and commercial waste collection for Nishi is via a shared waste room accessed from Phillip Law Street. The Territory's waste collection contractors who use a standard 12.5m long heavy commercial vehicle. For ease of maneuver and to avoid unnecessary conflicts with pedestrians and vehicles in Phillip Law Street, the contractors approach the waste collection room via the existing Edinburgh Avenue/Parkes Way slip lanes. It is essential that the contractors continue to be able to avail themselves of this access in the future.

Conclusion

We reiterate our acknowledgement of the importance of preparing a Structure Plan to guide the future planning and development of the Acton Peninsula and the potential benefits this will bring. However, we seek confirmation from the National Capital Authority that the future implementation of the Plan's principles will acknowledge the importance of protecting the existing access arrangements serving the commercial, hotel and residential components of

	New Acton Nishi.	
30	<p>ACT Government (Whole of Government Response)</p> <p>Thank you for your email of 1 May 2017 about the Action Peninsula Precinct draft structure plan. Comments from ACT Government agencies have been coordinated by Environment, Planning and Sustainable Development Directorate (EPSDD) to provide a whole of ACT Government response on the draft structure plan.</p> <p>The ACT Government welcomes the Acton Peninsula Precinct draft structure plan and its vision for the peninsula, and the collaborative approach taken to its preparation. EPSDD understands the draft structure plan will inform a future amendment to the National Capital Plan which will incorporate the Acton Peninsula Precinct Code.</p> <p>Certain elements of the proposed structure plan differ markedly from the West Basin Precinct Code, including the configuration of development and land reclamation in West Basin and the proposed road connections to Commonwealth Avenue and Parkes Way. The ACT Government is undertaking detailed planning of West Basin and Parkes Way in tandem with planning for Light Rail Stage 2. It is therefore requested that traffic links through West Basin be omitted from the final structure plan. Realisation of this vision for Acton Peninsula will result in an attractive and popular destination for tourists and local residents. The structure plan should consider identifying road priorities for tourist buses and locations of parking centres within the precinct. Attached are detailed comments from Transport Canberra and City Services and ACT Heritage.</p> <p>ACT Heritage Council</p> <p>Acton Peninsula draft structure plan area contains heritage places and objects subject to Heritage Act 2004 provisions, such as Lennox House (which is registered on the ACT Heritage Register) and an Aboriginal place on Springbank Island. Acton Peninsula structure plan should identify that any proposed development or activity within these heritage places is subject to Heritage Act 2004 approvals issued by the ACT Heritage Council.</p> <p>Economic Development</p> <p>Planning for West Basin and Parkes Way is currently being developed in tandem with planning for Light Rail S2. The street network through West Basin will be considered in this planning to create a neighbourhood street network that restricts through traffic. No direct through traffic links should be shown in the structure plan.</p> <p>Transport Canberra and City Services</p> <p>TCCS notes that there will be an increased maintenance cost due to the nature of the design.</p> <p>Composite structure plan map shows a main road will be running parallel to Parkes Way and intersects with Commonwealth Avenue. No details of intersection are provided.</p> <p>It appears from the composite structure plan map (page 44) that the New Acton streets and proposed Acton Peninsula streets are connected across Parkes Way at grade. This is important to note that Parkes Way is a major arterial road connecting the East to West of Canberra with a heavy volume of traffic exceeding 20,000 vehicles per day each way. With the proposed road connections to Parkes Way, the significance of the arterial road will be compromised.</p> <p>A parking study should be performed in the study area providing the needs for the internal stakeholders e.g. parking needs for tourist buses carrying passengers to the museum and other attractions. The developer should assess the parking situation in the study area by knowing actual parking spaces available and how much is utilised across the day. This would serve as the base line for the parking spaces to be provided. An estimate of parking demand should be calculated from the proposed built form occupancy adjacent to the West Basin Promenade and other inner built forms (Page 28). Any intensification of land use beyond the current base line parking should be provided.</p> <p>The proposed car spaces provided as on-street parking (Page 26) may require complete reconfiguration of the road. If a cycle lane is considered, the road width should be wider. The legend for the Road and Street Network Map on Page 17 is incorrectly labelled. It should have been for the Pedestrian/cycling network. The report mentions multiple landing areas for the watercraft vehicles to service the peninsula (Page 27). Parking arrangements should be provided for a car attached to a 6m trailer with a watercraft on board. The entry and exit arrangement should be provided for the car with trailer manoeuvring area to drop watercraft to a ramp facility. The Acton Peninsula report states that it accommodates movement of buses and trucks up to 12.5m in length. This may inhibit the use of standard length buses fitted with bicycle racks. In addition, ACTION has to be consulted on this route if they propose to use Steer tags of 14.5m long.</p>	<p>The NCA will omit traffic links through West Basin from the structure plan as requested. See NCA response in regards to parking and traffic at Section 3.6.</p> <p>Response to ACT Heritage:</p> <p>The NCA notes that Springbank Island and Lennox House are situated on National Land and hence are subject to the heritage provisions of the EPBC Act administered by the Commonwealth Department of Environment and Energy. No formal referral is required to the ACT Heritage Council for Commonwealth Heritage Listed Places.</p> <p>Response to Economic Development:</p> <p>Noted.</p> <p>Response to Transport Canberra and City Services (TCCS):</p> <p>The detailed design mentioned in this submission is beyond the scope of this structure plan. The structure plan does not require an increase the maintenance costs it provides a framework for future development on the peninsula to occur.</p>
31	<p>Submission – Penny Moyes</p> <p>My response to the Acton Peninsula Precinct Draft Structure Plan relates mainly to comments in the plan that emphasise the necessity for “seamless linkages to surrounding precincts (p8) and “other initiatives that affect the peninsula, including a major rethink of Parkes Way” (p6).</p> <p>The Plan seems to stand in isolation from the ACT Government plans for West Basin. For instance, the Parkes Way problem has not been resolved, nor have the sightings of the Stadium, swimming pool and convention centre. Without a resolution to these issues and a plan for the whole of this area (the peninsula AND West Basin) I don’t see how the NCA can assess the impact on the Peninsula.</p>	<p>See key issues ‘Land Use’ at section 3.2 and ‘Public Spaces’ at section 3.4.</p>

	<p>The public are not yet privy to detailed ACT government plans for West Basin – City to the Lake development. We can only see artists’ impressions of the lake infill and boardwalk. How are the proposed commercial and residential buildings going to impact on the Basin and the Peninsula as a whole? Maybe the NCA is allowed into this part of the story, but the general public are yet to be advised.</p> <p>In the Q and A sheet, in response to the question “Can Acton Peninsula be used to build commercial or residential building,” the NCA emphasises this is a prominent area within central Canberra which should be protected for public uses. However, the ACT government is planning to do exactly that, build commercial and residential buildings in West Basin which will impact the Peninsula plan. The NCA is implicitly agreeing to this sort of development.</p> <p>The City Hill Axis as shown on p 24 highlights this problem. It is very easy to draw a blue line but if 8 storey buildings are allowed in West Basin this would affect the line of vision.</p> <p>By going ahead with the precinct plan, it seems the NCA are giving a tick to whatever the ACT government decides to do in the adjoining area of West Basin.</p> <p>The planning process seems adhoc and piecemeal and needs to be rethought as a whole package in conjunction with the ACT Government City to the Lake plans.</p>	
32	<p>Submission – Julia Ryan, Canberra and District Historical Society Inc.</p> <p>I write on behalf of the Canberra & District Historical Society in response to your public invitation to provide feedback on the draft plan.</p> <p>We are concerned that the plan threatens some of the heritage assets on the peninsula. Despite 'the protection and enhancement of the heritage qualities' being stated as an objective of the draft plan, and reference being made to the Acton Complex Heritage Management Plan 2015, we note that several of the indicative development and building extension zones overlay</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The pre-1914 cottages on the south side of Liversidge St (ANU) • The pre-1914 Constable's Cottage and buggy shed (recently restored) on Lennox Crossing (ANU) • One of the accommodation blocks of the Bachelor's Quarters on Lennox Crossing (ANU) • The hospital superintendent's residence (NCA) • The Pregnant Pine (NMA) <p>We further note that the Liversidge St cottages and the Constable's Cottage complex are not even listed as heritage areas in the plan on page 15.</p> <p>As the birthplace of the national capital, and home to many buildings of historic significance in the development of Canberra, Acton is more vulnerable to the impact of development than any other part of the central area. For this reason alone, heritage issues should be the first consideration, not just one of many, when change is contemplated. We call on the NCA to release a comprehensive statement relating the draft plan, site by site, to its own Acton Heritage Complex Plan and the ANU's Acton Campus Heritage Study. Without comparison it is not possible to reach an informed view about the heritage opportunities and costs inherent in the draft plan.</p> <p>We respectfully suggest that further consideration of the draft plan be deferred until such a comparative document has been prepared and made available for public comment.</p>	See Key Issue 'Heritage 3.7'.
33	<p>Submission – David Bruce Nott</p> <p>I am taking the liberty of writing to you about the Acton Peninsula Precinct Draft Structure Plan because the Peninsula has been a very important part of my family’s life for many years and I would appreciate the chance for my views to be considered by the NCA.</p> <p>Canberra Community Hospital, Canberra Hospital and Royal Canberra Hospital.</p> <p>The Nott family has had an important and long enduring involvement with these three hospitals, which has included over 50 years on the Acton Peninsula.</p> <p>Detailed Involvement with Acton Peninsula</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) My Father, Dr L W Nott was General Superintendent of the Community (Government) Hospital, Acton, 1929 – 1934 Occupied the Superintendent’s house, in Balmain Crescent during that time. 2) When the new Canberra Hospital was built on the Acton Peninsula my father was Superintendent from 1942 until 1949. During that time we lived in the new Superintendent’s house. We occupied that 2 storied house during the brief use of the hospital by the US 5th Station Hospital from September 1942 – Feb 1943 3) I studied Medicine at Sydney University, then in England and America, returned to establish a practice in Thoracic Surgery in Canberra, based at Canberra Hospital in 1962, until the hospital, now known as Royal Canberra Hospital, closed in 1992. 4) My father was Medical Superintendent of the hospital from 1942 until 1949. I was 30 years as consultant surgeon at Canberra Hospital, on the Acton Peninsula. 5) Enjoyed the Pregnant Cypress pine next to the Maternity wing of the hospital seen by most on the families as they left Canberra Hospital with their new babies. When we became aware that the hospital was to be closed, with the help of the Heritage department we took a number of cuttings from the cypress to use eventually at the memorial site. 	The structure plan will be updated to acknowledge the location of the Memorial to Canberra Hospital.

	<p>6) I had patients on Floor 6, and on the surgical wards in the tower block and including H ward and Isolation (still there and now used by the Museum) In a personal way my wife, Caroline and I had four children, all born in Canberra Hospital in the 60's. We remember that experience fondly.</p> <p>7) Many staff and friends of Royal Canberra were saddened by the destruction of the hospital, and it became important to make a memorial to a great hospital's 50 years history on the site. Consequently a small committee was set up, (see below) consisting of Jenny James, Director of Nursing, Wanda Lawler, Senior Operating Theatre Sister, Peter Pamphilon, Senior Radiographer and myself, all having spent a major part of their working life on the Peninsula. Our function was to raise awareness of the need for a memorial, to obtain permission from the NCA for a memorial to be built, and to raise the required funds. It is worth noting that the chief minister gave a substantial grant. Subsequently the memorial was built on the Eastern tip of the peninsula and is enjoyed by visitors and the people of Canberra. It is the only way visitors to the peninsula can learn the history of where they are standing. This history is important to the history of Canberra.</p> <p>8) We have studied the Acton Peninsula Precinct Draft Structure Plan/ May 2017 and congratulate the Partnership on the result. As you can see we have had a significant involvement and would be happy if all buildings related to the hospitals existence remain with some signage, and the memorial must remain. Many people remember their time on the Peninsula - boiler attendants, gardeners, secretaries, nurses, doctors and especially many, many mothers and fathers, as well as their children built this memorial. There is a huge number of Canberrans born on the Acton Peninsula in Canberra Hospital and the Hospital remains a very important part of their Canberra life.</p> <p>The Memorial to the Canberra Hospital.</p> <p>After the demolition of Royal Canberra Hospital and the construction of the National Museum there was left almost nothing on the Peninsula to hint at the 50 years that a wonderful hospital had existed on that site. Having obtained permission from the NCA, and support from the NMA we set about raising the money with donations from the community, fund raising dinners etc. The memorial was opened on 27 November 2006. I have included with this paper some photographs.</p> <p>We have read the Acton Peninsula Precinct Draft Structure Plan and include some photographs, some of the Memorial and some aerial photographs</p> <p>The plaque we had made says: -</p> <p><i>Remembering Royal Canberra Hospital 1941-1991</i></p> <p><i>This commemorative site is dedicated to the many people who contributed a variety of skills and services and a part of their lives to the Royal Canberra Hospital. The care and comfort of patients always came first in what became an outstanding hospital</i></p> <p><i>Chronology.</i></p> <p><i>*The site of Canberra's first building, Canberry, built by Lt JJ Moore in the mid 1820's, later becoming Acton House</i></p> <p><i>*The building was cleared for building of the hospital in 1940</i></p> <p><i>*The hospital was occupied by the 5thStation Hospital of the US Army Medical Corps in Dec 1942</i></p> <p><i>*Canberra Community Hospital officially opened by Lord Gourie, Governor-General on 20 Feb 1943</i></p> <p><i>*Canberra Community Hospital was named Canberra Hospital in 1968</i></p> <p><i>*As a result of a Royal Charter presented by Queen Elizabeth11 in 1975, the hospital became Royal Canberra Hospital</i></p> <p><i>*The hospital closed in 1991</i></p> <p><i>The commemorative site incorporates the foundation stone, stones from Acton House used in the 1954 construction of a fountain near the main entrance of the hospital, and the plaque from that fountain.</i></p> <p><i>The ACT Chief Minister, Mr Jon Stanhope, MLA dedicated this commemorative site open on 27 Nov 1991</i></p> <p>This is a recent photograph of the plaque described above.</p> <p>[Attachment – photo of plaque, photo with annotation showing commemoration area, photo of plaque from hospital with caption 'Sir Henry Stewart, Minister of State for Health laid this stone on the building of Canberra Hospital, on 28 Jan 1940. When the hospital was demolished this stone was saved and later was used in the Memorial as shown. It has most significant heritage value.']</p> <p>Summary</p> <p>My wife and I make this presentation, as a result of the public invitation of the NCA. We have a very lengthy involvement with the Acton Peninsula. Many wonderful things in life are worthy of heritage listing, many buildings, sites, views and some buildings, like the Royal Canberra Hospital, of undoubted heritage value are gone, but must be remembered. The area described as the Commemorative Area reminds us that here, for 50 years, was a great hospital. Let it remain.</p>	
<p>34</p>	<p>Submission – Stuart Mackenzie</p> <p>Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on the Draft Structure Plan proposal for the Acton Peninsula Precinct (The Precinct).</p> <p>My interest as a stakeholder</p> <p>My interest in the Acton Peninsula is twofold. Firstly, in my professional capacity as a Canberra architect and town planner I am well acquainted with the</p>	<p>The NCA notes the specific comments regarding wording and structure and will undertake a review of the document in this context.</p> <p>The 'primary open space zones' indicate the primary open space location compared to the secondary open space locations. The diagram has been updated to be increase clarity.</p>

policy context of the precinct - indeed, I authored of many of the policies in my previous role at the National Capital Authority (Principal Urban Designer, 2001-2010); and dealt with a range of related planning issues as a senior planner in the ACT Government. Secondly, my wife and I are owners of an apartment in New Acton.

In addition to my professional role in planning and urban design, I have an expert interest in the Griffin Plan, having been a key author of the NCA's Griffin Legacy publication (*The Griffin Legacy - Canberra, the Nation's Capital in the 21st Century*, 2004), and subsequent policies for West Basin, Constitution Avenue and City Hill. I was also a primary contributor to the nomination of Canberra, the planned national capital, as a potential National Heritage place being assessed by the Australian Heritage Council for inclusion on the National Heritage List

In particular, I produced the original concept for *West Basin - Extending the City to the Lake* and authored the subsequent Amendment 61, and the urban design and development policies which today are incorporated in the National Capital Plan.

I am happy to discuss the following comments with NCA staff.

COMMENTS

The following comments reference sections in the document:

IV. Shared Vision and Objectives (p8) I support the general vision and objectives for the Precinct, including that of the Acton Peninsula Partners, however, I suggest that greater emphasis be given to the significance of the precinct as a distinctive landscape set-piece of the Griffin Plan that contributes to the world-class urban landscape character of the Central National Area. (I discuss this in more detail later).

The Precinct strongly contributes to the matters of National Significance defined in the National Capital Plan (the Plan), including - to paraphrase the Plan - the character and setting of the Central National Area, integration of natural and urban environments, respect for key elements of the Griffins' Plan, conservation and enhancement of the fitting sites and backdrops for national institutions and ceremonies as well as National Capital uses. These matters may be implicit in the document, but they should be more explicit, i.e. front and centre on page 8. I suggest words such as the following:

***National Significance** - recognising the Peninsula as a significant element of the Griffins' Plan, contributing to the character and setting of the National Capital's central areas, integrating the natural and urban environments, and providing fitting sites, approaches and backdrops for national institutions, ceremonies and uses.*

V. Context and Design Excellence (p9) This section lacks reference to the Griffins' Plan - i.e., in relation to the matter of national significance to 'Respect for the Griffins' formally adopted plan for Canberra', which underpins the urban design character of the precinct. I suggest words be introduced such as:
recognising the role of the peninsula in the Griffin Plan's grand composition of mountain, lake, bushland and city that gives Canberra's Central National Area its extraordinary character and amenity.

