

**Environment, Planning and Sustainable  
Development Directorate**

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**To:** Minister for Planning and Land Management

Tracking No.: 19/34190

**Date:** 25 November 2019

**CC:** NA

**From:** Executive Branch Manager, Building, Design and Projects

**Subject:** [REDACTED] and Western Edge Study –  
Budget funded items

**Critical Date:** In the normal course of business

**Critical Reason:** To provide you an update on 2019-20 Budget Initiatives

- DG .../.../...
- DDG, Land Strategy and Environment .../.../...

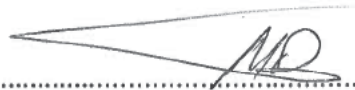
**Recommendations**

That you:

1. **Note** the information provided in this brief.

**Noted / Please Discuss**

Mick Gentleman MLA .....



10/12/19

Minister's Office Feedback

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## Background

1. Your office requested an update on the two 2019-20 key budget initiatives (below) and this brief is to provide an update on those items from the Planning, Land and Building Policy division including:
  - a. [REDACTED]
  - b. Western Edge Investigations (part of the larger budget initiative due diligence to deliver a strong housing pipeline).
2. [REDACTED]
3. The Western Edge Investigations respond to a recommendation of the ACT Auditor-General's report *Assembly of rural land west of Canberra (2018)* that:

*The Chief Planning Executive should undertake a planning study, to define the long term future urban form and identify the Territory's future development fronts to guide the update of the ACT Planning Strategy (2012).*
4. The Government's response was:

*Agreed. Studies underway as part of the current Planning Strategy Refresh will be used to determine the timing of a study into the long term future urban form*
5. Specifically, the work being undertaken as part of the Western Edge Investigations will commence the consideration of the long-term opportunities of the western edge (or parts) for urban growth, as greenfield land supply in Gungahlin and Molonglo are likely to be exhausted by around 2022 and 2031, respectively.

## Issues

6. An initial scoping document for each project has been prepared [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Attachment A and Western Edge Investigation Attachment B covering:
  - a. Scope of work and approach
  - b. Current status of project
  - c. Budget
  - d. Forward timeline
  - e. Next steps
  - f. Key stakeholders

## Financial Implications

7. Funding in the 2019/20 ACT Budget has been allocated to these projects over two years as follows:

a.



b. Western Edge Investigations – 2019-20: \$0.65 million and 2020-21: \$0.50 million.

**Consultation**

Internal

8. Internal consultation across the Planning, Land and Building Policy division has informed scoping of each project and are outlined in Attachments A and B.

Cross Directorate

9.



External

10. Nil.

**Work Health and Safety**

11. Nil.

**Benefits/Sensitivities**

12. The coping documents for each project identify that further funding will be required in the future to progress more detailed planning and infrastructure investigations to permit Commonwealth and ACT statutory rezoning and environmental approval process to be undertaken.

**Communications, media and engagement implications**

13. Both projects have communications, media and engagement sensitivities. Each project will develop, in consultation with your office, a communications plan to manage these issues.

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Phone: 73307

## WESTERN EDGE

### PROJECT OVERVIEW

- Funding of \$1.15 million, comprising \$0.65 million in 2019-20 and \$0.50 million in 2020-21, has been provided to undertake preliminary investigations under the initiative of 'Deliver a compact and efficient city', with a key action to 'Identify areas suitable for nature reserves, environmental offsets and areas for heritage conservation as part of the Western Edge Study'.
- The project will commence implementation actions in response to the ACT Auditor-General's Report *Assembly of rural land west of Canberra* (2018)<sup>1</sup>. The Auditor-General recommended that:

*The Chief Planning Executive should undertake a planning study, to define the long term future urban form and identify the Territory's future development fronts to guide the update of the ACT Planning Strategy (2012).*

- The Government's response to the above Auditor-General's recommendation was:  
*Agreed. Studies underway as part of the current Planning Strategy Refresh will be used to determine the timing of a study into the long term future urban form<sup>2</sup>.*
- The ACT Planning Strategy 2018 has the following specific actions relating to the western edge:

#### Strategic Direction 1.2

Investigate the potential for new residential areas to the west of the city to meet future housing need.

