



ACT PLANNING STRATEGY 2018

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT REPORT

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1. Background

“The ACT Planning Strategy is an important document that provides a long-term framework to guide the future planning of our city by outlining where future growth and change is to occur. The ACT Planning Strategy helps promote well-planned and financially sound development that is consistent with the expectations and aspirations of the community.”

Mick Gentleman MLA, Minister for Planning and Land Management, Planning Strategy Refresh

The ACT Government’s 2012 Planning Strategy is being refreshed to better reflect and plan for the contemporary landscape of our city, including light rail, urban renewal and a growing population. The new strategy will incorporate progress made on key Government priorities, such as achieving net zero greenhouse gas emissions in the ACT by 2045, providing increased housing choice and affordability, and delivering improved and integrated public transport and active travel.

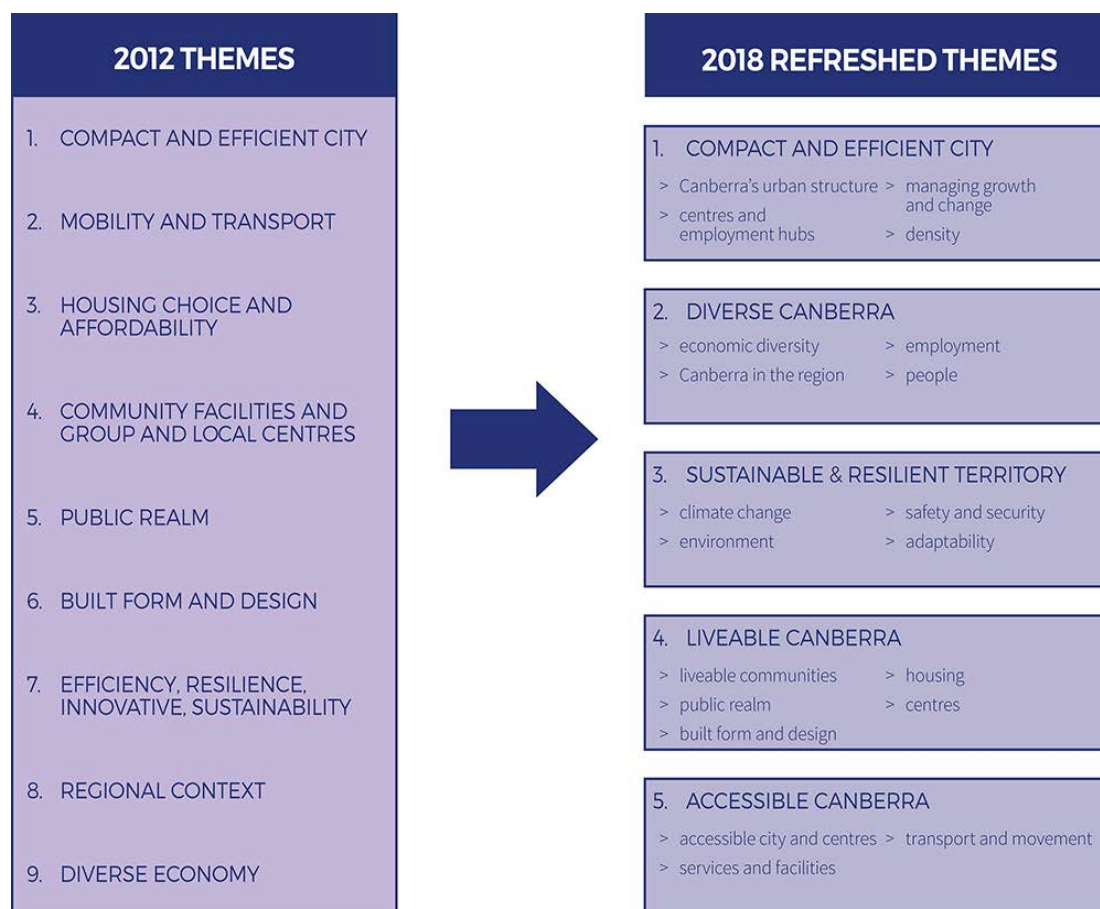
The refreshed ACT Planning Strategy 2018 (the Strategy) also considered consultation outcomes from recent engagements, including Housing Choices, the new Housing Strategy, the city’s Statement of Planning Intent and major projects like City and Gateway.