VI. Place Making (p10) While the Precinct Plan rightly identifies a major need to create an 'identifiable address and obvious entry point to the Peninsula', it should also recognise, conversely, the need to create a quality entry to the City. The Edinburgh Avenue / Lawson Crescent overpass is a key nexus providing access to both the city and the peninsula. The transition from the parkway landscape when approaching from the west, through the Acton Tunnel and into the city via Edinburgh Ave, should be a carefully 'choreographed' sequence with appropriate visual cues, streetscape and pedestrian improvements, traffic management, while providing orientation and signifying the threshold to the city.

The Academy of Science building should also play a role in landmarking the gateway to the city and the peninsula. The current back-of-house address to Edinburgh Avenue is a lost opportunity. The site's high retaining wall - a response to high-speed traffic and noise - should be modified. The wall compromises the pedestrian environment. Alternatively, if acoustic glazing was installed in the building, and the speed environment modified in favour of pedestrians, a pedestrian forecourt could be created befitting the dignity of this national architectural landmark. This would celebrate the building's place in the public realm of the national capital. Increasing levels of pedestrian movement between the university, the National Film and Sound Archives, and New Acton, and demand for crossing Edinburgh Avenue, are very problematic. The Draft Structure Plan should provide more analysis and recommendations on this key threshold to The Precinct.

The Site (p12)

'Prominent location - ... overlooked from Commonwealth Ave and Parkes Way', should also include a reference to:

'... and major vantage points in the Central National Area, including the City, Inner Hills and Lake Burley Griffin'.

Site Development (p14) Some explanation of the role of the Griffins' Plan is appropriate here. The 1918 plan is shown on p14 but there is no explanation of its relevance past, present and future. In reality, despite numerous departures, the Griffins' Plan has, and continues, to be a major influence on the site's development and character. As a matter of national significance in National Capital Plan, it is imperative that this is addressed.

It would be valuable to describe the site's historical context more. It is one of the most heritage rich areas of Canberra. This should include the original intention of the Griffins to locate the main entrance to the university at West Basin, with formal terraces stepping down to the water and the monumental library tower at the heart of the campus prominently marking the water axis and the Education Group as part of the ensemble of national capital buildings

Coolamon Place and Edinburgh Place is the working title and does not currently exist. It is a proposal for primary public open space. This will be clarified in the final structure plan.

surrounding the lake. These factors both legitimise and (without being overly prescriptive) provide guidance for the sympathetic development of the ANU in this precinct.

The historic Lennox Crossing alignment and associated trees (in addition to Acton Conservation Area buildings such as Canberra House and Lennox) should also be identified. The meandering charm of this alignment appears to have been needlessly straightened on the structure plan drawings in an attempt to regularise the road and align it with a notional 'Acton Ridge / Lennox Crossing' axis (p24). This appears arbitrary and detrimental to the existing character and historic trees.

Place Chronology (p15) More of the history of the place needs to be described, even if in the form of a succinct chronological summary. Its historic narrative is far richer than described in the report. A chronology should describe the role of Lennox Crossing prior to the construction of the lake and Commonwealth Bridge, the design intentions of the Griffin Plan (1912-1918) as alluded to above, Canberra House, old Canberra Hospital, the inauguration of the Australian National University, the development of the National Museum, and most recently, commencement of the West Basin promenade and the City to the Lake vision, (which, by the way, attracted close to 70% support in public consultation).

Urban Structure

Site Appreciation (p16) 'Heritage' - recognise that the precinct was set aside in the Griffins' original plan of Canberra (1912-1918) as the 'Education Group', one of the four Federal Groups which set the framework of core National Capital functions and symbolism at the heart of the capital. The Education Group provides a campus setting for the National University, which merges with the lake parklands, and is closely connected to the city and other cultural institutions.

'Natural landscape' (p16) should note that the landscape of the peninsula and campus forms part of a seamless connection of forest cover, that extends from mountain top to lake shore, and is an important component of the overall 'bush capital' setting of Canberra.

The 'site appreciation' does not appear to recognise the value of the exotic trees on the peninsula, which are extensive, large, valued by the community, and representative of some of Canberra's earliest European cultural heritage.

Built form (p16) A discussion of 'appropriate' built form would be enhanced by recognising a fundamental urban structure principle of central Canberra - ie, that built form in the Central Area is characterised by two approaches - *urban* and *campus* building typologies. The *urban* typology (eg city centre and urban corridors) is characterised by streets and blocks, with dense development built to the street edge; whereas the *campus* typology (which pertains to the Peninsula) is characterised by freestanding buildings in a landscape setting. In the Central National Area, the 'Federal Groups' of the Griffins plan (Education, Government, Military and Recreation Groups) adopt the campus typology. Griffin emphasised that these cultural and administrative groups required a relatively 'freehand' for expansion and adaption over time, without the constraints of the gridded street and block system of city areas. This approach has served the city well in terms of achieving its world-class urban landscape character, despite numerous departures from the original land-use intentions of the Griffins. The ANU campus, for instance, despite indifferent architectural outcomes in some parts, hangs together as an attractive campus, of a pleasant human scale, set in landscape.

It should also be emphasised that high density and taller building development is not needed in the Precinct, given the extensive urban infill yet to develop in the vacant blocks elsewhere across the City and the Northbourne and Constitution Avenue corridors. Certainly, Canberra's remarkable urban design achievement of having urban forest so close to the city centre, merging with the Lake Parklands and Hills, Ridges and Buffers of the National Capital Open Space System, should be a paramount consideration for any development taking place on the Peninsula.

In addition to the National Museum and new sites for cultural/education pavilions, the Peninsula offers a site for a major national capital building contributing to the ensemble of major architectural landmarks framing the Central Area and National Triangle. The structure plan should take into account the implications of such a development and consider whether it can accommodate a major future development, particularly in terms of access. There appears to be space for a large building footprint, though access is limited.

Site Appreciation (p16) & **Proposed Limit of Future Building Development** (p23) The diagram on p16 showing 'significant areas of open landscape and open space' omits important landscape areas. In fact, there is no explanation as to why some areas are included and others left out. For instance the vegetation on the escarpment between Roland Wilson House and Parkes Way is identified on the ANU master plan as a 'biodiversity park'. While the need to upgrade and increase the density of older accommodation buildings around Brian Lewis Crescent is supported, it would be reckless to identify the whole precinct as a development site and remove mature trees in this bio-diversity area. Some of these are old-growth grassy woodland species dating from pre-Federation times, and can be seen clearly in the photo upper right on page 16. The tree covered escarpment on the north side of Parkes Way, extends from the Academy of Science to Sullivans Creek, and merges with that of the peninsula proper. This continuous belt of trees, in design terms, performs in several ways:

- provides an important landscape backdrop to views from the central national area, of a continuous forest canopy from Black Mountain to the lake parklands;

- as a landscape screen, allows, relatively dense development on the campus plateau behind, while providing the appearance of continuous canopy foreground;
- provides an attractive landscape edge to Parkes Way, which enhances the view from the road, and accentuates arrival in the city;
- the screening effect of the vegetated escarpment is shown on the Griffins' plans, providing a vegetated foreground to campus buildings on the plateau beyond - see *Griffin Legacy* p63 showing plans, cross sections and perspectives of the Education Group.
- provides a 'biodiversity and wildlife corridor' as defined in the ANU Campus Master Plan 2030 (2011) The escarpment should be recognised in the Precinct Plan (p16 Site Appreciation) and protected accordingly.

P17-21 Movement Framework

Walking (p18) There is currently a lack of activity support for pedestrians. The distances for walking around West Basin and the Peninsula are vast. In-principle, walking more than 400m (5 minutes) is unattractive for many would-be pedestrians. Some activity support along the journey such as kiosks and cafes, and points of interest such as galleries or exhibition annexes of the Museum, would enrich the pedestrian experience. Pedestrian destinations should be focused on legible networks of nodes and paths that are sequential and mutually reinforcing, and not diffused and scattered willy-nilly across the Precinct.

Cycling (p17-19) The 'Proposed Network' diagram on page 17 has a major error: the yellow graphic indicating 'Road & Street Network' is confused with the red graphic for 'Major pedestrian and cycle links'.

The proposed extension of a public open space path along the Edinburgh Ave axis through the trees behind Roland Wilson House, in the form of a trunk cycle route, is strongly encouraged. However, it is unnecessary to maintain a strict linear alignment as shown on the axial diagram. A more economic, rideable and visually sympathetic alignment would follow the contours, weaving between the old-growth trees with raised sections as required. This would provide a splendid National Capital parkland experience for tourists and commuters alike, creating an efficient link between the City and the Museum, the university campus, and the heavily used commuter/recreation route around the lake to Belconnen, the Arboretum, Molonglo and Weston. Hopefully the ANU would support this. The ANU is (I understand) the city's biggest commuter cycling destination, and has aspirations to become an open campus and a national leader in environmentally friendly transport. Indeed, the ANU should be promoting an environment where cycling can thrive, however, the cycling is not well provided for, especially links from the heart of the campus to the Peninsula and the City Cycle Loop. The latter, at Marcus Clarke Street, should be shown on the network diagram. The north verge of Edinburgh Avenue via the Academy of Science provides a natural link to the City Cycle Loop. The 'Primary Commuter Cycling Route' (shown on the plan on p19) along the southern flank of Parkes Way, from Lawson Crescent to Commonwealth Ave, looks problematic. It implies that this 'cycle highway' will be added to the 4 to 6 lanes of traffic occupying a sunken Parkes Way (per the ACT Government's City to Lake proposal), plus service streets at grade. This will result in a cross-section that could prove to be the ugliest in Canberra, and antithetical to the original vision of *Extending the City to the Lake*. The mix of local and arterial traffic, and cyclists, in this space is extremely problematic.

A continuous link along Sullivans Creek to Lake Burley Griffin and Acton Peninsula - especially in the context of the University Avenue redevelopment - should also be a priority.

Proposed Pedestrian Movement (p19) It is not clear why the zones shown as 'Primary open space destinations', compared to the other open space in the Precinct. What is the rationale?

Proposed Road and Street Network (p21) It is difficult to understand the rationale for the proposed bridge to replace the Edinburgh Avenue / Lawson Crescent overpass. The extension of Edinburgh Avenue for general traffic will impact on the important vegetation in the ANU biodiversity reserve, with the earthworks, roadway and bridgehead embankments. It would be better to remodel the existing bridge to improve the streetscape, lighting, paths, pedestrian refuges and safety, while modifying the speed environment and intersection geometry for cars. Some resolution/explanation of the ACT Government's proposed Parkes Way proposal needs to be provided to demonstrate a realistic integration. Have access, egress, speed, merging distances, traffic volumes and priorities been addressed? Remodelling the existing bridge is strongly supported to meet suitable objectives for this nexus - indeed, a set of functional objectives would be a good start to explaining a design rationale, and a range of design solutions offered accordingly. The Precinct Plan espouses integrated, holistic structure, but this nexus appears piecemeal and won't be convincing until the grade-separation, levels and ramp configurations are confirmed for Parkes Way. (The Parkes Way design is perhaps a subject for a separate discussion, which I am happy to contribute to, however, it is highly contingent to access solutions for the Peninsula).

Indicative Development Zones (p23) The indicative development zones are supported, subject to the comments on built form, height controls, land use and landscape character referred to elsewhere in this submission. Further definition of the Brian Lewis Crescent precinct, however is necessary to preserve the vegetated escarpment. The 'Proposed Limit of Future Building Development' diagram should show a 'Future public open space' (hatched) graphic on the escarpment. Densification of the Museum and design interventions to improve the carpark - a substandard approach to a significant national public building - are supported.

Access from the Lake - West Basin Promenade Boardwalk (p27) Boardwalks (as illustrated, lower right, p17) can provide a delightful pedestrian experience, but frankly, 2.5 kilometres (from Commonwealth Bridge to the National Museum) is monotonous, expensive to build and maintain, and potentially detrimental to the biological functions of the lake shore. Much of the charm of Acton Peninsula, in contrast to the dense city environment, lies in its naturalistic setting with curvilinear topography and soft lake margins. This is part of the ‘yin & yang’ of the city plan that makes Canberra so special. The formal geometric arc of the West Basin promenade was also meant to represent this contrast, just as it was the Griffins’ intentions for the natural form of the peninsula to take prominence in the sweeping geometrical circle of the original design for West Basin. The temptation of architects to regularise the lake shore is unnecessarily heavy handed when a naturalistic character will be more in keeping with the setting. It would be better to build a promenade that primarily remains on terra firma, shifting in and out through groves of trees, rock outcrops and the shore. It may occasionally access boardwalks or jetties, but only as subsidiary incidents in a larger itinerary.

As the author of the original City to the Lake proposal (NCA 2004 / 2007) to reintroduce the formal Griffin geometry to West Basin, I make a few points for consideration: The extension of the city street grid over Parkes Way to the foreshore was intended to provide a much sought lake frontage for the city. Reintroducing the formal promenade with its monumental geometric arc, celebrated major national capital vistas to Parliament House and Black Mountain and either end, and capturing a sweeping view of the wooded Acton Peninsula in between. The promenade’s regular geometry responds to the flatness of the topography in this part of the basin, like a beach bookended by headlands. Adding more geometrically formal boardwalks Peninsula side of West Basin, I believe, will dilute the clarity of the original proposals.

Urban Grain (p20) - Refer comments above ‘Built form, p16’

Character (p28)

- Development should be in keeping with the campus landscape setting, maintaining the character of the urban forest spreading from Black Mountain to the Lake parklands.
- Buildings should generally be separated by landscape and maximum heights should remain within the tree canopy (eg 3-4 storeys). Occasional penetration of the tree canopy by tall elements could be permitted, but only where these add visual interest, and where it can be demonstrated that the overall balance of the precinct is in favour of the campus landscape.
- Exceptions to the building height may be considered for large buildings of national capital significance commensurate with their importance in the hierarchy of buildings in the Central National Area.
- Residential land use should be permitted for university-related accommodation to contribute round-the-clock activity and passive surveillance to the precinct.
- Large surface car parks should be discouraged.
- ‘Increased densification of the NMA site through a finer grain of pavilions and linked buildings’ is supported; and should aim at improving the pedestrian experience and sense of arrival to the Museum, currently dominated by the car park.

04 Height & Massing (p30) References to ‘appropriate’ development in the development principles, needs to clearly define what is meant by ‘appropriate’. While some flexibility is desirable, the controls are open to wide interpretation and conflicting expectations.

Maximum Building Heights (p30) The building height control of RL 587 for the Brian Lewis Crescent precinct is too broad. As noted above, the escarpment between Brian Lewis Crescent and Parkes Way provides an important vegetated landscape backdrop. Accordingly, it is shown as a ‘biodiversity protection zone’ in the ANU’s *Campus Master Plan 2030* (2011) with an extensive grove of ‘Exceptional Trees’. Many of these are old-growth trees, and as can be seen in old photos, pre-date the Federal capital. They should be treasured not destroyed.

The height controls for Brian Lewis Crescent precinct are too loose. The level of the lower portion of the site is approximately 557m, allowing a 30m tall building (10 storeys), which is inappropriate. Again, it is emphasised that development should not be permitted on the escarpment. Redevelopment of the precinct should be restricted to the existing development area adjoining Brian Lewis Crescent and not below. Building heights should be generally 3-4 storeys, within the tree canopy, with only a small portion (say 20% of the footprint) permitted to be higher to provide visual interest to the skyline. University House, for example, provides an appropriate scale for this area - an elegant building of a bulk and scale that integrates with the campus landscape.

As noted above, while most buildings should be freestanding in a campus landscape setting, and predominantly no higher than the tree canopy, there is scope for a major national capital building, of a public and cultural nature, which could exceed the height guidelines, commensurate with its primacy in the hierarchy of architectural landmarks in the Central National Area. It could have the bulk and scale of the National Museum, National Gallery or the Australian War Memorial. While such a building may not be built for decades to come, the Precinct Plan would benefit from some exploration of how, where and if such a large building could fit The Precinct.

P31 ‘active building edges’ - further guidelines are required as to how *non-active* or back-of-house functions should be handled. Inevitably, loading docks, blank facades, fire and emergency plant, and car parks, will comprise a major part of the site planning for most buildings. Where should the primary address from the public domain be located?, how to ensure that building’s front door does not face another’s back door. Dual frontage buildings can be problematic and must be carefully resolved. (Analysis of public buildings in the Parliamentary Zone for instance will demonstrate that this is a major urban design challenge).

Active Public Realm (p32) a linked itinerary of path and nodes that encourages movement between, provide activity support and refreshments - ie, so that it not a ‘long time between drinks’. There is a sense of remoteness between destinations on the peninsula that discourages pedestrian journeys and interaction.

Safety and Security Residential accommodation - university and tourist related - should be encourage to increase round-the-clock activity and passive surveillance. The Peninsula is currently deserted at night.

Connected Open Space Network diagram (p33) The ‘Public domain’ graphic should be shown on the escarpment to the north of Parkes Way, (above the label ‘Lawson Crescent’). The extension of Edinburgh Avenue in this area is supported, but *only* as a pedestrian/cycle route, not as an extension of the road.

The water axis should not be defined exclusively as a landscape corridor. This should not preclude a range of design solutions could express the axis in with different combinations of built form and open space. Black Mountain is the terminal feature of the water axis, which in the Griffins’ plan, links the mountain to the lake, providing a spine of recreation and cultural features, through the heart of the capital.