#### Action 1.2.1

Undertake environmental, infrastructure and planning studies for the western edge of the city to identify suitable areas for:

- potential urban areas (excluding Central Molonglo)
  - nature reserves
  - environmental offset and potential environmental offset areas
  - the consideration of cultural and heritage values
  - other uses, for example rural, broadacre, major infrastructure, transport and services.
- This project also commences the implementation of Planning Strategy as it relates to the western edge as there is a need to consider the long-term opportunities of the western edge (or parts) for urban growth, as greenfield land supply in Gungahlin and Molonglo is likely to be exhausted by around 2022 and 2031 respectively.
  - The Western Edge Investigation Area has not been comprehensively investigated to date.

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<sup>1</sup> ACT Audit Office (2018) *ACT Auditor-General's Report – Assembly of Rural Land West of Canberra*, Report No 8/2018 [https://www.audit.act.gov.au/data/assets/pdf\\_file/0010/1215829/Report-No.-8-of-2018-Assembly-of-rural-land-west-of-Canberra.pdf](https://www.audit.act.gov.au/data/assets/pdf_file/0010/1215829/Report-No.-8-of-2018-Assembly-of-rural-land-west-of-Canberra.pdf) accessed on 20 September 2019.

<sup>2</sup> The Legislative Assembly for The Australian Capital Territory (2018) *Government Response to Auditor-General's Report No8/2018 Assembly of rural land west of Canberra* [https://www.parliament.act.gov.au/data/assets/pdf\\_file/0018/1254402/2018-Government-Response-to-AG-Report-No-8-of-2018-Assembly-of-rural-land-west-of-Canberra.pdf](https://www.parliament.act.gov.au/data/assets/pdf_file/0018/1254402/2018-Government-Response-to-AG-Report-No-8-of-2018-Assembly-of-rural-land-west-of-Canberra.pdf) accessed on 23 September 2019.

## **PROJECT SCOPE**

- The studies being undertaken over the next two years are preliminary investigations and will not involve any Commonwealth or ACT statutory planning rezoning or environment approval processes.
- The outcomes of studies and the planning recommendations will be brought forward to Cabinet for consideration in the second half of 2021 (TBC).
- It is noted that additional funding, post 2020-21, will be required to further assess and refine proposals and progress statutory Commonwealth and ACT environmental and planning processes and approvals.
- At this stage, there is no specific timeframe for the commencement of rezoning or environmental approval processes. This would still be a number of years away.
- No community consultation is included in this project. Target stakeholder engagement will be undertaken, as required.

## **METHODOLOGY (refer to Attachment 1 for studies involved)**

### Work to date - STAGE 1: September 2019 – October 2019

- Collection of background and existing information of the study area.
- Project plan.
- Analysis of existing situation including audit of previous studies, land use zones, land tenure, lease terms and withdrawal clauses, land management agreements, and National Capital Plan issues.
- **Deliverables by 31 October 2019 – project plan and situation analysis. - COMPLETED**

### Stage 2: November 2019 – June 2020

- Preliminary investigations to establish baseline, existing conditions or gaps including ecology (flora, fauna, birds) review, environmental surveys, bushfire risk, hydrology/water quality, air, noise, contamination, geotechnical, landscape and visual analysis, infrastructure capacity.
- Build a Canberra Strategic Transport Model (CSTM) base scenario for the study area (TBC - it may be incorporated into transport modelling in Stage 3).
- Understanding of country – preliminary heritage assessment including engagement with key representatives from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities about the values and understanding of this area.
- **Deliverables by 30 June 2020 – preliminary investigations and supporting evidence. - ACTIVE**

### STAGE 3: July 2020 – June 2021

- Preliminary transport study.
- Environmental surveys.
- Preliminary planning investigations.
- Preliminary infrastructure investigations of infrastructure capacity, requirements and costs to service development in western edge.
- Transport modelling to test scenarios from planning and infrastructure study
- Preliminary planning options and scenarios (including conservation, land use and infrastructure provisions).
- **Deliverables by 30 June 2021 – preliminary planning and infrastructure investigations and planning options with supporting evidence. – YET TO COMMENCE**

### Stage 4: July 2021 to December 2021 (TBC)

- The findings and recommendations arising of these studies will be brought forward to Cabinet for consideration.
- **Deliverables by 31 December 2021 (TBC) – Cabinet confirmation of next steps and future budget bids.**

### **PROJECT BUDGET**

<b>Year</b>	<b>Budget Amount</b>
2019/20	\$650
2020/21	\$500

### **INDICATIVE PROJECT TIMEFRAMES**

Please refer to Attachment 2.