2. Scope

While many of the key policy positions of the 2012 Strategy remain robust and relevant with strong foundations for managing growth, a refresh of the Strategy provided the opportunity to build on the existing 2012 ACT Planning Strategy and to strengthen it given its importance in setting the future planning directions for the ACT.

The following diagram shows how key themes from the 2012 Planning Strategy were taken forward as part of the refresh processes for the Strategy.



The following draft outline of the new strategy was circulated early in the engagement to provide transparent direction and a substantial basis for discussion during the workshops.



3. Engagement overview

Traditionally, the ACT Government has sought to engage community in the planning process by publishing draft papers and seeking written response via public submissions.

The ACT Government took an innovative engagement approach to the refresh of the Strategy and undertook a range of activities to educate, inform and listen to the voice of the community in meaningful discussions, using human-centred and engagement principles.

Feedback was captured and reported back to the community as it happened to offer an active feedback loop during the consultation phase.

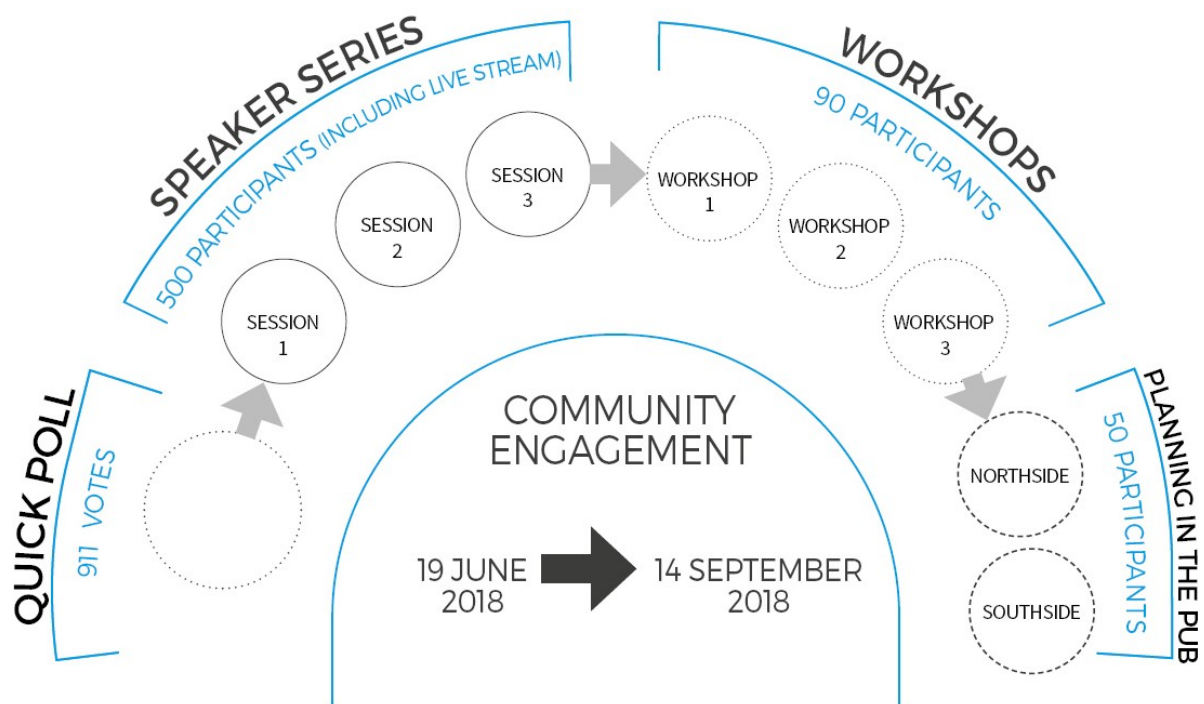
Engagements included online activities, speaker events, focused working sessions, planning in the pub sessions, as well as online information and interactive tools to assist those who could not attend events in person. Sessions were attended by ACT government staff involved in the project, including the EPSDD Director General, Deputy-Directors General, Executive Directors, Transport Canberra and City Services, the climate change policy team, housing policy team and senior planners.