‘Significant Public Open Spaces Linked’ diagram (p33)

- the ‘Water Axis Plaza’ figures as a key node in this diagram. While it does not quite align with the axes, and it is removed from the critical mass of activity that is likely to follow the waterfront, is there a particular vision for this site? Does the determination of the Structure Plan that this should be a plaza preclude a building element?
- Does ‘Coolamon Place’ exist, or is it a proposal?
- Is the space between the Museum and AIATSIS considered significant currently, or is this also a proposal.
- Several other links and ‘significant public open spaces’ should also be recognised, including:
 - the lakeside area (cafe, arena, jetty and performance space) on the southeast corner of the museum, which has excellent views across the lake and National Triangle.
 - the corridor linking the ANU campus, Film & Sound Archives, Science Academy and New Acton to the West Basin - this is becoming a popular desire line linking significant national capital attractions, but has poor pedestrian amenity. (See comments above on Academy of Science building).
 - the pedestrian/cycle link of the Edinburgh Ave extension to ‘Water Axis Plaza’
 - the current cycle path links across and around the peninsula, heading west
 - a potential link to a trunk cycle path along Sullivans Creek, linking North Canberra from Gungahlin to the Lake.

Flexible open space (p34) it is noted that the sorts of facilities represented in the images ‘pop-up venues/kiosks’ and ‘outdoor education’ were originally planned for the West Basin promenade in the 2004/2007 proposals for *City to the Lake*, including floating pavilions (art galleries, cafes, bars, watercraft hire), but I understand were removed in a later review by the NCA of the urban-design guidelines. Is there any guarantee that these sorts of enrichments for the pedestrian realm, which are highly desirable, will remain?

Streetscape and Landscape (p36)

Character and Context - the development principle stating that ‘a predominance of landscape over built form extending the native planted character of Black Mountain through the spine of the peninsula to the lake is supported. This sort of principle should be established earlier in the document as one of the defining values of the site. See discussion on built form above.

The lower reach of Sullivans Creek where it joins the lake, is a poorly utilised, environmentally degraded area, with great potential to become a special place in the tourist/recreation itinerary between Peninsula, the National Botanic Gardens and the University. A positive tourist/cycling/pedestrian link between the NMA and the National Botanic Gardens, and the ANU, should be developed. These national capital tourism and education centres should emphasise their synergies.



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Appendix C - Survey Results

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1. Purpose of survey

As part of the public consultation approach, a survey was set up to seek feedback on the key elements of the Action Peninsula Precinct Draft Structure Plan. The survey provides a range of quantitative and qualitative feedback on the draft structure plan. Specific questions were asked to gauge the public’s level of satisfaction with the draft plan and opportunities were given to provide comments and suggestions for improvements.

Comments that were provided in relation to the survey can be found in **Appendix A**, and a copy of the survey is in **Appendix B**.

2. Summary of results

Overall, a total of **183 surveys** were completed by the public. Majority of the surveys were completed online, with 12 submitted in a hard copy and inputted manually.

In general, the majority of people have predominantly responded with **strong support** and **partial support** for the draft Structure Plan vision (See Figure 1).

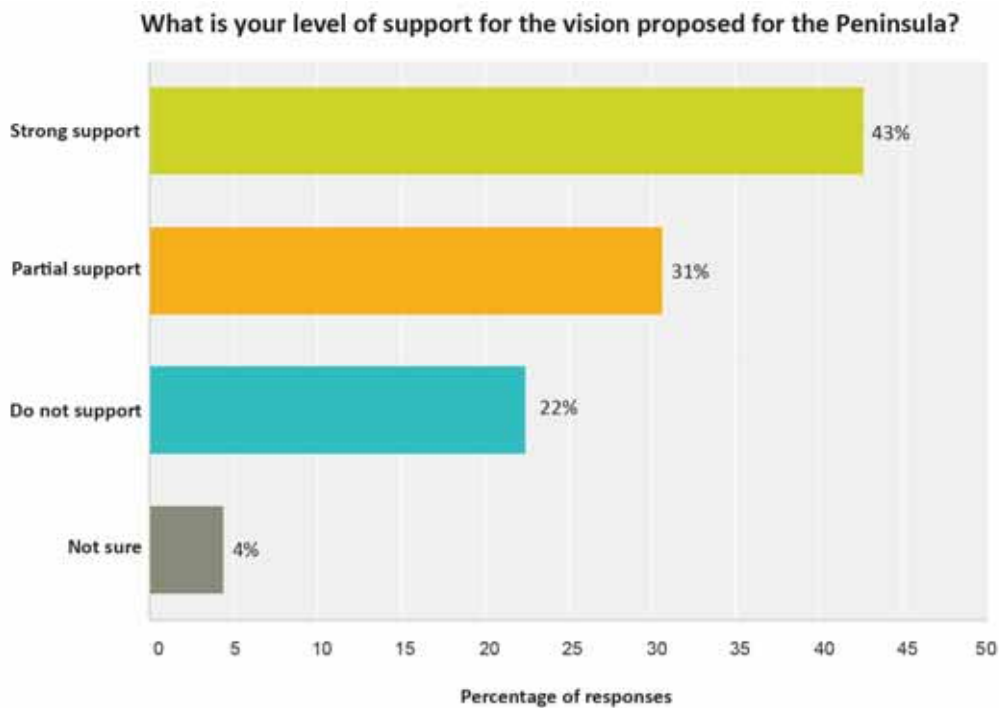


Figure 1: Survey results for the vision proposed in the draft Structure Plan.

Following the first question, the survey asked six key questions in which respondents could provide a rating between 1 (Extremely Unsatisfied) to 5 (Extremely Satisfied). For each of these questions, respondents were predominantly:

- **neither satisfied nor unsatisfied** (43%) with the proposed reconfigured and centralised car parking
- **satisfied** (30%) with the proposed pedestrian network
- **neither satisfied nor unsatisfied** (30%) with the proposed cycle network

- **extremely unsatisfied** (32%) with the identified future development areas and building extensions
- **extremely unsatisfied** (37%) with the proposed 3 storeys closer to the waterfront
- **neither satisfied nor unsatisfied** (32%) with the proposed mix of large and small public spaces.

Each question gave the respondent an opportunity to provide comments or suggestions for improvements in relation to their score. The following sections will assess these comments in further detail.

3. Demographics

The survey asked people to fill in some basic demographic information which provides an indication of who is responding to the public consultation, as well as indicate what areas of the process might need to be improved in the future.

Out of the 183 surveys, 135 respondents filled out their demographic information. The demographics provided by the respondents indicated that overall, there was a fairly good range of respondents by gender, age groups, and where they were from:

- About one third indicated that they lived in North Canberra (34%), with other north Canberra districts dominating (Figure 2).
- The respondents were predominantly male, about 59%, with 40% female and 1% other (Figure 3).

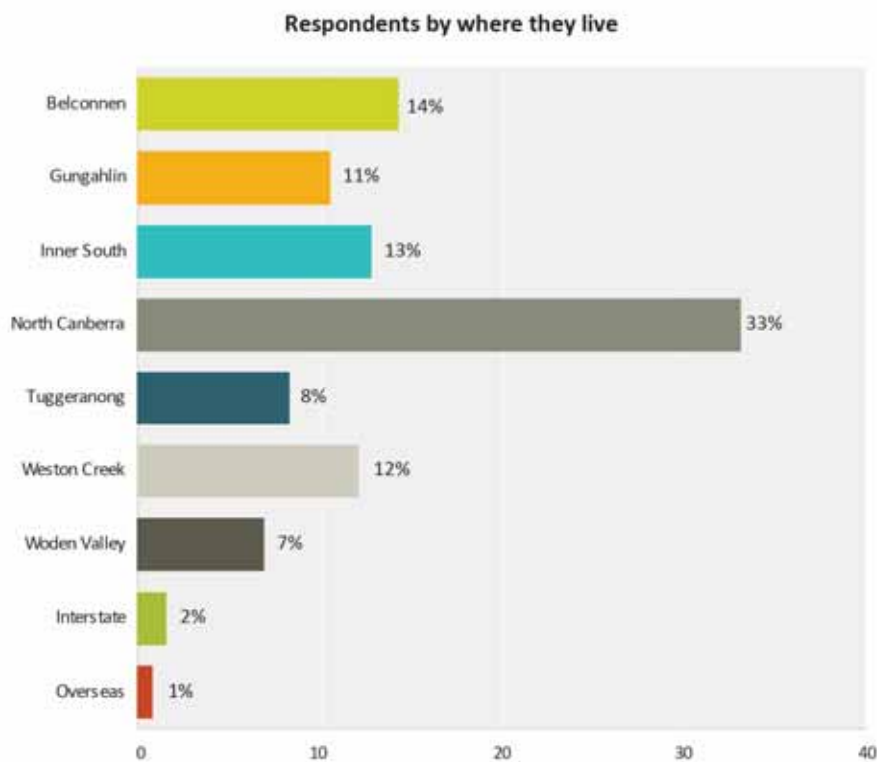


Figure 2: Respondents by where they live

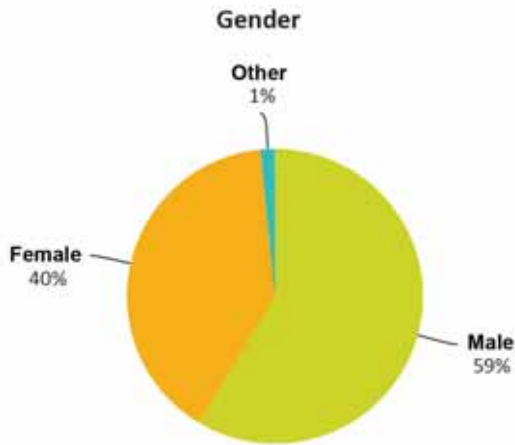


Figure 3: Respondents by gender

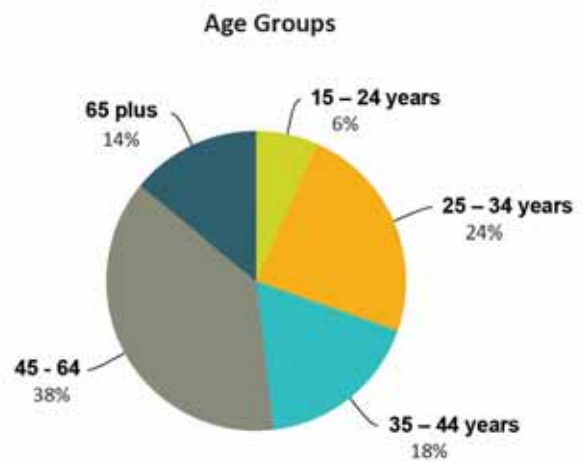


Figure 4: Respondents by age groups

The survey indicated that the respondents were predominantly in the 25 to 64 years age bracket, with a small percentage in the 15 to 24 year olds and 65 plus (figure 4):

- 38% (51 respondents) were in the 45 to 64 age bracket
- 18% (24 respondents) were in the 35 to 44 age bracket
- 24% (32 respondents) were in the 25 to 34 age bracket
- only 6% in the youngest age bracket and 14% in the oldest age bracket.

In comparison to the general population of the ACT, those in the 45-64 age group were significantly over-represented and the 15-24 year olds were quite under-represented. A number of factors could have contributed to this, including interest, time available to respond, being aware of the project, and understanding of the project.

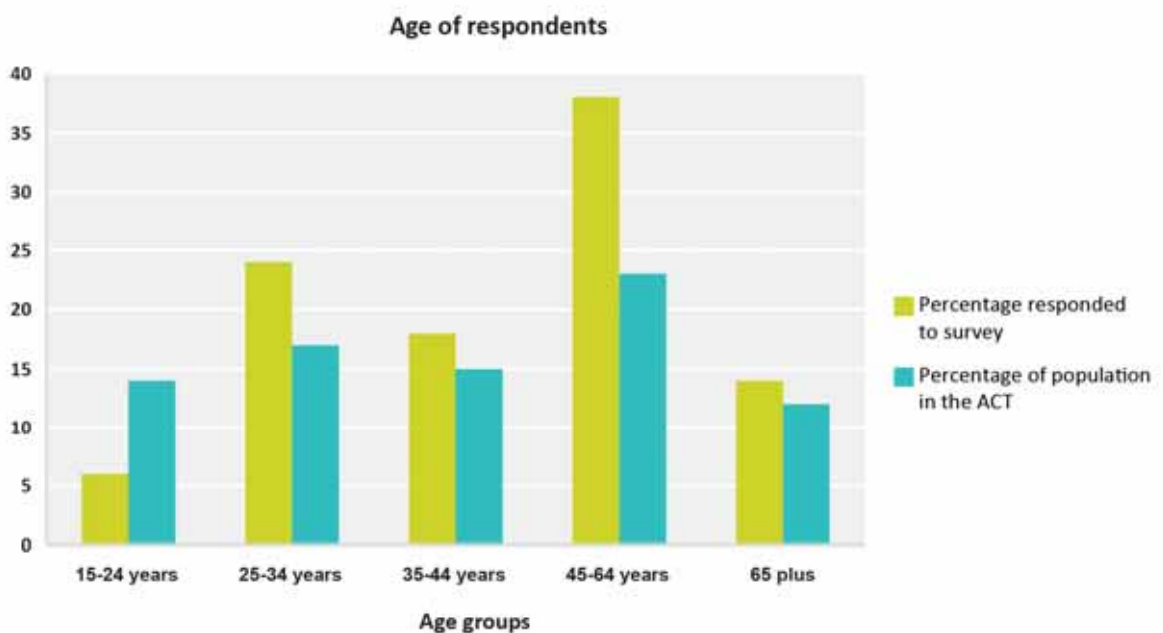


Figure 5: Age groups in comparison to ACT population

4. Key questions and comments

Overall draft structure plan and vision

The first question asked in the survey: *What is your level of support for the vision proposed for the peninsula?*

The below graph (Figure 6) illustrates the way in which each age bracket responded to the question about the proposed vision for the draft Structure Plan. It can be noted that the younger age groups (15 – 44 years) predominantly **strongly support** (42% to 67%) the vision, whereas the older age brackets had a more divided split:

- the 45 – 64 age bracket predominantly **partially support** (45%) the vision, with another 33% **strongly supporting** the vision.
- the 65 plus age group were mostly split between **partially support** and **don't support**, at 42% each.

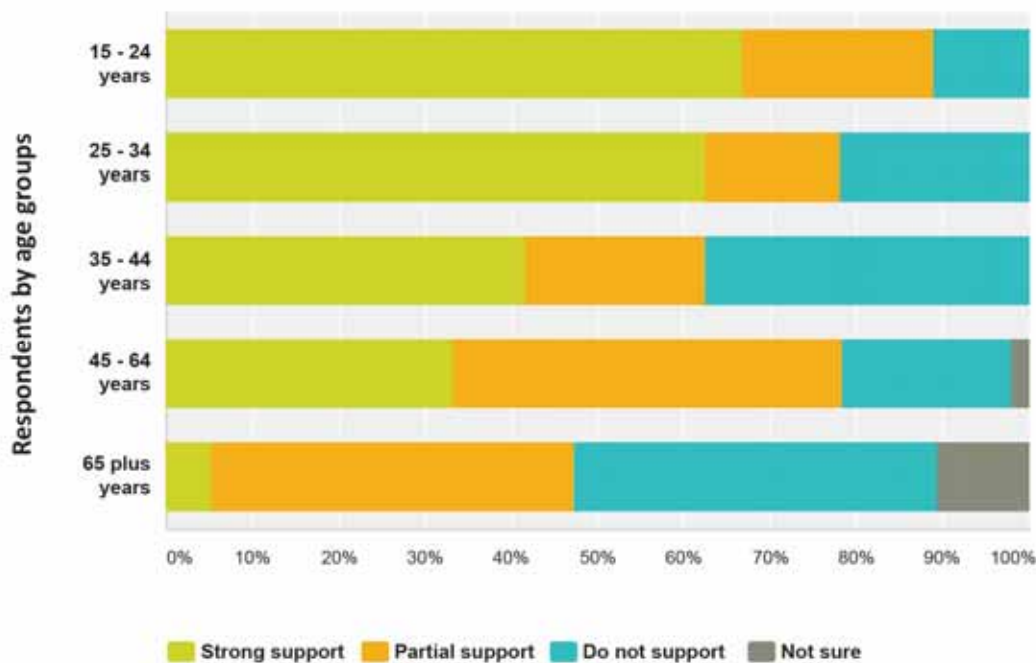


Figure 6: Support for the vision by age groups.