### **KEY STAKEHOLDERS THAT WILL NEED TO BE INVOLVED**

- TCCS;
- ESA;
- ACT Bushfire Council;
- SLA;
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities;
- Rural lessees – who will have to be advised that access to their land will be required for the environmental surveys; and
- ANU – implications on Mt Stromlo observatory due to light spill.

**Attachment 1**

**Western Edge Investigation Area – Scheduled Studies – Program**

Consultancy	Study focus	Budget (\$'000)	Timing – start	Stages	Lead	Comment
<b>STAGE 2 INVESTIGATION</b>						
Ecology	Ecology	50	Nov 2019	1. Situational review of existing information on ecological values, gap analysis and scoping for Autumn 2020 & Spring 2020 surveys	Daniel	Desk-top review of previous studies and information sources available for land within the study area (including flora, fauna, birds)
		60	Mar 2020	2. Autumn 2020 field surveys		
		140	Jul 2020	3. Spring 2020 field surveys		
Fire	Fire	25	Nov 2019	Initial assessment of fire	Daniel	Desk-top research and analysis of historic trends and risk
Heritage	Heritage	60	Nov 2019	Initial assessment of heritage values	Daniel	
Visual	Visual and landscape	70	Nov 2019	Preliminary assessment of visual and landscape values	Katherine	
Water	Hydrology	70	Nov 2019	Situational analysis	Patrick	Environment Division (Water Policy) consult
Civil	Infrastructure	15	Nov 2019	Existing infrastructure constraints	Patrick	Desk-top review of infrastructure network constraints (including transport, water supply, sewerage, stormwater, electricity and gas networks)
Site investigations	Air and noise	20	Jan 2020	Situational analysis	Patrick	EPA, Building on LMWCC odour study
	Contamination	70	Jan 2020	Situational analysis	Daniel	Phase 1
	Geotechnical	45	Jan 2020	Situational analysis	Daniel	Desk-top research and analysis
Traffic modelling	Traffic modelling	50	TBC	Build an CSTM base scenario for study area	Patrick	May be incorporated into the traffic modelling consultancy
<b>STAGE 3 INVESTIGATIONS</b>						
Planning and infrastructure	Integrated planning and infrastructure	400	Jul 2020	Integrated planning and infrastructure study Infrastructure capacity Planning opportunities, constraints and issues Preliminary planning options and scenarios	Alison	
Traffic modelling	Traffic modelling	50	Feb 2021	Traffic modelling	Patrick	Traffic modelling to test planning options and scenarios from Planning and infrastructure study
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>1,125</b>				<b>Contingency \$25,000</b>







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**Ministerial Information Brief Coversheet**

MINISTER	<b>Minister for Planning and Land Management - Mick Gentleman MLA</b>
SUBJECT	Update on [REDACTED] and Western Edge Study – Budget funded items
OBJECTIVE NUMBER	19/34190
<b>CRITICAL DATE FOR MINISTER’S SIGNATURE*</b>	<b>In the normal course of business</b>

	Cleared By	Date
Due to the Ministers Office		
Director-General		
Deputy Director-General	Ben McHugh	27/11/2019
Government Services	Laura Marcantonio	04/11/2019
Executive Group Manager		
Executive Branch Manager	Bethel Sendaba	31/10/2019
Contact Officer: Suzanne Jurcevic	Telephone No: 73317	

<p>Further Action/Comment:</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>Signature</p>
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**Ministerial Information Brief Coversheet**