The new approach also included circulating the base information and proposed strategic directions ahead of some engagement activities. Participants had the opportunity - both online and at consultation activities - to respond to material in practical ways to help inform and develop the final themes, directions and actions.

As this was a refresh process, existing policy was used as a foundation for the Strategy, and the

refresh process reviewed these to evolve and adapt them so that they continue to reflect both emerging priorities and community input.

The following diagram illustrates the progressive design of the engagement, and how the outcomes of each activity informed the next.



4. Engagement activities

4.1 Quick Poll

The ACT Government has undertaken considerable community engagement on a range of topics in Canberra in recent years, much of which was critical to the Strategy. Common statements from those engagements were summarised into relevant topics and put to the community to vote if they agreed or did not agree with the statements.

This provided an opportunity early in the engagement to not only acknowledge the substantial amount of feedback from the community and stakeholders on a range of related matters in the previous years, but to test that what had been heard would still be current in the context of the Strategy.

4.2 Speaker Series

The Planning Strategy Refresh Speaker Series was held over three evening sessions in late June and early July. Canberra residents joined industry and community group representatives to enrich local planning conversations, consider how key policies interlink and explore the realms of possibilities as presented by each visionary speaker.

The events were TEDx-style presentations from national and international thought leaders, followed by Q&A sessions with audience members both in attendance and watching live. Before and after the conversations, participants were asked to nominate their top three priorities in the areas of transport, sustainability and liveability and share their motivation behind their top nomination.

A conversation tracker, cartoon image of the conversation, and a video recording were available after each event. This provided an opportunity throughout the engagement for the community to reflect on the progress of the themes and how they would inform the workshop briefing materials.



4.3 Workshops

Over three nights from 14-16 August 2018, Canberra residents, industry stakeholders, academics and young planners joined together to workshop practical planning ideas for Canberra's future. The workshops progressed topics heard during the Speaker Series and were focused on specific questions around key planning themes integrated with transport, climate change and housing influences.

The workshops were focused and participatory working sessions related to planning against specific themes, with the clear intention to arrive at proposed directions for the new strategy. Participants were asked to read briefing papers ahead of each workshop, which included background information and key questions for consideration.

Following the workshops, an outcomes report was circulated to participants and uploaded to Your Say.



4.4 Planning in the Pub

Planning in the Pub conversations were held over two nights in both northside and southside locations. The events were co-hosted with the ACT Young Planners Committee, which offered valuable insight into how the direction of the strategy could respond to the needs of our future residents, businesses and visitors.

The conversations were an opportunity for Government Ministers, MLAs, planners and policy makers, and the community to come together and reflect on what was heard in previous years and throughout the engagement, and discuss how it could inform the new strategy.

5. What you told us

5.1 Key messages from the community

Leadership and innovation

- Canberra is a growing city that needs to have a vision for leadership. We should become the ground-breaking city of the country and provide a 100% renewable model for the rest of the Australia and the world to follow.
- Our city has the ideal layout and population to lead early adoption of new trends. We should pursue the concept of the city as an urban living lab to test new ideas and innovative solutions.

Sustainable transport

- Support an inclusive and integrated transport system for a connected community. We should embrace new transport technologies and have flexible transport options available for everyone.
- We need to improve connectivity to reduce private vehicle use. We should trial and support new technologies, such as automated vehicles, electric cars and bikes.

Living infrastructure

- Increased urban density needs to be balanced with green integration of city and environment, green spaces and trees. We need to respect our natural environments.
- If private space gets smaller with urban intensification then the importance of public space increases. We need to plan for climate change impacts and grow the urban forest to manage urban heat.

Urban form and density

- Plan the city to balance a growing population and high quality of living. Create accessible and friendly community spaces that connect people. Promote healthy lifestyles and an active community.
- It's important to build neighbourhoods in Canberra. Think about where we want density and what we want from it, and plan so these areas have high liveability and social amenity.

Housing choice

- Housing choice and affordability are critical. We need to think about the needs of younger and are older people. Place transit orientated developments with affordable and social housing.
- Provide infill housing to cater for family's closer to the city, such as more apartments with 4 bedrooms not just 1 and 2 bedrooms.