Of the 183 respondents, 122 provided additional comments in response to the vision and 63 provided general comments about the Draft Structure Plan. These have been summarized and split up into the key themes of:

- Car parking and traffic
- Pedestrian, cycle and public transport network
- Public spaces
- Land uses
- Building scale, density and height
- Draft structure plan overall

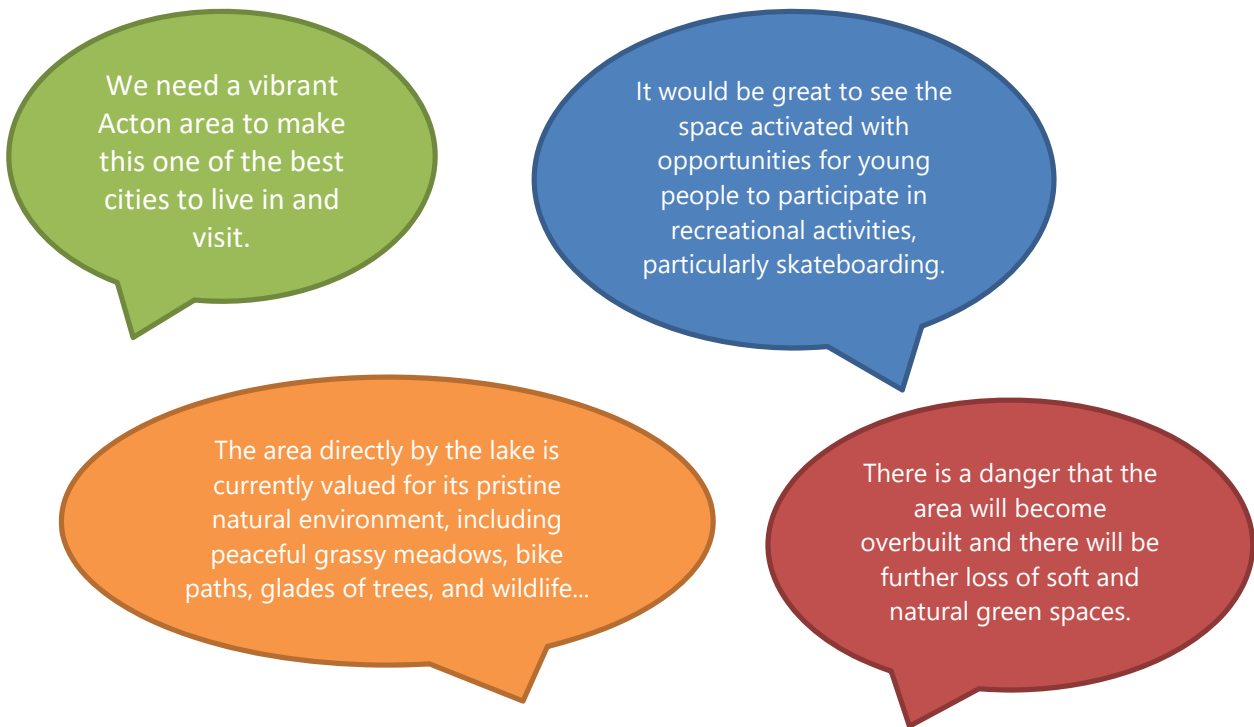


Figure 7: Examples of comments provided about the draft structure plan

Overall, those who were in *strong support* of the vision and draft structure plan wanted to see a wider variety of uses and experiences around Acton Peninsula, and activities that better utilize the open space. The respondents who *partially supported* the draft structure plan had concerns about the scale, type and amount of development proposed. There was also a mixed response about having more activity or less activity on the peninsula. Those who did not support the draft structure plan had strong concerns about losing any more green space and losing it as a public space.

Car parking and traffic

There was a mix of comments in regards to the proposed car parking principles. Some agreed that currently the area is a giant car park, that it is too intrusive and is under-utilized. They would like to see the main car parking area be removed and replaced underground, with some on-street parking. It was mentioned that for people with a disability, the central car parking area is too far for people to walk. There were some general comments about the need for more car parking, particularly at the National Museum.

Pedestrian, cycle and public transport network

Overall, better access to the lake, with improved pedestrian and cycle paths were supported and commended. A few made comments and suggestions about improving connections to the proposed light rail stops or bring light rail into the precinct. Improving public transport to support the uses proposed was recommended.

A number of general comments were provided about ensuring that there is access for everyone, including those with mobility, visual, auditory and sensory impairments.

Public spaces

The comments and suggestions provided in the survey predominantly centered on the public areas and the green space around the lakefront.

The key aspects that most comments supported were preserving public access around the peninsula, having 'green spaces', and provide better facilities and amenities. However, input varied in regards to the quantity of green space, what is considered amenities, the type of public spaces and what should be in these public spaces.

Numerous respondents remarked that the open areas are not being well used and deserves to have public areas that are more engaging. In particular, there were suggestions to provide more opportunities for young people such as a skatepark, areas for roller blading, BMX, parkour, to locate them more centrally and to integrate them better in the community. Other suggestions for the public spaces around Action Peninsula included:

- playgrounds for children, such as South Bank, Brisbane
- an international sculpture park with water connections
- a natural amphitheatre or outdoor amphitheatre for concerts, film screening, showcasing for art and music
- an outdoor waterpark, beachside area, and swimming pool
- rethink Immigration Bridge and move Immigration Place to Acton Peninsula
- open more access to Springbank Island such as a walkway.

Comments from those who are concerned about retaining green spaces around the peninsula ranged from:

- not supporting any building development around Lake Burley Griffin and the loss of any green space
- considering the green space beautiful as it is, and should be left alone and preserved
- providing more trees and plantings in the landscape
- having a 'natural' lake edge as opposed to a 'concrete' urban one and the use of more natural materials
- concerns for retaining the area as a recreational space that is peaceful and quiet, within walking distance from the city and ANU.

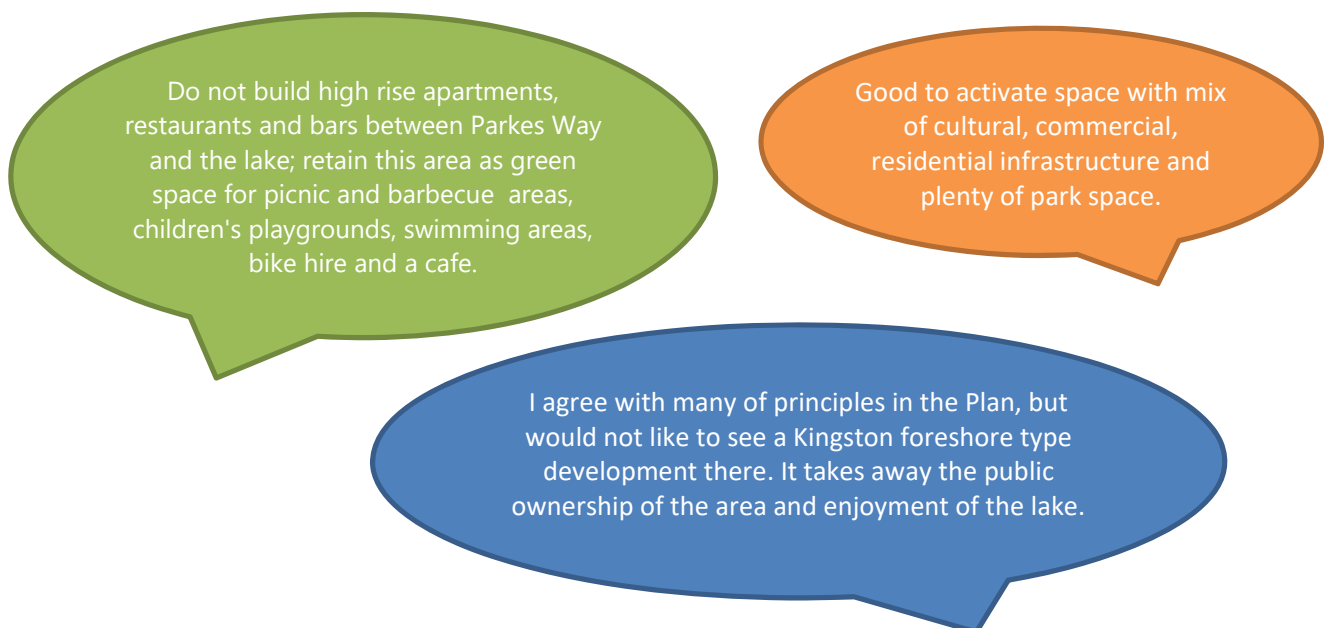


Figure 8: Examples of quotes provided regarding public space and land use

A number of respondents compared Kingston Foreshore as a public space they did not want for Acton Peninsula. They were against the 'hard concrete', buildings being too close to the water's edge, the look and feel of the area, the 'private' uses, and the 'poor design quality' of the developments.

There was a mixed response to providing more activities or too much activity around Acton Peninsula and this relates to the amenities people would like to see. Views varied from just providing some amenities such as barbecue areas, shelters and toilets, that would have less of an impact on the 'peacefulness' of the area, to wanting more active amenities such as playgrounds, cafés, 'skateable' street furniture, bike hire and an amphitheatre.

Land uses

The main concerns with the land uses on Acton Peninsula indicated that there was a misconception about the proposals in the draft structure plan.

Many respondents commented that they were strongly against commercial and high-rise residential buildings and private development in general. Again, references were made in relation to Kingston Foreshore and taking away public ownership. One comment identified the removal of Springbank Island from public use.

As the draft structure plan does not propose buildings for residential or just commercial, it is unclear whether, in some instances, the responses were in relation to the eastern edge of West Basin and the City to the Lake project.

There was some debate about the type of development and that it should be for national purposes only. Respondents who were generally in support saw that the wide variety of uses and user experiences proposed, and consolidating the area as cultural hub, was a welcomed approach. A few respondents also suggested a limited mix of residential and commercial uses to improve activities at night.

There were also suggestions to move other uses to the area to improve its vibrancy. This included:

- moving the Burrenju Art Gallery and the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Cultural Centre
- relocating Questacon
- develop Immigration Place on Acton Peninsula.

Building scale, density and height

Comments about the areas identified as 'development zone' was centered on the scale and the types of development, and the amount of development. Numerous respondents felt that the 'building zones' were too large, too high and/ or too close to the lake.

There was some concern about how the 4-6 storey buildings further towards the ANU campus will affect vistas from across the lake to Black Mountain, and that buildings should be no more than 2 storeys fronting the lake. The closeness and the height of the buildings were in reference to concerns with diminishing the natural beauty of the area.

It was suggested that repurpose existing structures for new uses should also be included in the draft structure plan.

Heritage

There was a range of mixed views from the respondents who commented on the heritage in Acton Peninsula. Some considered that the heritage of the area needs to be better integrated, yet others commended the approach and research into the heritage issues. There was support for the preservation and enhancement of the heritage areas and suggestions were made to provide more cultural and heritage signage. A suggestion was also made to rename Springbank Island in consultation with Canberra’s Ngunnawal and Ngambri custodians.

Concern was raised about the history and heritage not being considered enough nor well integrated in the draft structure plan. Additionally, more indigenous recognition is needed in this plan.

Draft structure plan and general comments

The respondents that made comments on the report or the agency itself had a range of views that ranged from “a well-balanced plan” to “the basin plan is too long (yet lacks necessary detail)”

Comments made by some of the respondents included:

- some of the proposed implementation is lacking
- the draft document is difficult to understand, difficult to work out what is proposed
- consultation needs improvement with more public forums and consultation outside of office hours
- more detailed precinct maps and proposed changes to networks are needed
- the draft plan was too long, yet lacks necessary details
- the justification for development is vague and not clearly illustrated in maps
- the language in the document needs to be simpler, for example the use of ‘urban grain’
- there is a lack of trust in government to deliver on what is proposed, in successfully translating the vision to reality
- information such as staging, the timeline around possible development, and who would be responsible, would be appreciated.

Some of the comments that were provided but are not considered directly related to the Acton Peninsula Draft Structure Plan:

- City to the Lake (West Basin proposal) is considered over developed and has taken away significant public space
- Would like to see more things happen in Tuggeranong.
- Show the ACT plans for West Basin (City to the Lake)
- Money would better spent on Civic, or other areas of Canberra such as a better hospital.
- Improve public transport, like the light rail with a lake crossing and increased bus service, extend the free bus loop to the NMA.
- Architecturally, the NMA should be turned around, or moved to a different location.

Car parking

Of the 183 respondents, 161 people answered the following question: *How satisfied are you with the proposed reconfigured and centralised car parking?* (Figure 9). Predominantly, respondents were **neither satisfied nor unsatisfied** with the proposed reconfigured and centralised main car parking space. Of the 161 people, 96 provided comments and suggestions for these two questions.

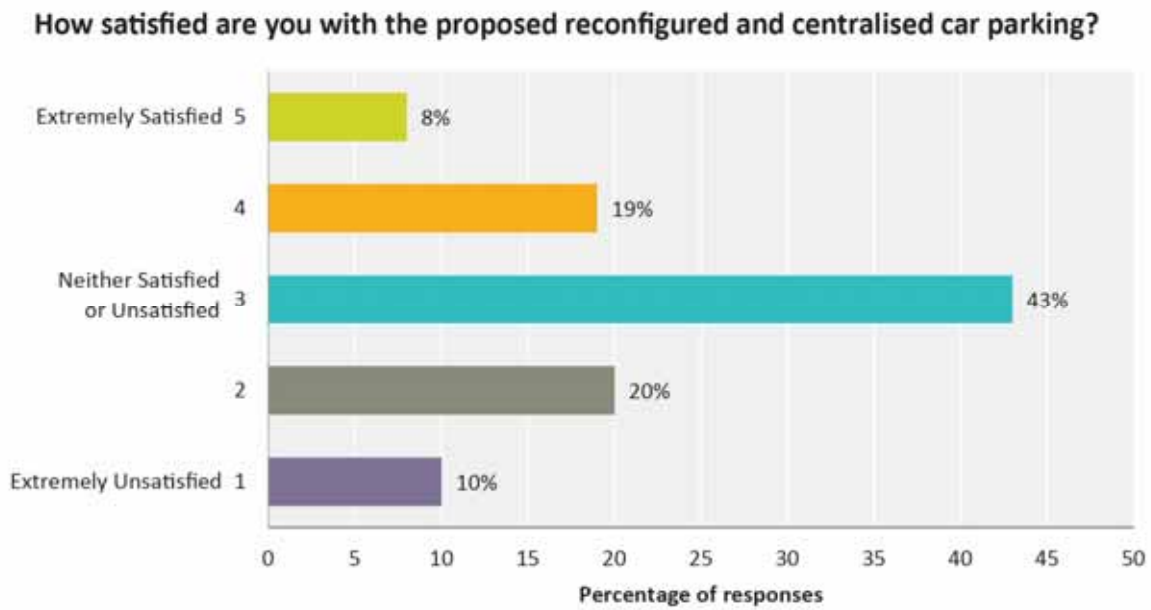


Figure 9: Responses for the proposed car parking

The respondents that were generally **satisfied** or **extremely satisfied** found that centralizing the car parking will provide better public space and reduces the intrusiveness of the existing parking.

Those who found the proposal **unsatisfied** or **extremely unsatisfied** had a very broad range of reasons. For some, they considered that there is not enough car parking, especially during big events and for others, phasing out parking all together was preferred.

Many people who were **extremely unsatisfied** and **neither satisfied nor unsatisfied** commented that they would like to see on-street parking be removed, and even structured car parking removed or at least placed underground. The main reason for this was to discourage people driving, to stop cars blocking views of the lake and to keep it unobtrusive in the landscape. The preference is for people to use other means of transport (walk, cycle, bus, and boat). On-street parking should be discouraged as it creates more traffic, and is considered dangerous for cyclists. A few respondents want to ensure that parking is kept away from the lakefront, the open space and the vistas.

On the other side of the argument, however, some commented that public transport is viewed as unreliable, infrequent, dirty, and cannot be used by people with a disability. There were concerns about providing parking for people with a disability, and for those who are unable to walk as far as the proposed centralized parking location.

For some of the respondents, the car parking information did was not clear enough; it did not provide any information about whether parking will be free, and it wasn't clear why or what will replace the existing parking area.

Pedestrian and cycle network

Of the 183 respondents, 151 people answered the two questions: *How satisfied are you with the proposed pedestrian network?* (Figure 10) and *How satisfied are you with the proposed cycle network?* (Figure 11). Predominantly, respondents were **satisfied** with the proposed pedestrian network, but **neither satisfied nor unsatisfied** with the cycle network. Of the 151 people, 72 provided comments and suggestions for these two questions.