MINISTER	<b>Minister for Planning and Land Management - Mick Gentleman MLA</b>
SUBJECT	Planning Strategy Implementation – Western Edge Investigations
OBJECTIVE NUMBER	20/48545
<b>CRITICAL DATE FOR MINISTER’S SIGNATURE*</b>	<b>Thursday, 10 September 2020</b>

	Cleared By	Date
Due to the Minister’s Office		
Director-General		
Deputy Director-General	Erin Brady	09/09/2020
Government Services	P Bogiatzis	27/07/2020
Executive Group Manager	Lesley Cameron	24/07/2020
Contact Officer: Steven Gianakis	Telephone No: 71741	

<p>Further Action/Comment:</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>Signature</p>
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EPSDD Ref No.: 20/47541

## Response to DLO Request

**\* All information provided should be factual.**

**Electronic approval at Executive Director level is required. Please place the approval email in the objective file and cc DG EO and Govt Services when responding to the DLO.**

**Subject:** In relation to the PAC's inquiry into AG Rpt No 8 of 2018 – are you able to tell me whether the EPSDD has started work on the Western Edge study referenced in the ACT Planning Strategy 2012 at pp. 7 & 59 and the ACT Planning Strategy 2018 at pp. 8 & 40? If so, what is the state of work on the study?

**Response:**

The Environment, Planning and Sustainable Development Directorate has commenced studies of the Western Edge, consistent with the ACT Planning Strategy's (2018) Strategic Direction No. 1.2 and Action No.1.2.1.

The current two year program of scoping and preliminary studies to assist in determining the long-term use of land to the west of Canberra is funded through the 2019/20 ACT Budget allocation of \$1.15 million.

Eight studies are underway with further studies to commence later this financial year.

**Environment, Planning and Sustainable  
Development Directorate**

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<b>To:</b>	Minister for Planning and Land Management	Tracking No.: 20/48545
<b>Date:</b>	1 September 2020	
<b>From:</b>	Executive Group Manager - Planning, Land and Building	
<b>Subject:</b>	Planning Strategy Implementation - Western Edge Investigation update	
<b>Critical Date:</b>	10 September 2020	
<b>Critical Reason:</b>	To provide you with an update on work to date.	

- DG .../.../...
- DDG, Land Strategy and Environment 9/09/20

**Recommendations**

That you **note** the information contained in this brief.

**Noted / Please Discuss**

Mick Gentleman MLA .....  ..... 15/9/2020

Minister's Office Feedback

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## Background

1. The 2019-20 ACT Budget allocated \$1.15 million over two years for scoping and preliminary studies to assist in determining the long-term use of land to the west of Canberra – referred to as Western Edge investigations.
2. Western Edge investigations is an action item of the ACT Planning Strategy 2018 (Planning Strategy) to examine the opportunities to provide for continuing greenfield development once Gungahlin and the Molonglo Valley are developed.
3. Specifically, the Planning Strategy states:

### Strategic Direction 1.2

*Investigate the potential for new residential areas to the west of the city to meet future housing need.*

### Action 1.2.1

*Undertake environmental, infrastructure and planning studies for the western edge of the city to identify suitable areas for:*

- a. *potential urban areas*
  - b. *nature reserves*
  - c. *environmental offset and potential environmental offset areas*
  - d. *the consideration of cultural and heritage values*
  - e. *other uses, for example rural, broadacre, major infrastructure, transport and services.*
4. The Western Edge investigation area is approximately 9,800 hectares and is bordered by the Murrumbidgee River and the existing urban areas of Weston Creek, Molonglo Valley and Belconnen (Attachment A).
  5. These studies also commence a key action in response to the ACT Auditor-General's Report Assembly of rural land west of Canberra (2018)<sup>1</sup>. The Auditor-General recommended that:

*The Chief Planning Executive should undertake a planning study, to define the long term future urban form and identify the Territory's future development fronts to guide the update of the ACT Planning Strategy (2012).*

6. The Government's response to the above Auditor-General's recommendation was:  
*Agreed. Studies underway as part of the current Planning Strategy Refresh will be used to determine the timing of a study into the long term future urban form<sup>2</sup>.*
7. The budget funded program comprises three phases of studies, as discussed below.