Building and design

- Improve the poor quality of the built environment and tighten-up building codes. Have better housing with low energy consumption.
- Provide incentives for good quality building and design outcomes. Allocate more resources to good planning, maintenance, implementation and regulation.

Community engagement

- Work actively to engage with communities. Require developers to involve and act on input from citizens early in the design process.

- Continue engaging the public and build on governments' commitment to community involvement, co-design and participative future visioning.

5.2 Quick Poll (19-27 June 2018)

The results from the quick poll displayed that most votes were consistent with feedback from previous engagements, except for findings relating to density. There are disparate views within the community about the definition of density, and what is an acceptable balance of low, medium and high-density residential housing.

Full vote results are at Attachment B.

5.3 Speaker Series

Session 1: Thursday 28 June 2018

Car city or clean transport capital? Planning for a next zero emissions transport system for Canberra

About the session

The ACT Government selected three speakers to provide energising, provocative ideas that would stimulate conversation and thinking about the future of Canberra.

The session's speakers included futurist Dr Peter Ellyard, Dr Neil Temperley from CSIRO's Data61, and Dr Alexa Delbosc from Monash University. They talked about transport and planning more generally, covering areas such as co-creating future visions for the city's transport, shifting community behaviours, and capitalising on Canberra's natural assets and values to re-imagine the mix of transport. The conversation was then opened up so community members in attendance and online could contribute to the discussion.

Activities

Participants were asked to nominate their top three priorities within the theme of 'car city or clean transport capital'.

The top three community priorities (collated over the three sessions) were:

1. Integrated transport options (53 votes)
2. Inclusive transport system for connected community (39 votes)
3. Embrace new transport technologies (37 votes).

Top three community priorities for...

Car city or clean transport capital?

Planning for a net zero emissions transport system for Canberra



Session 2: Thursday 5 July 2018

Garden city or city in a garden? In a changing climate, what matters are the green spaces in between

About the session

The ACT Government selected three speakers to provide energising, provocative ideas that would stimulate conversation and thinking about the future of Canberra.

The session's speakers included Green Building Council's Future Green Leader of the Year 2017, Olivia Leal-Walker, the Property Council's Francesca Muskovic and Professor Lesley Head from the University of Melbourne. The speakers explored different dimensions of the importance of having green, sustainable spaces and cities. The floor was then opened so community members in attendance and online could contribute to the discussion.

Activities

Participants were asked to nominate their top three priorities within the theme of 'Garden city or city in a garden?'

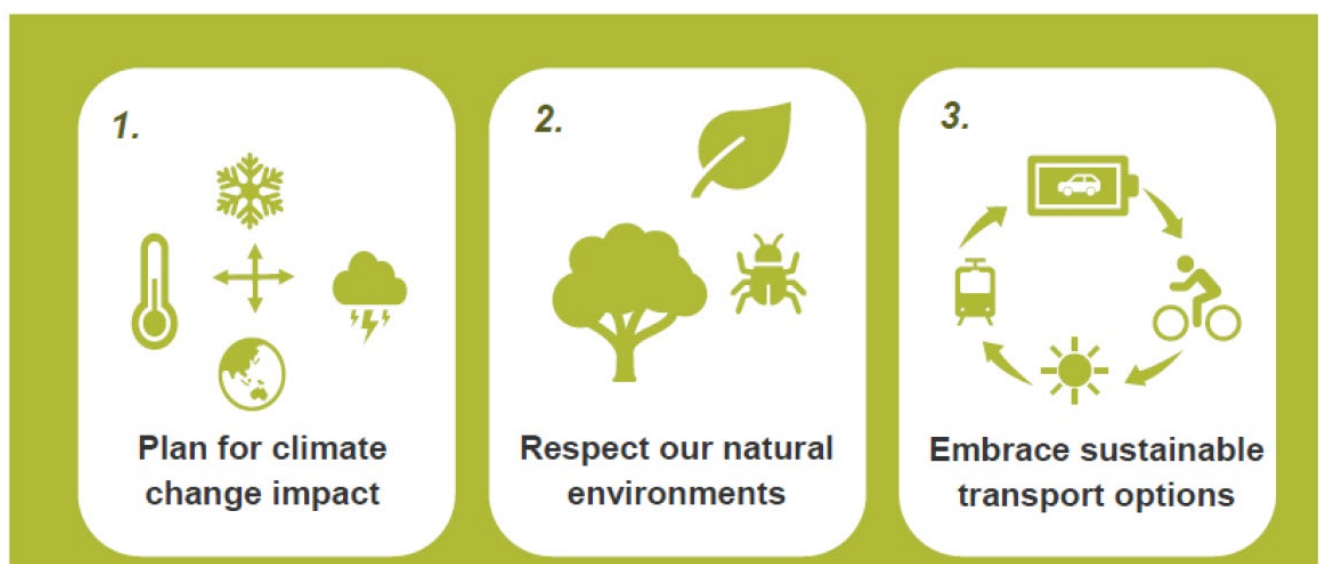
The top three community priorities (collated over the three sessions) were:

1. Respect our natural environments (38 votes)
2. Plan for climate change impact (36 votes)
3. Create urban forest to address heat impact (31 votes).

Top Three Community priorities for...

Garden city or city in a garden?

In a changing climate, what matters are the green spaces in between.



Session 3: Tuesday 10 July 2018

Bush capital and global city: getting the balance right

About the session

The ACT Government selected three speakers to provide energising, provocative ideas that would stimulate conversation and thinking about the future of Canberra.

The session's speakers included Gordon Harris, a Canadian urban planner and President and CEO of SFU Community Trust, and Mike Day, founding partner of RobertsDay. The speakers explored different perceptions of density, balance and the importance of providing healthy spaces. The floor was then opened so community members in attendance and online could contribute to the discussion.

Activities

Participants were asked to nominate their top three priorities within the theme of 'Bush Capital and global city: getting the balance right'.

The top three community priorities were:

1. Plan the city to balance a growing population and high quality of living. (43 votes)
2. Create and maintain accessible, friendly community spaces that connect people. (41 votes)
3. Promote healthy lifestyle and active community. (26 votes).

Top Three Community priorities for...

Bush Capital and Global City: getting the balance right



Full report







A full record of participants' comments from the Speaker Series is at Attachment C. The full outcomes report, including the Q&A summary and video recording, for this Speaker Series session is available on [YourSay](#).

5.4 Workshops

Three workshops were held that progressed topics heard during the Speaker Series into practical planning ideas for Canberra's future. The workshops engaged the ACT community in a conversation, each focusing on a different aspect of the future of their territory.

The following workshops were designed to provoke rich conversation, inspire ideas, and create fresh thinking about future directions that informed the Strategy:

- Tuesday 14 August 2018
Workshop 1: Planning for a compact and efficient city
- Wednesday 15 August 2018
Workshop 2: Planning for a diverse and sustainable Canberra
- Thursday 16 August 2018
Workshop 3: Planning for a liveable Canberra

Who Participated?	What we talked about	What's the community thinks is most important to consider
3 Workshops 	 A compact, efficient city	Creating the right transport and connection <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Getting our future transport right • Being well-connected
90 Community participants 	 Planning for a diverse, sustainable Canberra	Being green and sustainable <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sustaining and valuing the bush capital • Climate change response • Conservation • Sustainable development – precinct and dwelling level
20 ACT Government representatives 	 Planning for a liveable Canberra	Growing right <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increasing density • Careful consideration of <u>greenfields</u> vs infill and integration with the region • Housing diversity • <u>Optimising</u> land use mix • Ensuring good design A liveable city <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public amenity • Walkability • Creating community • Designing for social equity Economy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fostering a vibrant economy • Creating thriving centres • Designing access to employment • Innovation

A snapshot of the big conversation themes

- Increase density, but make sure it is done well, and that amenities, walkability, character and greenspace are built in. We want vibrant town centres.
- Make sure that new developments are carefully planned, well-designed, connected, are attached to a thriving town centre, and are built with equity (e.g. economic, age) in mind.
- Be careful with greenfield development – reduce sprawl, and think about opportunities beyond the borders and better regional collaboration. Take on the challenge of transport, and widen what's possible by taking a regional approach.
- Review land uses – need the right mixes in the right places, and to leverage natural advantages (e.g. transport routes, specialties). Create opportunities for STEM/technology industry and for local employment.
- Protect the core values of Canberra as a liveable Bush Capital
- Design transport that is sustainable, accessible and gives options.
- Create connections and community.
- Put sustainability front and centre—drive sustainable precincts, dwellings, transport and economies. Support this with better policy planning, community co-design, and a long-term vision for the city.