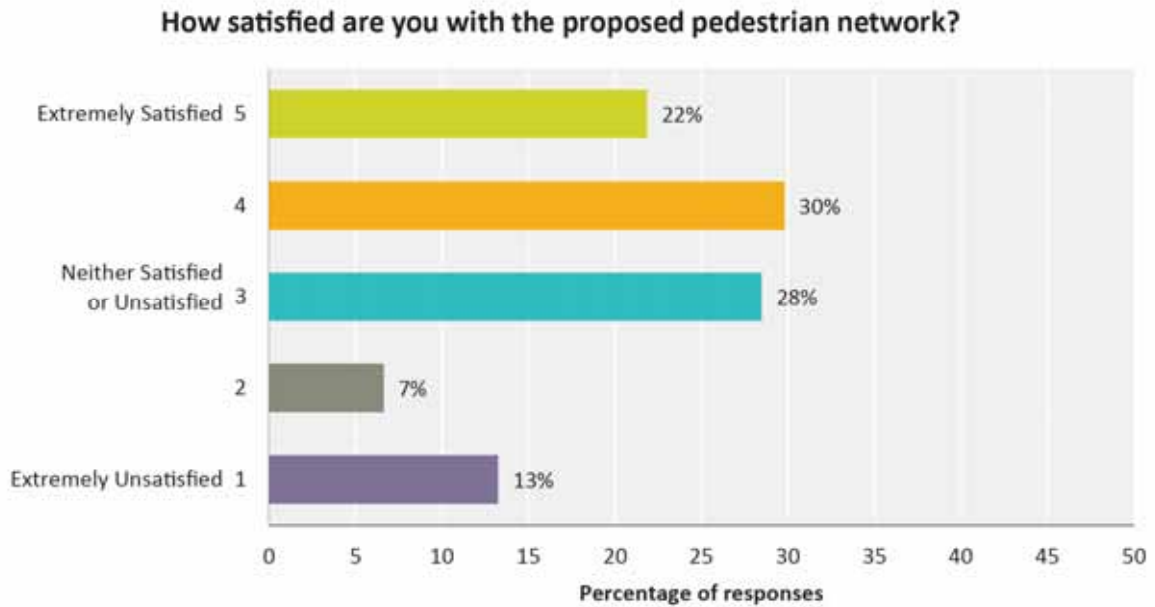


Figure 10: Responses for the proposed pedestrian network

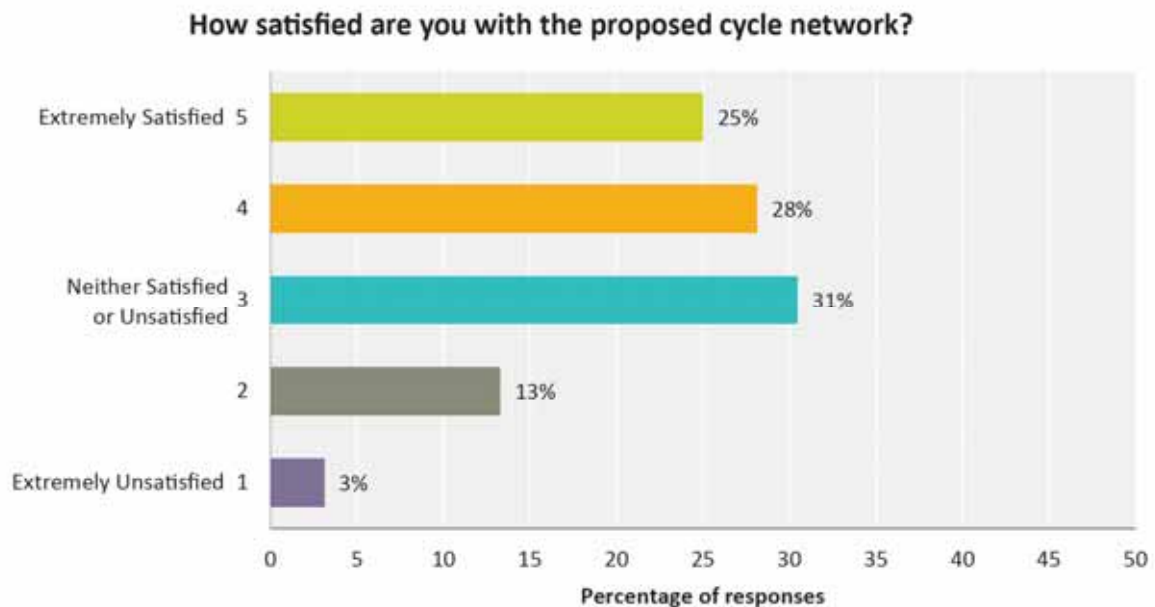


Figure 11: Responses for the proposed cycle network

The predominant comment made by respondents was the need to provide separated cycle and pedestrian paths. It was clear that there are concerns with shared paths, even if they are to be widened. A number of suggestions included:

- providing some pedestrian only areas
- provide a bike hire shop
- protect the Limestone Outcrops
- have a pedestrian cycle bridge from NMA to Nara Peace Park
- put in measures to force cyclists to slow down around pedestrians and avoid unenforceable ‘shared zones’
- buildings are too close to provide a wide enough lake front path
- keep cyclists network off-road

Some respondents have queried the need for more cycle and pedestrian infrastructure as they consider that people can walk and cycle around the peninsula quite adequately now.

Parkes Way cycle lane seems questionable as it would be quite dangerous.

Future development areas and building extensions

Of the 183 respondents, 137 people answered the question: *How satisfied are you with the identified consolidated areas for future development and building extensions?* (Figure 12). Predominantly, respondents were **extremely unsatisfied** or **neither satisfied nor unsatisfied** with proposed future development areas and building extensions. Of the 137 people, 73 provided comments and suggestions for this question.

The respondents who were **satisfied** or **extremely satisfied** felt that buildings and more mix of uses adjacent the lake are welcome and that the heights proposed were suitable for the lakefront. There were concerns about not developing everything at once, as ideas will evolve over time. They also questioned the kind and quality of architecture that will be allowed.

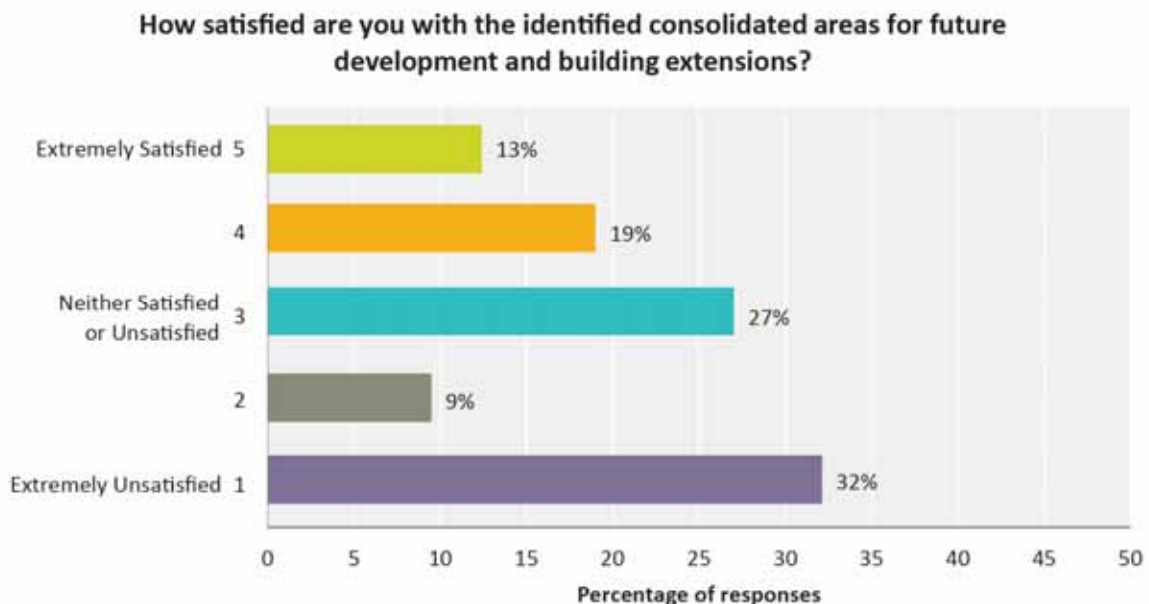


Figure 12: Responses for future development and building extensions

Only a few respondents who were **neither satisfied or unsatisfied** provided additional comments and those who did ranged from wanting to see more development to being concerned that three storey buildings might be too high.

The key comments made by those who responded with **unsatisfied** or **extremely unsatisfied** were predominantly concerned about the loss of green open space and views to the water. Some did not support having any buildings situated along the lakefront, regardless of their use, and others wanted to see buildings concentrated in the city only. Retaining the open space as parkland for recreation was the main reason for not having any buildings in this area, and retaining heritage values was mentioned. There were numerous comments that the development area was too significant, didn't allow enough public access between them, and encroached too much on the foreshore of the lake.

Numerous respondents made reference to residential and commercial buildings and were strongly against these uses around the lake. Some questioned how and if future buildings could be designed to respect and fit into the landscape setting.

Some interesting suggestions in regards to future development included:

- put in a caravan park
- build an ice skating rink with stadium seating
- “consolidate craft and cottage industry with lessons”.

Building heights

Of the 183 respondents, 137 people answered the question: *How satisfied are you with building heights of 3 storeys closer to the waterfront and 4-6 further towards the ANU Campus?* (Figure 13). Predominantly, respondents were **extremely unsatisfied** with the proposed building heights. Of the 137 people, 85 provided comments and suggestions for this question.

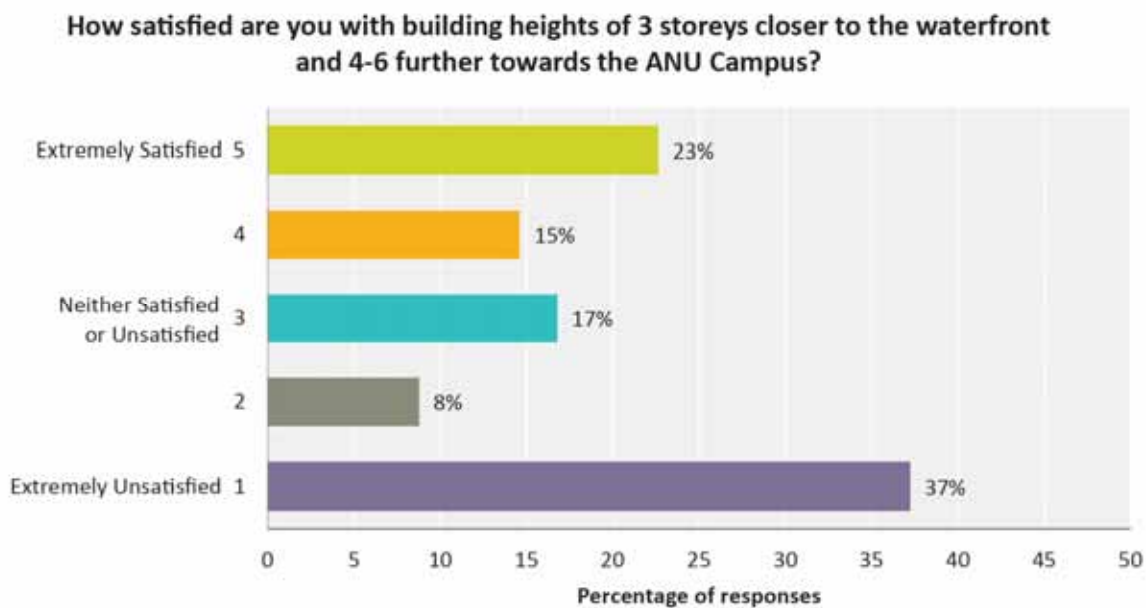


Figure 13: Responses for building heights

The issues raised by those who were **extremely unsatisfied** or **unsatisfied** with the proposed building heights have included:

- not wanting any buildings close to the waterfront
- maximum two storeys close to the waterfront, with one storey being preferred to avoid blocking views of the lake
- wanting to ensure that the ‘bush aesthetic’ be maintained, with buildings blending in with the landscape
- do not think that taller buildings will respect the single storey buildings around ANU and that it will detract from the museum
- having concerns of West Basin becoming a ‘concrete jungle’ with very little green space in the city
- tall buildings should not be allowed to dominate the ridge

Respondents who were **neither satisfied or unsatisfied** had a mix of comments with some finding the proposed heights quite reasonable, as long as trees were retained and buildings were lower than the height of the trees. But for some, three storeys was considered too high or should be the maximum height for the waterfront.

The respondents who were **satisfied** and **extremely satisfied** supported the layering of heights as it moved away from the waterfront and considered it a reasonable extension of the city scape. There was support for views from rooftops such as a from a rooftop café. A few people commented that some higher buildings beyond the trees could enhance the area, frame views, and ensure that they are sustainable. However the quality of design needs to be assured. A respondent commented that the previous hospital buildings were about ten storeys and a few wanted to see more density in Acton Peninsual to increase people in the area. There were also numerous suggestions to provide only two storeys at the waterfront, with an increase to three storeys further back.



Public space

Of the 183 respondents, 139 people answered the question: *How satisfied are you with the proposed mix of large and small public spaces, for active and passive recreation?* (Figure 14). 65 people provided additional comments and suggestions. Predominantly, respondents were **neither satisfied nor unsatisfied** with the mix of public spaces.

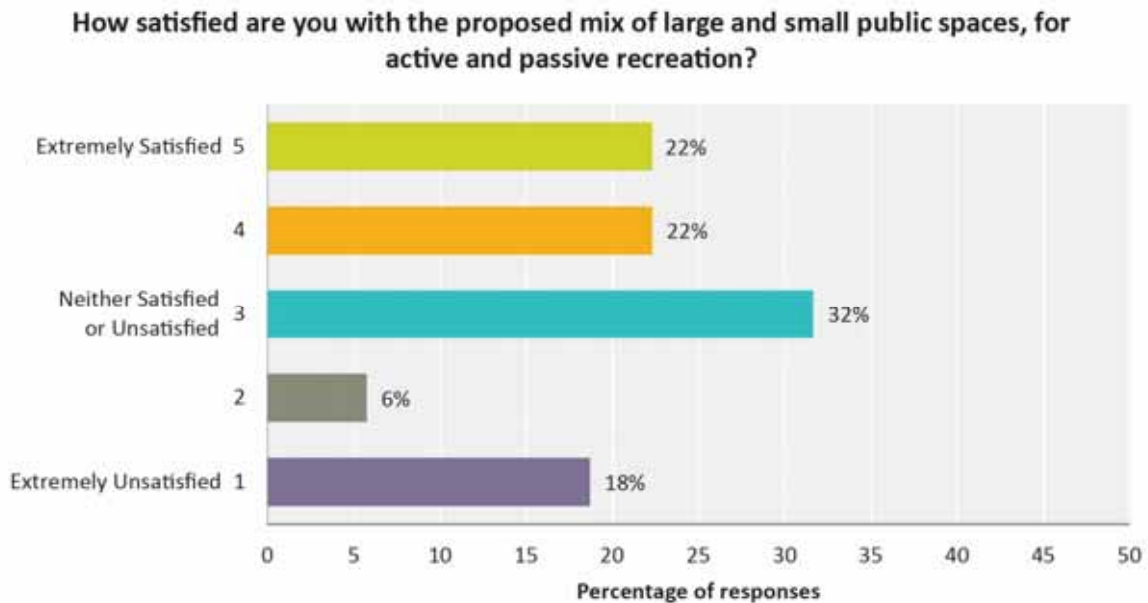


Figure 14: Responses for future development and building extensions

Respondents who were **extremely satisfied** or **satisfied** strongly supported the amount of landscaped area being protected. They also supported the improved community gathering spaces, with more activities for families to enjoy, open-air cultural sites, having a larger range of spaces and they would like to see more play areas for children. Some concerns mentioned included the requirement for more maintenance and providing more detail about how this area connects with the eastern side of West Basin.

There was a broader range of comments from those who were **neither satisfied nor unsatisfied**, but a number of them would like further details to be able to make a decision on the types of public spaces proposed. They would like a definition of what a large event is, what is considered small spaces versus large spaces. Some were concerned about having spaces that were too structured, too formal, or concreted. Some suggestions these respondents provided include:

- having actual ‘gardens’ instead of just concrete and gravel
- provide unique and strategically placed ‘skateable obstacles’
- grow the international sculpture garden.

The respondents who were **unsatisfied** or **extremely unsatisfied** with the public space proposals provided comments in relation to existing use and the areas proposed for extending the built form. Numerous respondents perceived that the existing public open space there is already well used and suitable for activities such as picnics, barbecues, and recreation without any further development. Some consider further buildings, in particular any private development, will be detrimental to the views, natural beauty and openness of the area

now and will reduce the large public space into a much smaller footprint. A number of people did not support any more cafés in the area.

5. Conclusion

Overall there was **strong support** for the vision for Acton Peninsula and the pedestrian and cycle network proposed in the draft structure plan. People were predominantly **neither satisfied nor unsatisfied** with the idea of reconfiguring and centralising car parking in the area.

The most contested ideas encompassed the proposed development areas and building heights. Many of the comments that were against development areas related closely to losing 'green space' or having development that was privately owned, which would take away land from the public or related to the perceived loss of views. While about one third of the respondents were **extremely unsatisfied** with the development areas, just under one third were **neither satisfied nor unsatisfied**. In total, just under one third of respondents were **extremely satisfied** or **satisfied** with the development areas.

The proposed building heights seemed to divide the survey respondents: those who were **extremely unsatisfied** or **unsatisfied** made up 46%, and those who were **extremely satisfied** or **satisfied** made up 38%, with 17% **neither satisfied nor unsatisfied**. The respondents who did not support the building heights proposed had similar comments in regards to the development areas. There was a preference of having no buildings 'close to the lake' or at most 1-2 storeys. Those who found the proposed building heights reasonable felt that buildings at the proposed heights could be well designed and integrated into its surroundings.

The proposals for the different public spaces were well received by the respondents. There was a large number of respondents who were **neither satisfied or unsatisfied**. This was because they would like to see further details to better understand what was being proposed, and hence could not make a definitive answer.



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Appendix D – Social Media Report

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Background

Social media activities started on Tuesday 2 May 2017 on Facebook and Twitter, as part of the consultation regarding the Acton Peninsula Precinct Draft Structure Plan.

The NCA website provided information and links to an online survey. Community consultation was opened for six weeks and ended at midnight on Tuesday 13 June 2017.

Summary of social media reach

- Facebook posts across the Peninsula Partners reached **178,586** people, with approximately **190** comments.
- The video across the Peninsula Partners was viewed by **53,289** people, plus the posts by Kirsten Henry and Newcastle had **35,248** views. Altogether the video reached **88,537** people.
- Impressions for the Twitter posts across the Peninsula Partners were **17,781**.
- The combined reach across the Peninsula Partners of website content was **5,986** hits.
- The online survey had **183** submissions, which is summarised in a separate report.

The individual input for each partner and contributor is detailed through this report.

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NCA WEBSITE

NCA website total reach – **5,716**.

Content was posted on the following pages:

- The **Media release** page – *Collaboration to revitalise Acton Peninsula for the future* has had 775 hits.

Survey

183 surveys were completed.

An online **survey** was set up in Survey Monkey and in general, people have predominantly responded with **strong support** and **partial support** for the draft Structure Plan vision. This will be summarised in a separate document.

NCA Facebook and Twitter Posts

Facebook total reach – **141,624**

Twitter total impressions – **8,211**

1. The NCA's first Facebook post was published on 2 May 2017 and reached **60,874** people and the video had **33,243** views.

Corresponding Tweet posted on 2 May 2017 had a reach of 1,326.