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## Issues

8. EPSDD has commenced the first phase of the studies, which are for internal work purposes and are listed below with their current status:
  - landscape character and visual assessment – the draft landscape and visual assessment component of the study has been submitted for initial review. The next component of the study, the draft recommendations including potential future urban development areas is due to be submitted later in September 2020.
  - preliminary air quality assessment – the final report submitted for consideration.
  - preliminary bushfire assessment – draft report expected to be submitted later in September 2020.
  - preliminary cultural heritage assessment – draft report expected to be submitted later in September 2020.
  - preliminary ecological review – draft report has been submitted and is currently being reviewed.
  - preliminary geotechnical, hydrogeological and contamination assessment – draft report expected to be submitted by end September 2020.
  - existing infrastructure assessment – draft report expected to be submitted by end of September 2020.
  - preliminary water values and hydrology investigation - draft report has been submitted and is currently being reviewed.
9. It is expected that all the above first phase studies should be completed by end October 2020.
10. EPSDD on 25 July 2020 wrote to 24 lessees and to the Suburban Land Agency (SLA), as the lessee of a number of rural blocks within the study area, advising of the commencement of the Western Edge investigations and that access to their land may be required for EPSDD consultants.
11. The geotechnical / contamination and cultural heritage consultants have ‘walked-over’ a number of leased blocks to inform their assessments. The remaining consultants have either undertaken ‘desktop’ studies or viewed areas from roads and public land without the need to access leased land.
12. The second phase of the studies will be targeted summer 2020/21 flora and fauna surveys. Procurement for these surveys is commencing.
13. The third and last phase of the studies will involve preliminary planning, infrastructure and traffic modelling and this will be undertaken in 2021/22 following Treasury’s support to a \$480,000 budget rollover.
14. At the completion of the third phase of studies, which is expected to be in mid-2022, areas suitable for environmental conservation (including offsets), heritage conservation, other uses (e.g. rural, broadacre, infrastructure, transport and services) and potential urban settlement will be identified.
15. Cabinet will then be briefed on the outcomes of all the preliminary studies and their direction sought for further detailed and technical investigations to inform rezonings and environmental approval processes. These investigations will require additional

budget funding.

16. Based on the timeframe for the Molonglo Valley, it could be 10 years before land is ready for development in the Western Edge.

**Financial Implications**

17. The 2019/2020 ACT Budget allocated \$1.15 million over two years for scoping and preliminary studies of the Western Edge.

**Consultation**

Internal

18. An EPSDD working group has been established to coordinate the Western Edge investigations. The working group comprises representatives from Strategic Planning, Infrastructure Planning, Land Development Projects, Land Economics and Strategy, Communications, Environment, and the Parks and Conservation Services and reports to the Executive Group Manager, Planning, Land and Building Division.

Cross Directorate

19. Transport Canberra and City Services, EvoEnergy and Icon Water have been briefed on the commencement of the Western Edge investigations and will be engaged, as required through the studies.
20. A briefing on the Western Edge investigations was provided to the SLA on 7 August 2020.