A list of participants' vision statements heard across the three workshops are at Attachment D.

Full report

A full outcomes report for the workshops, including the background papers, is available on [YourSay](#).

5.5 Planning in the Pub

The Planning in the Pub conversations spanned many issues around:

Sustainability

Sustainability featured across all conversations and on all themes, including design, the environment and how adaptable the ACT is to change.

Growth and density

The groups discussed how creating vibrant town centres through increased density would be supported only when done well and where amenities, walkability, character and greenspace are fully integrated.

Liveability

There was a strong emphasis on the quality of the city and Canberra's character as a bush capital. A key focal point is that it is critical to plan for and provide spaces for people that retain what the community values.

Planning System

General comments were made about the current planning system, including how it can be presented to reflect community views and values, and also about whether the current system is delivering good quality outcomes on the ground.

Engagement

General comments were made throughout the conversations about how government can better engage the community on the projects that matter, while also avoiding 'over-consulting'.

Key discussion points are listed under each topic heading at Attachment E.

5.6 Statistics at a glance

Activity	Statistics
Quick Poll	911 votes
Speaker Series	
In-person audience	208
Interactive live-stream audience	315
Community priority votes	675
Workshops	90
Planning in the Pub - combined	50
YourSay	
Unique visits	3806
Total visits	5489
Communication tools	
Social Media reach	15,775
Workshop booklets distributed	90
Media release	1
Social media videos	3
Social media posts	35
Invitations distributed	More than 1000

6. Next steps

Community voice has been key to the refresh of the Strategy. While the Strategy is underpinned by research and evidence, the ideas and actions that emerged from these interactions have helped drive and inform the document and directions.

The newly released ACT Planning Strategy has considered the outcomes from the engagement process along with outcomes of other key government consultations, including housing choices, the ACT Housing Strategy and climate change strategy.

Attachment A – Social media posts

Social media videos

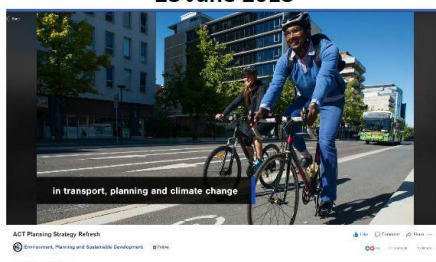
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3 July 2018



Social media posts

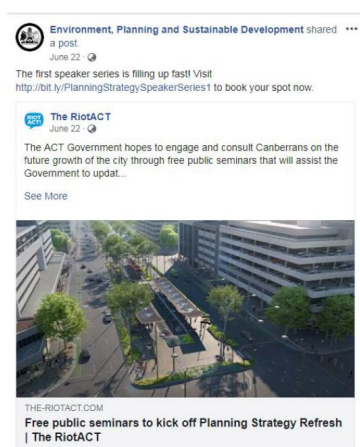
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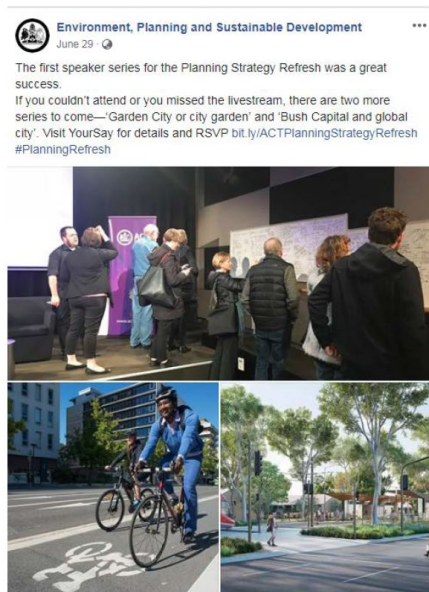
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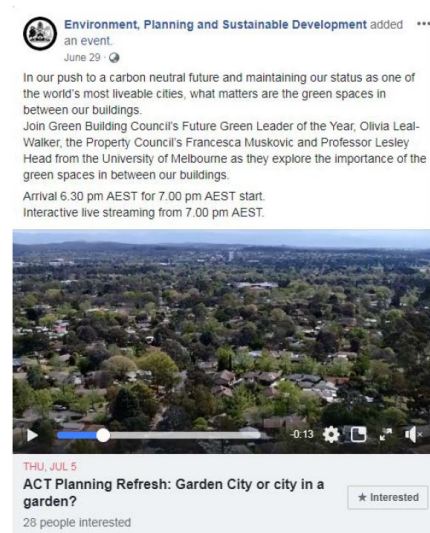
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Environment, Planning and Sustainable Development added an event.