The key themes in the comments are:

- Preserving and improving the natural space and restricting built form development. Develop facilities to access the lake for water recreation activities: from kayak and paddle board launching and landings to power boats and new ways for pedestrians to cross the lake including a footbridge and water taxis.
- Rejection of largescale development – such as office towers or apartment buildings. Several comments demonstrated a negative view of lake-edge development, using the Kingston Foreshore as the example of what not to do. These comments also indicated confusion and cynicism towards public consultation and the NCA's and ACT Government's role in land development in Canberra.
- There is support for high-quality cafes and restaurants as an appropriate way to activate the space.

2. The second post was published on 8 May 2017 and reached **20,811** people.

Corresponding Tweet posted on 8 May 2017 had a reach of 1,339.

The key themes in the comments are:

- Acton Peninsula should be left largely undeveloped but with some improvements including a shared pedestrian and cycle path, a playground and improved transport options to the area. Maintaining the green envelope between the lake and any new building was suggested as well as a pedestrian bridge to the NMA over the lake.
- Support for the development of Acton Peninsula as an appropriate, timely and a necessary part of Canberra's evolution.
- Scepticism towards the consultation process and its underlying motivation. These negative comments also draw parallels between the possible development of Acton Peninsula and the Kingston Foreshore.

3. The third post was published on 15 May 2017 and reached **10,867** people.

No corresponding Tweet posted.

The key themes in the comments are:

- Any construction should be for indoor recreational facilities such as playgrounds or sporting stadiums.
- There should be a focus on nurturing its natural amenity with minimal landscaping and tree planting
- The condition of the lake and its water quality should also be a focus.

4. The next three posts (4 to 6) were published on 17 (948), 19 (213) and 23 (341) May 2017 in conjunction with the public drop in sessions, and reached a total of **1,512** people, without any boosts.

Corresponding Tweets posted 17 and 19 May 2017 had a respective reach of 2,033 and 2,601.

The key themes in the comments are:

- There was insufficient notice for the drop-in sessions and three days was considered insufficient
- There was support for leaving the area as “green” space and to limit traffic access.

7. The seventh post was published on 25 May 2017 and reached **155** people. No comments were made in relation to this post.

No Corresponding Tweet.

8. The eighth post was published on 30 May 2017 and reached **24,988** people.

No Corresponding Tweet.

The key themes in the comments are:

- There was strong support for youth-focused amenities; in particular infrastructure for skateboarding was a high priority.
- There was also strong support for greenspace in the form of community parks and green space.
- There was significant opposition to buildings that would over-crowd the precinct, in particular high-rise constructions.

9. The ninth post was published on 5 June 2017 and reached **57** people, without any boosts and no comments were made.

No Corresponding Tweet.

10. The final (tenth) post prior to consultation closing was made on **9 June 2017**, and included the video. Boosted, it reached a total of **22,360** people. The video was viewed **9,621** times.

Corresponding Tweet posted 9 June 2017 had a reach of 912.

The key themes in the comments are:

- There was a significant perception that there had been little of no consultation despite ten previous invitations for comment
- There was again significant opposition to high-rise construction
- There was again support for the precinct to remain a green space.


Post 1

National Capital Authority with The National Museum of Australia and 3 others.
Published by Sarah Schofield [?] · May 2 at 12:47pm · 🌐

A new draft plan for Acton Peninsula sets out the long-term planning policies to guide the future development of this prominent location into an internationally recognised precinct of culture, education and recreation.

The draft plan has been developed in close collaboration between the NCA and The Australian National University, the Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies, the National Museum of Australia, and the ACT Government.

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
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Comments

 **Richard Barrott** Nice video! Like · May 2 at 1:56pm

 **Tom Luxton** Just fill the space with more restaurants, Canberra doesn't have enough!! 🍷 Like 314 · May 2 at 3:22pm

 **Celliacay Beniddict** True! Cafes and restaurants attract people to gather and socialize. Like · 11 · May 3 at 9:38pm



Mike Lawson Unfortunately it is difficult to take this consultation seriously after the NCA/LDA's effort on West Basin over the last several years where they have consistently pushed for converting public open space into opportunities for private developers? [Like 1212](#) · May 2 at 7:49pm · Edited



Jeremy Calero Maria Cody Kara Fiona Jose [Like](#) · · May 3 at 2:18pm



Jeremy Calero Gina [Like](#) · · May 3 at 2:18pm



Rex Brown Julianne Stephen [Like](#) · · May 3 at 3:48pm



Melissa Helmers Just don't shove anymore high rise apartments there blocking the space and view! [Like 44](#) · · May 3 at 3:52pm



Phill Coltman What a great place for a hospital! [Like 9110](#) · · May 3 at 4:44pm



Leigh Nielsen It will be mucked up and made into a PC mess, with no car parking, no fun, and just like the NMA - no reason to go there. [Like 33](#) · · May 3 at 5:07pm



Brad Hiskins That's horribly pessimistic Leigh! But unfortunately, I agree. It will be politically correct and lifeless, picturesque and empty, tourist friendly but resident boring, post card snappy but insanely difficult to get to and park, no dogs, no music, strictly no coffee or noise, appealing to,...not sure. Think,..Belconnen Arts centre,.. [Like 11](#) · · May 6 at 12:28am



Liz de Chastel Ann Stephens [Like](#) · May 3 at 6:25pm



Christine Jennings Andy Jennings [Like](#) · May 3 at 8:20pm



Lorraine Welling No apartments. No office blocks. Community space in the true sense of the word, i.e. No public housing. A proper park with lawn not bush. [Like](#) · May 3 at 9:00pm



Robbie McNerney Kingston is a bleak concrete eyesore devoid of character or any communal charm. Glass shoe box apartments overpriced and looking in on each other framed by cold glass and concrete and surrounded by bad restaurants set out in a blunt and dull esplanade. Not a tree or greenery in site. It stands tall as the perfect example of what NOT to do with a new development. [Like 77](#) · May 3 at 10:08pm



Sandra Astill Absolutely agree with you **Robbie McNerney** 🙄 [Like 11](#) · May 4 at 7:38am



Alex Tripp I disagree. The whole foreshore precinct is actually quite well done. I grabbed a takeaway coffee the other day and sat on the board walk in the sun. I agree the restaurants are mostly crap but unfortunately that's how it is

for a city with a smaller population than Sydney or Melbourne. What's more disappointing is the garbage people leave everywhere and the quality of water in the lake! Gungahlin town centre is what I categorise as bleak and dull! [Like](#) · May 5 at 9:01pm



Harrison Rule William Miles - thoughts on the potential of this site? Worth a cheeky stroll? [Like](#) · May 4 at 1:03am



William Miles mate I'm on my way up as we speak [Like 11](#) · May 4 at 1:03am



Harrison Rule Better be quick, the NCA don't muck around [Like 11](#) · May 4 at 1:04am



Gerard McDyer Brendon Sedaitis Sam McCarthy [Like](#) · May 4 at 8:51am



Anne Felton Just no more apartments please! Focus on more restaurants and cafes. [Like 22](#) · May 4 at 9:18am



Peter Mai Why not? Would local residents not patronise their local? Or should everyone commute into their restaurant and cafes? [Like](#) · May 7 at 6:07am



Albert Aj Veith Why not put some life back into the lake by allowing power boats back on the lake and open it up to other water sports other than just fishing rowing and sailing and maybe introduce water taxis as well. [Like 55](#) · May 4 at 3:04pm



Jordan Monty colin Crampton Smith your mate [Like](#) · · 11 · May 4 at 6:23pm



Connor Crampton Smith Looking good **Craig Ritchie** [Like 11](#) · May 4 at 6:35pm



Rob Morrison Tim Butler [Like](#) · May 4 at 6:41pm



Mark Hitchins How about some free parking?! [Like](#) · May 4 at 7:13pm



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Darren Blacklock Golf course [Like 11](#) · May 5 at 5:41pm











Simon Aylott I'd like to leave it as natural as possible. No buildings, no monuments, no plaques, no carefully constructed spaces please. [Like 22](#) · May 5 at 7:19pm




Cory McPherson 👍👎 [Like 11](#) · May 5 at 11:25pm





Alex Tripp What's happening on the other side of the peninsula. Looks like submerged struts to build over the lake? [Like](#) · May 5 at 8:50pm


-  **Simon Derek** U can only polish a turd so much....
Like · May 5 at 10:52pm
-  **Valerie Csivincsik** I have no words...why do we need to spoil this beautiful area with MORE buildings and MORE restaurants. Give me a break and stop this stupidity! Money grabbing idiots! Don't even get me started on high density living 🤔🤔🤔🤔🤔🤔 and I'm sure the aborigines WOULD NOT LIKE THIS ! Like · 22 · May 6 at 12:25am · Edited
-  **Stacy Loscher** Henry Loscher Like · May 6 at 7:16am
-  **Jordan Williams** You don't mention close collaboration with humans other than their institutional faces. Like · May 6 at 7:57am
-  **Mark Hannigan** They will stuff it up like everything else Like · May 6 at 8:06am
-  **Jaylee Ismay** Tim Mahoney Like · May 6 at 8:47am
-  **Dan Evans** The museum is an ugly building and clashes with the rest of Canberra's landscape, Like · May 6 at 9:12am
-  **Gregory MacCallion** Why is there no pedestrian bridge linking the National museum to Nara park? That way

you could walk the National Museum, National Library, and National galleries. Like · May 6 at 9:51am

 **Phill Coltman** And isnt it just the perfect place for the trams to cross the lake. Would have been a nice spot for a hospital Like · 22 · May 6 at 2:23pm

 **Tess Demaine** Would be great to include an area to launch Kayaks and Stand up Paddle Boards. Let's enjoy the water around the area as well. Adds to the atmosphere. Like · May 9 at 7:17pm · Edited

 **Susie Prest** This proposal is distressing! The area under threat is a beautiful, open, natural public space for everyone to enjoy whether riding, walking, pushing a pram, running or picnicking. Why sell a charming area of public land to developers and build tall buildings, on the edge of the lake?? Like Reply · May 21 at 2:24pm

 **Sue Ellen** How about spending some money fixing and cleaning what we've already got? CIVIC City Centre is a disgrace! Since our work moved there over a year ago I've been forced to go there every day and I hate it. The crumbling buildings, the filthy pavement and streets. Vomit glass slag piss rubbish and the constant supply of tree litter. Over a month ago I wrote to Fix My Street asking for weekly sweeping, and the occasional pressure clean, nothing has been done!

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**National Capital Authority**
Published by Alistair McGhie [?] · May 8 at 11:48am · 🌐 Like Page

Acton Peninsula is being re-imagined as a globally-recognised cultural precinct that celebrates Australia's national identity and heritage. What do you think about the draft plan to create a distinctive precinct with improved public spaces, better connections between culture and education, and improved access to and from central Canberra? Read the plan and have your say <http://tinyurl.com/kgwxtdh> #FutureActon



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-  **Phill Coltman** That looks like a tram station to me. What a fantastic swap for a hospital [Like](#) 6 · [May 9 at 9:38am](#)
-  **Robert Verdon** Rebuild the hospital. [Like](#) 3 · [May 9 at 10:41am](#)
-  **Mark Huppert** But probably not with *your* taxes, right? [Like](#) · [May 9 at 2:30pm](#) · Edited
-  **Robert Verdon** Why not? [Like](#) 2 · [May 10 at 6:11am](#)
-  **Christopher Cole** Leave it the hell alone. [Like](#) 2 · [May 9 at 10:42am](#)


-  **Mark Hannigan** I see a another car park disappearing pathetic [Like](#) 3 · [May 9 at 10:55am](#)
-  **Robert Knight** That's not a bad thing. [Like](#) 6 · [May 9 at 12:32pm](#)
-  **Robert Knight** It's fantastic, and if the end result is anything close to Southbank in Brisbane it will be great. [Like](#) · 3 · [May 10 at 3:28pm](#) · Edited
-  **Leigh Nielsen** Unbelievably unattractive building coupled with a shoebox! What bright spark was paid a bucketload of ACT taxpayers dollars for that mess! At least the tram will have a home when it is eventually moth balled! [Like](#) 1 · [May 9 at 4:15pm](#)
-  **Clinton Berry** Federal Government. Not ACT govt. It is an awesome building! [Like](#) 6 · [May 9 at 6:11pm](#)


 **Steve Hegarty** Leigh is a bundle of positivity!
[Like](#) [May 10 at 7:50pm](#)


 **Lenny Burger** No point commenting on any ACT government plans because they have already chosen the design. The consultation process is just there to make it appear that the public agrees with it. The ten thousand dollar lumps of concrete that have come from SA to line the water's edge is just a small part of the mismanagement of ratepayer funds.
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 **Clinton Berry** It is a Federal Government precinct. Not alot to do with the ACT assembly. National Capital Authority.
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 **Lenny Burger** Ok, I see your point. The NCA board is selected by the GG, who is selected by the PM. See how confusing it all is?
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 **Lenny Burger** But to make it even more confusing, ACTPLA, which is under the jurisdiction of the ACT government, is bound to follow the direction of the National Capital Plan, which incidentally is written by the NCA. So, basically the NCA is the one steering the ship while the ACT government interprets the NCA's plan and does what it thinks is supposed to be the correct thing. It doesn't appear that NCA has any over-ruling powers over ACTPLA, so in the end it will be up to the ACT government to implement the designs and construction. However, to make things more confusing, the land in question is as you say, property of the NCA, so ACTPLA won't have much of a say. Talk about a crazy setup.
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 **Amanda Evans** So whose on the NCA board now?
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 **Lenny Burger** Amanda Evans The board is made up of Tery Weber - accounting consultant, Malcolm Snow - urban designer, Chris Faulks - board member of all sorts of things and Glenn Keys - Director of Aspen Medical.
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 **Ingrid Mears** Couldn't agree more
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 **Vic Hughes** "re-imagined as a globally-recognised cultural precinct that celebrates Australia's national identity and heritage" I think you just lost half of Australia with that phrase, and confirmed in their minds the very worst that people like Miranda Devine say about us.
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 **Alan Davey** So true
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 **Alan Dalling** As long as Barr and Labor have stuff all to do with it, it may turn out ok.
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 **Ray Atkin** Have no faith in the "public consultation process" as practised by the Barr Labor-Green government and NCA weasel words enunciated above. This will have nothing to do with the public good. It will serve only to stoke the ego's of "planners" and their camp followers.
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 **Robert Knight** National Capital Authority. It has nothing to do with the ACT government.
[Like](#) [7](#) · [May 9 at 8:47pm](#)

 **Jason Li** It will be great. Canberra has moved on since 1970.
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 **Ray Atkin** Robert Knight, when was the last time (or project) NCA rejected an ACT gummint proposal? Best I recall it was limiting the height of the new law courts and that was only after federal polities complained they would see the top of the proposed building from the Great Verandah. Nowadays ACT and NCA are in lockstep.
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 **Ray Atkin** Jason Li, back in 1970 Canberra was in safer hands with Tony Powell and the NCDC than the current pack of shysters. Learn your history.
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 **Michael Longley** It had noone in it. People live here now, you need to be cool with the idea or you'll just be angry all the time.
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 **Stuart Mcpherson** Yeah ray Canberra has been so boring for so long due to the safety squad ...bring it on I say we are all dead along time !!!
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 **Noel Gavin** Not very positive so far , are we ? Opinions on the history of government consultation showing through perhaps ?
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 **Anilla Gnyay** Make it better than the overrated, boring Sydney opera house!
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 **Dory Johns** Uglyfying Canberra
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 **Robert Dansforth** Great, another tram stop
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 **Kyle Rollinson** We only get the things that developers think they can make a quick buck on. Or two. Planning in this town seems to be busy work for some of those in the bureaucracy. ".... globally recognised..." Someone has their hand on it.
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 **Amanda Evans** I love the Acton Peninsula just the way it is now.
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 **Alex Elliott** We already have great public space there. Leave it alone.
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 **Amorammy Vigo** Its about time... This is the capital, more infrastructure is necessary. ..
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 **Beata Georgina Wilder** I love the Acton Peninsula.... please leave the way it is
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 **Clint Wright** Lake BG is loaded with carp. Suggest a carp fishery and processing plant be located on Acton Peninsula,

sustainably harvesting carp and producing a range of products from pet food, high quality garden fertiliser and carp liver oil. To ameliorate like...[See More](#)
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[Adam Murray](#) A foot bridge from the museum to Nara Park would help connect the area a bit more, it is isolated from everything else at the moment.
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[Gregory MacCallion](#) Yes. It would connect to the National galleries library etc. All by foot. Now you have to use a car to get to the National Museum. [Like](#) · 1 · [May 12 at 5:52pm](#)



[Robert Dansforth](#) How about a tunnel instead. Connect it to the light rail [Like](#) · 5 hrs



[Tanya Bolton](#) Seems to me it's more about grabbing another piece of prime real estate for building more apartments - making it into something similar to Kingston foreshore. I really hope they get the transport right tho as the loss of car parking will be felt with any big event at regatta point. [Like](#) · 6 · [May 12 at 8:08am](#)



[David Cumbers](#) What, another globally recognised cultural precinct ? How about "re-imagining" an accommodation complex for all the homeless people who are part of Canberra's "identity". Oh, wait, that wouldn't return a profit. And imagine what the glitter-arties and trendies would say! [Like](#) · 6 · [May 12 at 2:53pm](#)



[Susan Marshall](#) Improve the public transport options.
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[Stephanie Buckle](#) 'celebrates Australia's national identity and heritage' - lol, when will we stop doing this awful national identity thing? Can you imagine if they were building a cultural centre in the UK or Italy, they'd promote it as 'celebrating Italy's/UK's national identity and heritage'? It makes me squirm. And yes, public housing would be a better way to show what we're made of. [Like](#) · 1 · [May 13 at 7:29am](#)