External

21. No external engagement is proposed to be undertaken during the current project.

**Work Health and Safety**

22. All consultants are following Covid-19 precautions and requirements.

**Benefits/Sensitivities**

23. The Western Edge investigations is the commencement of an action arising from the Planning Strategy.

**Communications, media and engagement implications**

24. EPSDD's website has been updated with information concerning the commencement of the Western Edge investigations.

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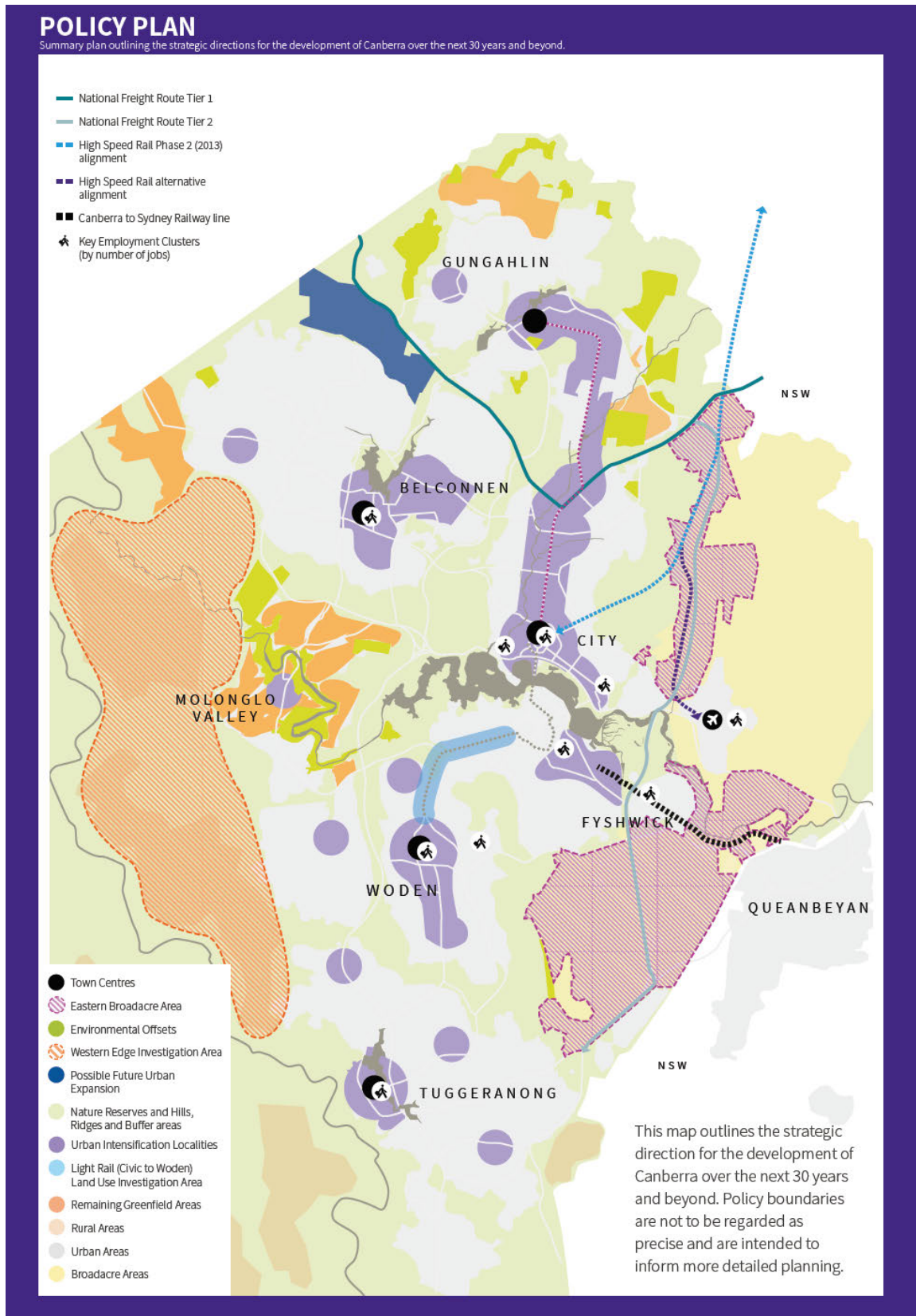
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**Attachments**

Attachment	Title
Attachment A	ACT Planning Strategy Policy Plan

**Attachment A - ACT Planning Strategy Policy Plan**



**From:** [EPSDD DLO](#)  
**To:** [Cameron, Lesley](#); [Gianakis, Steven](#)  
**Cc:** [EPD Ministerials - Strategic Planning](#)  
**Subject:** SIGNED: EPSD: 20-48545 - Brief CD 10 SEPTEMBER - Planning Strategy Implementation - Western Edge Investigation Update - PLM  
**Date:** 10 September 2020 12:19:00  
**Attachments:** [20\\_48545 Ministerial Information Brief - Planning Strategy Implementation - Western Edge Investigations.obr](#)  
**Importance:** High

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Good afternoon

Minister has signed the attached brief.

