



**ACT**  
Government

# CITY ACTION PLAN

GOVERNMENT ACTIONS  
& INVESTMENT IN THE CITY



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**Canberra's city centre is the prime address of our city. It is where our people live, work and meet. It is a city for everyone.**

The City Action Plan outlines the Government's vision for Canberra's city centre and actions to get there. This is the start of the conversation, a living document which will continue to evolve as the Government takes on the community's hopes and vision for the city centre. We need your voice to move this project forward.

#### **For our City we want:**

- A 24 hour economy
- An active, diverse street life
- A city that inspires pride – a city to celebrate
- An attractive city
- A fun and lively city
- A safe and accessible city
- Easy connections for pedestrian, cyclists and commuters

## **ACTIVATE**

### **Actions for 2016-17**

- Conduct a city audit to determine how people use the city and identify opportunities for growth.
- Map available infrastructure for event organisers.
- Explore and where necessary improve traffic and rubbish arrangements in laneways.
- Engage with local stakeholders on place making.
- Understand and map our municipal services – green space, furniture, power, water and rubbish – to facilitate activation.
- Conduct activations to demonstrate how public space can be used for a range of small scale interventions.
- Seek ideas from the community, students and industry on opportunities to transform our city.
- Offer events for children in the heart of the city.
- Propose a model for matching people with spaces for the best outcomes.

### **Ideas for 2017-18**

- Bring the city to life in keeping with Canberra's main festival and tourism events.
- Build strong partnerships with the private sector and develop the events sector in the ACT.



## COMMUNICATE

### Actions for 2016-17

- Work with In the City Canberra and other stakeholders to communicate what is happening, to better promote events to tourists, local residents and the wider community.
- Work with stakeholders to create marketing material and communications material to demonstrate “how to find the experience you’re looking for in the city”.

## PARTNER

### Actions for 2016-17

- Partnerships with In the City Canberra, Property Council, Canberra Business Chamber and other key stakeholders.
- Partnerships with the creative and cultural sectors.

## REJUVENATE

### Actions for 2016-17

- Construct a new integrated Courts Facility.
- Plan for the delivery of the Government Office Block.
- Continue to release sites to the market as part of the Asset Recycling Initiative.
- Investigate options for a new Civic Pool.

### Ideas for 2017-18

- Construct a new City Ambulance and Fire and Rescue facility.
- Provide the right cultural infrastructure to support our existing sectors and provide opportunities for the emergence of new talent.
- Introduce and support buskers into Garema Place, City Walk and other key civic areas.





## CONNECT

### Actions for 2016-17

- Upgrade pedestrian and cycle path systems with private sector contributions where possible.
- Complete the upgrade to Constitution Avenue by the end of August 2016 (weather permitting).
- Design and construct a pedestrian, cycling and public transport friendly plaza between the Sydney and Melbourne Buildings linking the east and west of the city (City Gateway project).
- Upgrade paths and lighting in Haig Park.
- Commence Stage One of the Light Rail Network

### Ideas for 2017-18

- Develop a City Parking Strategy to address concerns of industry and demand management of long term car parking in conjunction with active travel and public transport objectives.
- Redefine the hierarchy, role and function of streets in the city to reduce through-traffic on Northbourne Avenue
- Determine the possibility of a 'cool route' to connect key areas of day time and night time economy (e.g. Kingston Foreshore, New Acton, the city and Braddon).
- Provide increased community and cultural infrastructure in the laneways to boost opportunities for activation, drawing on feedback collected from consultation and previous events.

## SIMPLIFY

### Actions for 2016-17

- Review insurance requirements for events on ACT land and simplify the current requirements.
- Introduce Events that Pop! - a 24 hour approvals process for low risk events.
- Ideas for 2017-18
- Recommend simplifications planning, regulatory and economic environment.