[Jason Li](#) Italy and England built their cities over the course of last two thousand years. Let us build ours, not just stuck in the vision of a regional Australian city in 1970.
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[Linda Postniece](#) [Jason Li](#) Nothing good will come of it while the NCA is managing the land. [Like](#) · 1 · [May 13 at 2:27pm](#)



[Jason Li](#) I think the NCA has an important role, and even though I don't always agree with their decisions, judging by how far Canberra have come I think they overall did a good job. [Like](#) · 1 · [May 13 at 4:49pm](#)



[Linda Postniece](#) Sigh, I really disagree with you on this one (rare!). The NCA are responsible for almost everything I hate about Canberra. The lack of decent public infrastructure in the centre for example. Lake BG is full of vast monuments to the nation and that's it, compare to say lake Zurich which has cafes, family swimming spots, access by tram, boardwalks, ice cream, many boat tours, playgrounds etc etc. The NCA focus on big monumental designs but ignore the frivolous day to day

things that make a city liveable for the actual people who live.
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[Nell Feneck](#) Andy pandy will do what he wants - why even ask [Like](#) · 1 · [May 13 at 7:32am](#)



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[Joseph Zammit](#) Whose culture are we really talking about here ? [Like](#) · 1 · [May 13 at 1:16pm](#)



[Steve Armstrong](#) Let's hope they don't build apartment complexes there and ruin it. [Like](#) · 2 · [May 13 at 3:16pm](#) · Edited



[Sandra Wood](#) Hear, hear, Steph! [Like](#) · 1 · [May 13 at 6:50pm](#)



[Lois Wishart](#) Does this mean it'll be redeveloped into yet another soulless Kingston foreshore, like West Basin? [Like](#) · 3 · [May 13 at 7:35pm](#)



[Joe Pelle](#) Let's increase canberra's population first. We are an over-grown, far spread country town who's decision makers are overwhelmed with delusions of grandeur
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[Dianne Lowe](#) Let's fix Civic up first!! Make the Sydney and Melbourne buildings more appealing than they been left to rot!! [Like](#) · 3 · [Yesterday at 1:06pm](#)



[Ruben Seaton](#) Just as long as I don't lose my Strava segment [Edward Treloar](#) [Starmer](#) [Will Crammond](#)
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[Sean Casey](#) That museum is an eye sore. All you will do is make it worse, leave it alone. [Like](#) · 23 hrs



[Robyn Joy Williams](#) Bring back the bike / boat hire along the foreshore. [Like](#) · 3 · 22 hrs



[Craig Elliott](#) I just hope a super wide (4 to 5m shared bike/pedestrian path) is built around the lake there and connects to existing paths. Also keep 20 to 50m envelop of green space before any building. Keep all land close to the lake as genuine open public space (please not another Kingston) [Like](#) · 3 · 22 hrs



[Ed Radclyffe](#) No more Kingston foreshore land grabs and no more bloody coffee shops [Like](#) · 2 · 18 hrs



[Adam Steer](#) Acton works just fine as it is - a wonderful little 'wild space'. A good path around the lake edge (behind the lakefront trees please) and a playground on the west basin grass would be nice, aside from that the peninsula really needs nothing more.
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Anna Leonie I say go for it. [Like](#) · [1 hr](#)



Robert Rolph Pulled down a perfectly good hospital and built the most hideous looking building in Canberra [Like](#) · [1 hr](#)



Stavros Georgiadis Just remember those on the board are affiliated to the builders in this town. Don't think this has anything to do with a 'need' but an opportunity to feather certain businesses nests. [Like](#) · [33 mins](#)



Mark Hannigan Andrew Barr the Eddie Obeid of Canberra who else would pay that amount of money for bike and boat hire business something fishy me thinks [Like](#) · [Reply](#) · [Message](#) · 2 · [May 15 at 4:16pm](#)



Karen Marshall Wonderful idea 💡 [Like](#) · [Reply](#) · [Message](#) · [May 16 at 5:17am](#)

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 **Mohamad Saad** Build kids indoor playgrounds for Winter use
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 **Hamish Sinclair** loving the palm trees, nice eye candy #realitycheck
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Published by Alistair McGhie [?] · May 17 ·

Come and discuss your ideas with the National Capital Authority's planners and urban designers and provide your feedback on the Acton Peninsula Precinct Draft Structure Plan at the National Museum of Australia drop in session, 11am to 2pm, Thursday 18 May, NMA Main Hall. <https://tinyurl.com/klunpeq> #FutureActon



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Do you have questions about the Acton Peninsula Draft Structure Plan? Come along to the drop-in session with the NCA's planners and urban designers on Tuesday 23 May from 11am to 2pm at the National Museum of Australia.

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
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 **Marko Lehtikainen** So they hold a "drop in session" during work hours with only a day's notice. Surely that is deliberately done so they don't get many protests.
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 **National Capital Authority** Hi Lenny, thank you for your interest in the Acton Peninsula Draft Structure Plan. We've held three drop-in sessions on different days including Saturday 20 May. We would be happy to chat by phone or meet with you if you have any questions about the plan.
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 **Amanda Evans** This deserves more than three drop in days surely? [Like](#) · [Reply](#) · [May 25 at 10:31am](#)


 **Marko Lehtikainen** It really doesn't deserve to be going ahead at all. Why increase pedestrian traffic in an area that currently is serving as a vehicular thoroughfare in and out of the city? Cyclists are continually wanting separation from vehicles, motorists are looking for speedier trips to and from the office, but all the NCA wants to do is put cars, bikes and pedestrians all together into a big accident just waiting to happen! Canberra is beautiful because of its open spaces. This government is hell bent on trying to make it like other cities in the world that are overcrowded, ugly and polluted. Leave the green spaces the way they are. We have Floriade once a year for tourism in the area. The container village seems to have been a flop because they kicked them out. Why do we need more attractions in an area that is notorious for poor parking and pedestrian connections? This whole brain fart just baffles the mind. [Like](#) · [Reply](#) · [May 25 at 12:33pm](#)

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Published by  Alistair McGhie [?] · 25 May · 

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The vision for Acton Peninsula includes new non-residential buildings that could have a variety of uses including education, recreation, culture and tourism.

Tell us what you think about the Acton Peninsula Draft Structure Plan. Read the plan here <https://tinyurl.com/klunpeq> and complete the survey https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Acton_Peninsula to have your say.

The National Capital Authority is responsible for the planning of Canberra as Australia's capital city and manages many of Canberra's iconic sites and monuments including the National Triangle, Anzac Parade, Lake Burley Griffin, the National Carillon and the Captain Cook Memorial Jet. Information about the National Capital Authority can be found here <https://www.nationalcapital.gov.au/.../roles-and-responsibili...>



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 **National Capital Authority** added 2 new photos. Published by  Alistair McGhie [?] · 30 May · 


Many different elements go into creating an attractive and usable public space. Good urban design for public spaces considers the history, landscape, street network, buildings, culture, and current and future uses of the area.


New public spaces are proposed in the Acton Peninsula Draft Structure Plan with a wide range of day and night uses from individual recreation to large events.


We invite you to read the plan <https://tinyurl.com/klunpeq> and complete the survey https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Acton_Peninsula to tell us what you think by Tuesday 13 June 2017.





Comments


 **Peter Mai** Are the pictures related to the plan or just stock/illustrative? [Like](#) · [Reply](#) · [See Response](#) · 2 · [June 1 at 9:57am](#)


 **Rodney Alexander** They're just designs from other cities, no final design has been conceived for this project yet. [Like](#) · [Reply](#) · 1 · [June 2 at 7:16am](#)


 **Ken Eynon** Bottom picture looks like a large skateboard ramp? [Like](#) · [Reply](#) · 5 · [June 1 at 2:19pm](#)


 **Woody Brenden** Why not? It's one good way to activate the space and make it more robust. [Like](#) · [Reply](#) · 4 · [June 1 at 3:02pm](#)

 **Matt Hackett** [Woody Brenden](#) what do you mean by an activated and robust space? [Like](#) · [Reply](#) · [June 1 at 3:21pm](#)


 **Woody Brenden** Activated as in the space is actually being used by people for activities instead of left dormant for long periods of time and robust meaning it can be used for more than one purpose for example benches and ledges could be designed to be used for skateboarding etc. when they're not being used as seating or whatever else. [Like](#) · [Reply](#) · 6 · [June 1 at 3:28pm](#)

 **Amanda Evans** and everyone around them? [Like](#) · [Reply](#) · [June 1 at 6:50pm](#)


 **Woody Brenden** Well it wouldn't be used for that sole purpose 24/7. Would you raise the same concern about fitness groups on grassed areas? [Like](#) · [Reply](#) · [2](#) · [June 2 at 8:05am](#)


 **Woody Brenden** An example of exactly the kind of thing I'm talking about. City of Melbourne are all over it!<https://participate.melbourne.vic.gov.au/skate>
[Participate Melbourne :: Skate Melbourne Plan](#)
We aim to support a healthy and inclusive...
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 **Bruce Kay** Great ideas Woody Brendan. 👍👎 [Like](#)
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 **Woody Brenden** Want to activate public spaces with individual recreation? Having architecture that isn't hostile to skateboarding would be a nice start i.e smooth pavements and no skate stoppers on ledges. Edit: Like Melbourne is doing <https://participate.melbourne.vic.gov.au/skate>
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 **Greg McGuirk** Skate stoppers are fixed to ledges because skate board racks smash the edges with their high impact.
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 **Woody Brenden** Hence the ledges in public spaces should be made to be more robust (metal edges perhaps). The plan talks about recreational spaces so why not enable it?
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 **Bruce Kay** So many city fathers in Australian communities are anti-youth. We should be inclusive. Welcome teenagers into our community open spaces. The Belconnen Skate Park is a wonderful asset and it's a joy to watch young people sharing it together. Far better than that concrete jail in Civic, tucked out of sight behind the shops and car park. Multiuse facilities are an excellent idea. Thanks Woody Brendan.
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 **John von Berger** Read the plans. Best option is to a-line with Sydney Darling Harbour. Suggest infill of West Basin, to accommodate upto 20 stories on the city side between Parks Way and lake, with board walk in front along lake to connect city hill to precinct. All ground floors to be commercial with restaurants and coffee shops, pubs. Light rail to extend from Capital Hill through this peninsula, to National Zoo, then to Molongalo. Same light rail line on other side of Capital Hill to run up through Russell then to airport. Outcome. This will put Canberra on the map, as a true blue national capital with best water front amenities in the world. Cost to rate payer is the infill and board walk construction. Construction of residential towers with commercial ground floor to be privatised.
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 **Kerry Baylor** why does Canberra have to be "on the map"? Do we really want hoards of tourists and businesses that cater to them? [Like](#) · [Reply](#) · [2](#) · [June 2 at 7:26am](#)


 **Bruce Kay** I read the plans John von Berger and I hated the idea of 20 storey buildings lining the foreshore and a board walk in front with restaurants and coffee shops and pubs. A real estate developer's wet dream. It would cater for yuppie adults. Canberra is better how it is today. We need to preserve the essence of today's open natural spaces being shared by citizens of all ages. [Like](#) · [Reply](#) · [3](#) · [June 2 at 10:48pm](#) · [Edited](#)


 **Marko Lehikoinen** All that development would mean nothing when the water it sits next to is putrid and full of blue-green algae, driving people away with it's horrible stench. You can smell it in the car when you drive past on Parkes Way it is that bad. Fix the lake before trying to turn it into Sydney.
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 **Kerry Baylor** as if the stuffed shirt tenants would allow skateboarding and concerts. I do hope they are asked to agree that these things will happen and they have no say
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 **Woody Brenden** Have a look at what City of Melbourne are doing for young people. Something like this would be great. <https://participate.melbourne.vic.gov.au/skate>
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 **Ellen Lynch** [Alex Manson](#) [Like](#) · [Reply](#) · [June 2 at 11:53am](#)

 **Pete Milne** A skate friendly space would be ideal. Alternatively, a dedicated skate space would be good. It wouldn't need to be big ,expensive bowls but just a nice open space with some ledges and rails. [Like](#) · [Reply](#) · [1](#) · [June 2 at 1:14pm](#)

 **Alistair Roberts** Acton is all well and good, but can we put some of that money for the renovations and restructuring of woden? The place has been a ghost town since the 70s [Like](#)
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 **Veronika Sain** Why does the second image look like some kind of concrete derelict bomb shelter? Hopefully these aren't the standards being aspired to. I'm also supposing they aren't planning spaces for the growing numbers of homeless who need places to sleep at night.
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 **Robert Verdon** Rebuild Canberra Hospital.
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 **Veronika Sain** God knows the one in Woden hasn't coped since the only decently run trauma hospital was destroyed for profit motives. [Like](#) · [Reply](#) · [2](#) · [June 3 at 3:48pm](#) · [Edited](#)

 **Christopher Cole** Christ on a bicycle. Just leave it alone.

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[Simon Mitchell](#) No way we would get real architecture like the 1st stock picture. It will just be more whack it up quick glass and concrete with no detail. [Like](#) · [Reply](#) · 4 · [June 3 at 9:18am](#)



[Jude May](#) Why bother having a stage? All the locals whinge about the slightest bit of noise already!

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[Tony Caruana](#) Integrated skateboarding facilities, such as ledges and skateable furniture would be awesome. Check out the Crace ledges in Canberra's north as an example. <https://www.skateboard.com.au/ska.../australia/crace-ledges/>

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[Anthony Bozzato](#) [Mel Byron](#) future Acton

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[Marko Lehikoinen](#) Attractive and usable public space is exactly what Acton has now. Building skyscrapers and filling it with concrete artworks will make it less of an open space and more of a Gareema Place. People go there for the green grass and trees, so why change it at all? Put the whole thing to a referendum before you destroy what is left of Walter Griffin's vision. [Like](#) · [Reply](#) · 2 · [June 4 at 7:36am](#)



[Dan Connolly](#) Looks like some architects wet dream. As usual most of them live in a dream world, just Leave it alone

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[Dianne Lowe](#) Why is no money or thought being put into making Civic more aesthetically pleasing? Civic is looking so sad!! [Like](#) · [Reply](#) · 7 · [June 4 at 10:41am](#)

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[Nic Gillies](#) [Stu Thompson](#) [Like](#) · [Reply](#) · [June 4 at](#)

[4:54pm](#)



[Elizabeth Ann Thurbon](#) I want community parks that encourage neighbours to meet, sit and chat. I want a city that is well connected rather than isolated satellites. I am a born and bred Canberran who loves the way our city is developing. But am always disappointed that there is no plan to care for and enliven the beautiful Sydney and Melbourne buildings and their laneways to make our very centre vibrant and attractive to all, especially tourists, who see only our dead unattractive centre, that could be so much more. [Like](#) · [Reply](#) · 1 · [June 4](#)

[at 6:23pm](#)



[Ben Roberts](#) Best invest in some security features given ongoing events. [Like](#) · [Reply](#) · [June 4 at 6:34pm](#)



[Mitchell Scott](#) Outdoor performance spaces would be awesome, also stuff for people to do in Winter - parks are great but less attractive when it's like 5 degrees outside

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[Bella Counihan](#) [Liam](#) [Like](#) · [Reply](#) · [June 5 at 4:33pm](#)



[Lilly Hannock](#) [Jacob White](#) thoughts?


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[Jacob White](#) Let's not start this here 😂😄

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Published by  Alistair McGhie [?] · 5 June · 

New streets are proposed in the Acton Peninsula Draft Structure Plan that better connect people from ANU, central Canberra and the National Triangle. We propose to consolidate carparking and future buildings into specific sites and as a result reclaim green space and improve the sense of arrival at Acton Peninsula.

We invite you to read the plan <https://tinyurl.com/klunpeq> and complete the survey https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Acton_Peninsula to tell us what you think by Tuesday 13 June 2017.



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We invite you to have your say in the online survey <https://tinyurl.com/85wvnu>. To read the plan and for further information on submissions visit <http://tinyurl.com/8gwzwh> on the NCA website

The draft plan has been developed in close collaboration between the NCA and The Australian National University, the Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies, the National Museum of Australia, and the ACT Government.






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


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David Shaun Kapi | love Canberra

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Donna Venables So why does this advert suddenly show up just days before closing??? Have not heard or seen anything about this till now [Like](#) · [Reply](#) · · 2

· [June 11 at 8:03pm](#)



Mitch Gleeson Fair question, I hadn't heard anything. Checked their FB site and it was posted 8times in May. Not sure about mainstream media [Like](#) · [Reply](#) 1 · [June 11 at 8:14pm](#)



Margaret Freemantle Fb sites are only good when you know what you are looking for! This is hardly community consultation [Like](#) · [Reply](#) · [Message](#) · 3 · [June 11 at 11:09pm](#)



Greg Johnson It's a pity that this post is not balanced by some speakers who have prepared soundly based arguments against much of what us proposed such as the Lake Burley Griffin Guardians [Like](#) · [Reply](#) · [Message](#) · 2 · [June 12 at 11:44am](#)



Julie Ramsay I guess the NCA added their video as a response to your concern. [Like](#) · [Reply](#) · [Message](#) · [June 12 at 10:33pm](#)



Jacqui Howard I think the proposal is horrific. West Basin is just lovely as it is. Do we really need another concrete jungle like Kingston Foreshores? At the moment everyone can

walk, jog, run in a truly beautiful spot without any concrete. Fix up Civic and leave Acton alone [Like](#) · [Reply](#) · [Message](#) ·

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Sean Harrison One question, how does the Acton peninsula have thousands of years of indigenous history when the lake has only been there since 1963? I know that aborigines have lived in the area for thousands of years but the peninsula itself has only been there for a very short period of time. [Like](#) · [Reply](#) · [Message](#) · 1 · [June 13 at 12:28am](#)



Ken Eynon Keep the area around West Basin neat and tidy and it is a great space. Do what your doing now and it becomes another concrete jungle. [Like](#) · [Reply](#) · [Message](#) ·

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Rauny Worm Oh dear..this is another reason to move on [Like](#) · [Reply](#) · [Message](#) · [June 13 at 8:23pm](#)




Peter Clack Canberra - wrecked by generations of incompetent public service execs, all only hee for the cash and removal costs. Why do you think the lake still looks like it is not part of the city? [Like](#) · [Reply](#) · [Message](#) · [June 13 at 9:25pm](#)



Toni Joe Harding We already have lovely connected green spaces there... just keep it clean and mowed please.