Thanks

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Subject: EPSD: 20-48545 - Brief CD 10 SEPTEMBER - Planning Strategy Implementation - Western Edge Investigation Update - PLM  
Importance: High

Hi Karley,

Please see attached brief for Minister Gentleman - Cleared to progress by DDG Brady.

Critical Date: 10 September

Thanks,

Aimie - x72156

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Importance: High

Okay to go - ASAP for information for minister.

Please also provide a drop copy for Ben.

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Updates made - first section of issues has been re-worked a bit

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Sarah - can you please call Steve to ask him the questions I have noted on the brief. I think this will be the quickest way for it to be updated so it could still get to Min office Wednesday.  
I realise some of these questions are related to time passing - but some are still about being clear about process and steps in the work.  
Can you let Karley know so Min office know and that it is for information / noting.

Thank you  
Erin

Dr Erin Brady | Deputy Director-General  
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Hi Erin

Please see attached for your review and clearance, a brief for Minister Gentleman to update him on the Western Edge Investigation.

Timeframes:

Please clear by Friday 7 July - critical date for Minister signature is Friday 14 August.

Information to note:

- Please note this is a line area generated brief.
- The brief asks the Minister to note progress.

Thanks

Sarah

Sarah Crisp | A/g Executive Officer to Dr Erin Brady, Deputy Director-General, Land Strategy & Environment Environment, Planning and Sustainable Development Directorate | ACT Government Phone (02) 620 70665| Email: Sarah.Crisp@act.gov.au Level 4, 480 Northbourne Avenue, Dickson | GPO Box 158 Canberra ACT 2602

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2020: 20/48545 Ministerial Information Brief - Planning Strategy Implementation - Western Edge

Investigations (qA825729)

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Hi Sarah

For Erin's clearance please.

Thanks

Patti

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Subject: CLEARED BY EGM: 20/48545 Ministerial Information Brief - Planning Strategy Implementation -

Western Edge Investigations (qA825729)

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Hi Gov Services

Please find attached line area generated brief, cleared by Lesley.

Thanks

Kelsey

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Hi Kelsey

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Cheers,

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**From:** [Ferguson, David](#)  
**To:** [EPSDD DLO](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Request for assistance with the Old Camp Sturt site  
**Date:** 14 December 2020 09:13:41  
**Attachments:** [image001.jpg](#)

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Karley, can you ask someone from the Directorate to make contact and provide information. Inform me of the outcomes of that discussion.

Many thanks

David

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**From:** EPSDD DLO <[EPSDDDLO@act.gov.au](mailto:EPSDDDLO@act.gov.au)>  
**Sent:** Friday, 11 December 2020 11:11 AM  
**To:** Ferguson, David <[David.Ferguson@act.gov.au](mailto:David.Ferguson@act.gov.au)>  
**Cc:** EPSDD DLO <[EPSDDDLO@act.gov.au](mailto:EPSDDDLO@act.gov.au)>  
**Subject:** FW: Request for assistance with the Old Camp Sturt site

OFFICIAL

Hi David

Just following up on this one as I haven't done anything with it yet. If MO require a response we will need to get it moving.

Advice ASAP would be great.

Thanks

Karley Anderson | Directorate Liaison Officer | 02 6207 7415

**Environment, Planning and Sustainable Development Directorate | ACT Government**

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**From:** EPSDD DLO  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 8 December 2020 10:55 AM  
**To:** Ferguson, David <[David.Ferguson@act.gov.au](mailto:David.Ferguson@act.gov.au)>  
**Subject:** FW: Request for assistance with the Old Camp Sturt site

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Hi David

Please let me know how you would like this one actioned. Will there be a meeting or happy just for a Min response?

Karley Anderson | Directorate Liaison Officer | 02 6207 7415

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**Cc:** Ferguson, David <[David.Ferguson@act.gov.au](mailto:David.Ferguson@act.gov.au)>  
**Subject:** FW: Request for assistance with the Old Camp Sturt site  
Please see correspondence related to EPSDD. For directorate response/action.

Cheers

Abby

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**From:** GENTLEMAN <[GENTLEMAN@act.gov.au](mailto:GENTLEMAN@act.gov.au)>  
**Sent:** Monday, 7 December 2020 3:45 PM  
**To:** BERRY <[BERRY@act.gov.au](mailto:BERRY@act.gov.au)>  
**Subject:** FW: Request for assistance with the Old Camp Sturt site

Hi,

One for your office please, will you accept transfer?

Thank you.

**Office of Mick Gentleman MLA**

Member for Brindabella  
Minister for Planning and Land Management  
Minister for Police and Emergency Services  
Minister for Corrections  
Minister for Industrial Relations and Workplace Safety  
Manager for Government Business  
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**Sent:** Friday, 4 December 2020 11:00 AM

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**Cc:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED][@ymca.org.au](mailto:[REDACTED]@ymca.org.au)>

**Subject:** Request for assistance with the Old Camp Sturt site

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Dear Minister

I am writing to you on behalf of the Canberra YMCA.

As you may be aware Canberra YMCA owns Stromlo block 409, which once housed Camp Sturt. The buildings on the site were destroyed in the 2003 bushfires. And the site has been managed but under utilized since then.

The Canberra YMCA is considering investing in some of our youth focused programs on the site, but we have become aware that neighbouring block 487 is now owned by the Suburban Land Agency (technically the LDA).

I would be grateful if you could direct us to an appropriate person with which to discuss our future plans for the site. As you can imagine, the government's intentions for block 487 could have a significant impact on the activities we are planning for block 409. And we feel that a better understanding of the Government's plans will assist us in making a better investment decision on our site.

Likely attendees from the YMCA for this meeting would be some combination of [REDACTED] (CEO), [REDACTED] (Executive Manager - Heath, Fitness and Active Recreation), [REDACTED] (as a YMCA Director) and myself as a YMCA contracted project manager (and former Director).

Kind regards

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**From:** [EPSD Government Services](#)  
**To:** [EPSDD DLO](#)  
**Subject:** EPSD: 20-48545 - Brief CD 10 SEPTEMBER - Planning Strategy Implementation - Western Edge Investigation Update - PLM  
**Date:** 9 September 2020 16:36:00  
**Attachments:** [20\\_48545\\_Ministerial\\_Information\\_Brief\\_-\\_Planning\\_Strategy\\_Implementation\\_-\\_Western\\_Edge\\_Investigations.obr](#)  
**Importance:** High

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Hi Karley,

Please see attached brief for Minister Gentleman - Cleared to progress by DDG Brady.

Critical Date: 10 September

Thanks,

Aimie - x72156

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From: Brady, Erin <Erin.Brady@act.gov.au>  
Sent: Wednesday, 9 September 2020 16:07  
To: EPSD Government Services <EPSDGovernmentServices@act.gov.au>; EPSDD Ministerials and Corro Executive Office <EPSDDMinisterialsandCorroExecutiveOffice@act.gov.au>; Crisp, Sarah <Sarah.Crisp@act.gov.au>  
Cc: McKenzie, Brendan <Brendan.McKenzie@act.gov.au>  
Subject: FW: FOR DDG BRADY CLEARANCE - DUE TO MO 7 AUGUST 2020: 20/48545 Ministerial Information Brief - Planning Strategy Implementation - Western Edge Investigations (qA825729)  
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Okay to go - ASAP for information for minister.

Please also provide a drop copy for Ben.

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Updates made - first section of issues has been re-worked a bit

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Sarah - can you please call Steve to ask him the questions I have noted on the brief. I think this will be the quickest way for it to be updated so it could still get to Min office Wednesday. I realise some of these questions are related to time passing - but some are still about being clear about process and steps in the work. Can you let Karley know so Min office know and that it is for information / noting.

Thank you  
Erin

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Hi Erin

Please see attached for your review and clearance, a brief for Minister Gentleman to update him on the Western Edge Investigation.

Timeframes:

Please clear by Friday 7 July - critical date for Minister signature is Friday 14 August.

Information to note:

- Please note this is a line area generated brief.
- The brief asks the Minister to note progress.

Thanks  
Sarah

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For Erin's clearance please.

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