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ACT Government Media Summary

ACT GOVERNMENT FACEBOOK POSTS

The ACT Government posted on 2 May 2017 with a reach of **6,703** and the video had **2,368** views.

ACT Government
Published by ACT Government (?) · May 2 · 🌐

An internationally recognised cultural precinct in one of the best spots in Canberra – that’s the vision outlined in a new draft plan for Canberra’s Acton Peninsula. Whether it’s new green public spaces or better connectivity to our CBD and the West Basin Waterfront, you can now have your say on the Acton Peninsula Structure Plan. Find it on the National Capital Authority website bit.ly/2pSaJiC. Consultation closes Tuesday 13 June.

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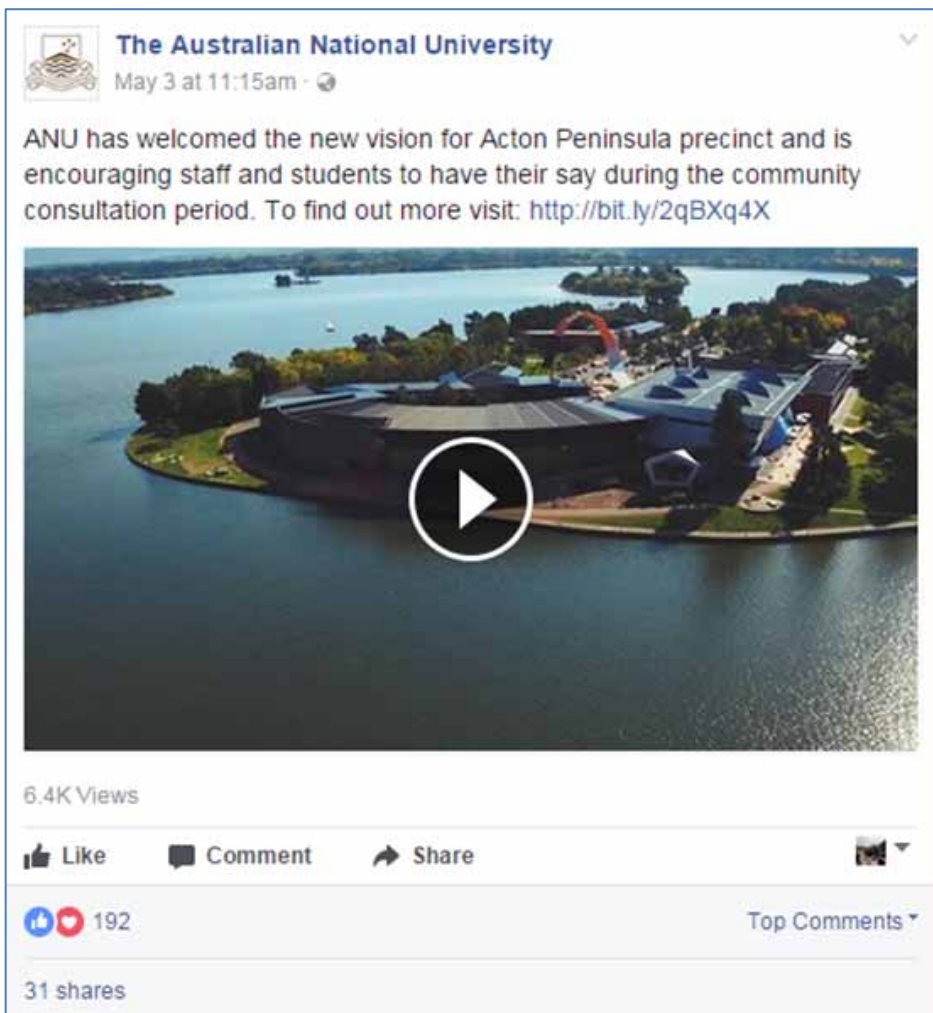
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- Attracted 6,500 video views, and
- 197 reactions, 33 shares and 9 comments

ANU Twitter posts recorded:

- 1,294 Impressions
- 76 Engagements

ANU web content recorded

- 560 page views



National Museum of Australia Media Summary

NMA WEBSITE & SOCIAL MEDIA POSTS

Facebook

The NMA post on 2 May 2017 with the video with URL announcing the plan (2 May) and reached 4,704 people and the video had 1,512 views.



Twitter

The Twitter post with url announcing plan (2 May) had 2,071 impressions.

Website

As of 10 August 2017 the Draft Peninsula Plan media release on the NMA's website had:

- 270 views
- 186 unique views
- Average time on the page was 4.07 minutes

Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies Media Summary

AIATSIS FACEBOOK POSTS

AIATSIS posted on **9 May 2017** and reached 1,121 people, with 52 Likes.

AIATSIS
Published by Hootsuite [?] · May 9 at 11:36am · 🌐

A new draft plan for Acton Peninsula sets out the long-term planning policies to guide the future development of this prominent location into an internationally recognised precinct of culture, education and recreation.

The draft plan has been developed in close collaboration between National Capital Authority, The Australian National University, AIATSIS, The National Museum of Australia, and the ACT Government.

Read the plan and have your say <https://aiatsis.gov.au/.../collaboration-revitalise-acton-pen...>



Collaboration to revitalise Acton Peninsula for the future
Acton Peninsula Precinct
AIATSIS.GOV.AU


AIATSIS posted on **17 May 2017** and reached 511 people, with 5 Likes

AIATSIS
Published by Amy Williams [?] · May 17 at 11:47am · 🌐

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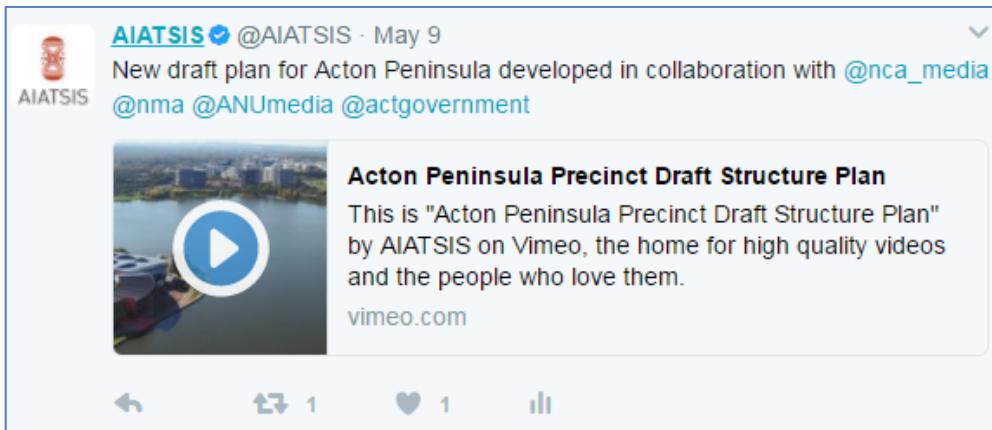
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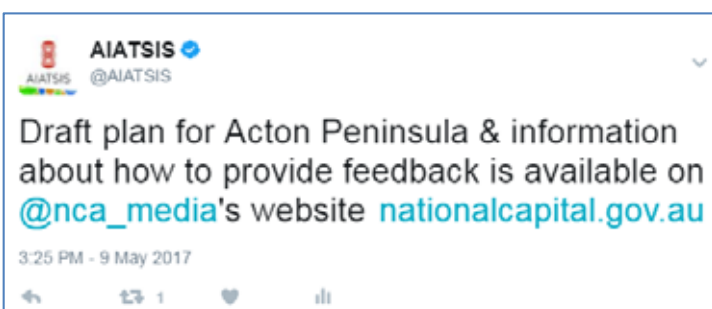
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AIATSIS tweeted on **9 May 2017** and reached 610 people, with 12 total engagements



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AIATSIS retweeted the NCA’s tweet on 16 May 2017 and reached 224 people, with 1 reply, 2 retweets and 1 Like



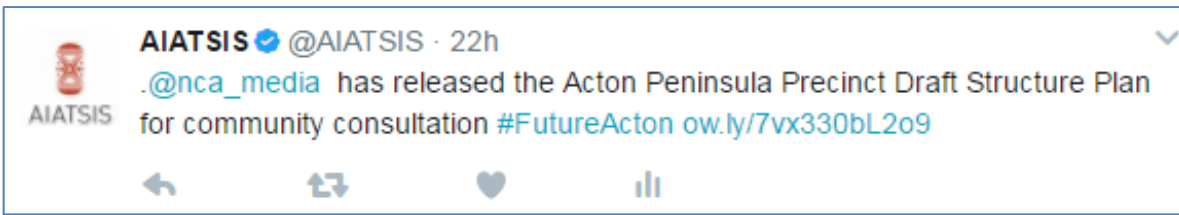
AIATSIS tweeted on 17 May 2017 and reached 476 people, with 5 Total Engagements



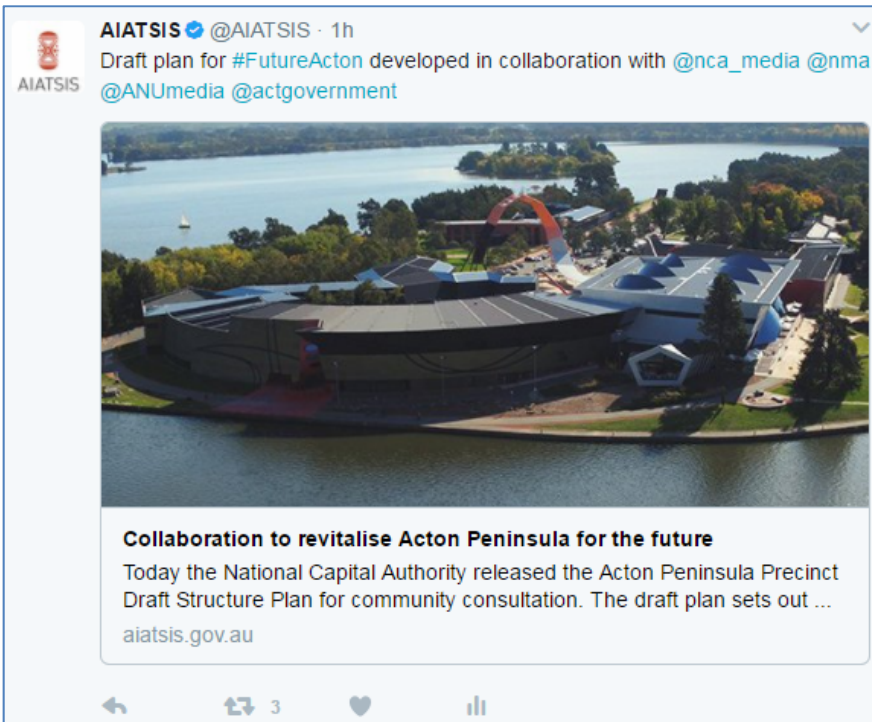
AIATSIS tweeted on 17 May 2017 and reached 394 people, with 4 total engagements



AIATSIS tweeted on 18 May 2017 and reached 395 people.

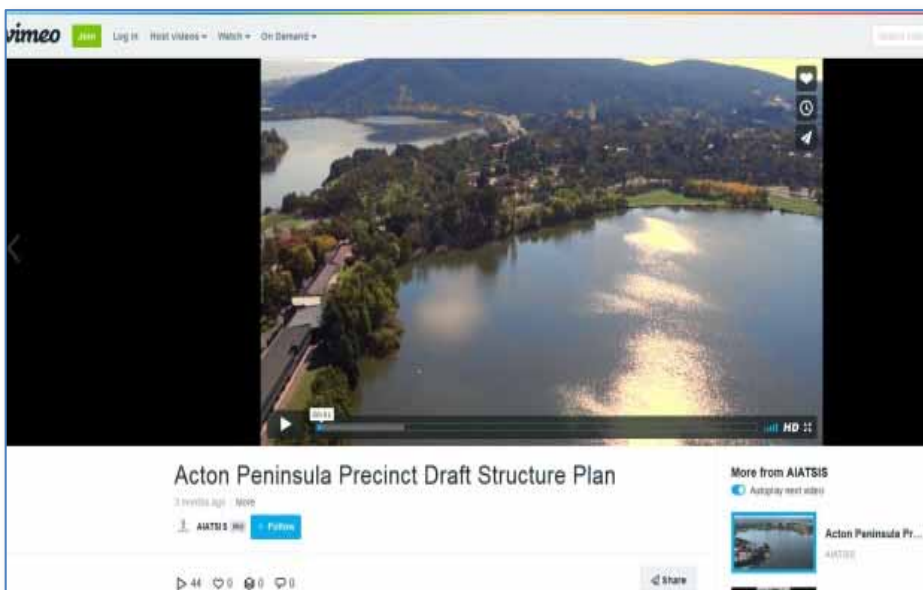


AIATSIS tweeted on 19 May 2017 and reached 608 people with 6 Total Engagements.



Vimeo

45 plays on Vimeo.



Other Facebook Activities

Kristen Henry posted the YouTube video on her Facebook page regarding the release of the plan for consultation.

Kristen Henry
May 2 at 11:52am · 🌐

I can FINALLY show you this AMAZING project i've been working on..Want to have a say on what the Acton Penninsula will look like? You can, here. National Capital Authority Newcast Studios xx
<https://youtu.be/im4GihxtV4U>

Acton Peninsula Draft Structure Plan
The National Capital Authority has released the Acton Peninsula Precinct Draft Structure Plan for community consultation. The draft plan sets out the long-te...
YOUTUBE.COM

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National Capital Authority, Damien Maher, Wendy McKenzie and 18 others

Write a comment...

Kristen Henry
May 2 · 🌐

If you're a CANBERRAN, lets have our say on what the Acton Peninsula wil look like in the future. Share this puppy around, its an exciting time for us. National Capital Authority Newcast Studios #cbr


2.3K Views

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Damien Maher, James English and 7 others

16 shares

The RIOACT attended the launch and streamed live from the National Museum of Australia.



RIOT ACT! The RiotACT was live.
May 2 at 11:02am · 🌐

We're LIVE from The National Museum of Australia to learn about the opening today of public consultation on a new draft plan to rejuvenate the Acton Peninsula. Outlining their proposed approach to better connecting the precinct's institutions with the rest of the city and enhancing surrounding green spaces are NMA Director Dr Mathew Trinca, National Capital Authority Chief Executive Malcolm Snow, AIATSIS Acting Chief Executive Officer Craig Ritchie, The Australian National University Executive Director of Administration and Planning Chris Grange and City to the Lake Director with the ACT Government Nicholas Holt. Full story: <https://the-riotact.com/acton-plan-to-fix-peninsulas.../202622>


694 Views

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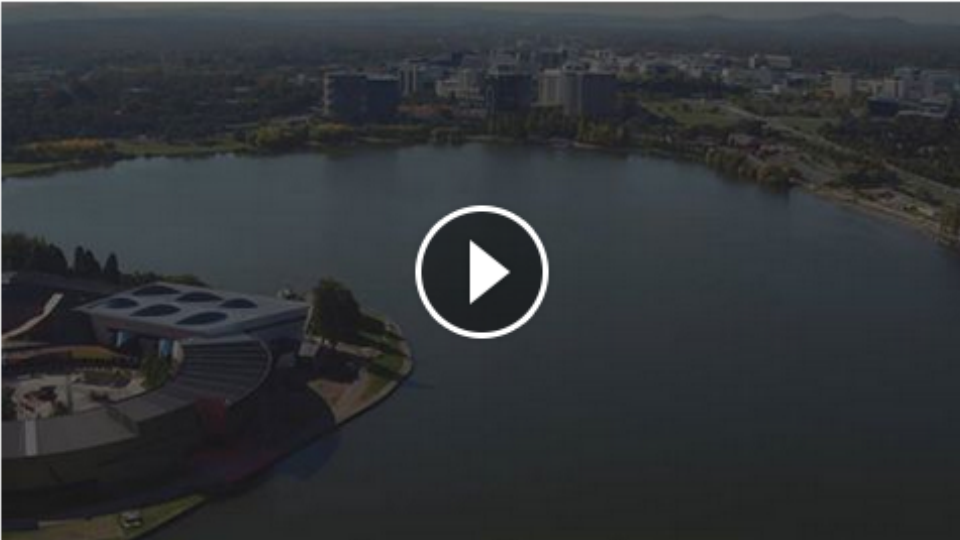
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Newcast Studios who produced the video also posted



Newcast Studios shared National Capital Authority's video.
May 2 at 12:52pm · 🌐

We're really proud to have collaborated with National Capital Authority and Kristen Henry on this city-changing project. Get involved!



32,948 Views

National Capital Authority with The National Museum of Australia and 3 others.
Published by Sarah Schofield [?] · May 2 at 12:47pm · 🌐 👍 Like Page

A new draft plan for Acton Peninsula sets out the long-term planning policies to guide the future development of this prominent location into an internationally recognised precinct of culture, education and recreation.

The draft plan has been developed in close collaboration between the NCA and The Australian National University, the Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies, the National Museum of Australia, and the ACT Government.

Read the plan and have your say <http://tinyurl.com/kgwxtdh> #FutureActon

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