June 29 · 🌐

How can Canberra be both a bush capital and global city?
Join Canadian urban planner, Gordon Harris and Mike Day, co-founder of RobertsDay, as they explore the challenges and opportunities of increasing urban density and how planning can help get the balance right.
Arrival at 6.30 pm AEST for a 7.00 pm AEST start.
Interactive live-streaming from 7.00 pm AEST.



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Bush capital and global city: Getting the balance right

★ Interested

86 people interested

1 July 2018

Environment, Planning and Sustainable Development

July 1 · 🌐

In a changing climate, what matters are the green spaces in between. Canberra's push to a carbon neutral future is a big part of the Planning Strategy Refresh. Attend or LIVESTREAM the second speaker series 6.30pm AEST, Thursday 1 July.
RSVP! bit.ly/ACTPlanningStrategyRefresh
#PlanningRefresh



3 July 2018

Environment, Planning and Sustainable Development

July 3 · 🌐

Interested in the policy behind SUSTAINABILITY in the built environment? Frankie Muskovic from the @Property Council of Australia will discuss this and more at the SECOND #PlanningRefresh speaker series. Attend or LIVESTREAM from 7.00pm AEST, 5 July.
bit.ly/ACTPlanningStrategyRefresh




4 July 2018

Environment, Planning and Sustainable Development

July 4 · 🌐

Canberra's carbon neutral future demands a new way of thinking about human-nature relations.
Professor Lesley Head will discuss this and more at the SECOND #PlanningRefresh speaker series TOMORROW.
Can't be there? We have INTERACTIVE livestream 7.00pm AEST, 5 July.
bit.ly/ACTPlanningStrategyRefresh



5 July 2018

Environment, Planning and Sustainable Development

July 5 · 🌐

Can't make the SECOND Planning Strategy Refresh speaker series? INTERACTIVE live streaming available from 7.00 pm AEST.
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WATCH LIVE FROM 6.30 PM
Head to yoursay.act.gov.au



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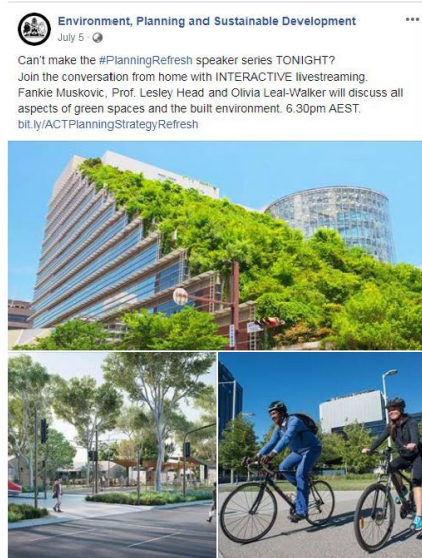
Environment, Planning and Sustainable Development

July 5 · 🌐

Discuss the natural environment and carbon neutrality with Olivia Leal-Walker from @Frasers Property Australia. TONIGHT from 6.30pm AEST. INTERACTIVE livestreaming available.
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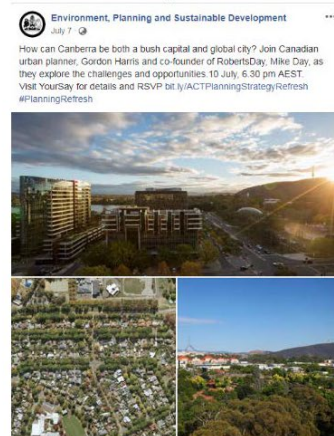
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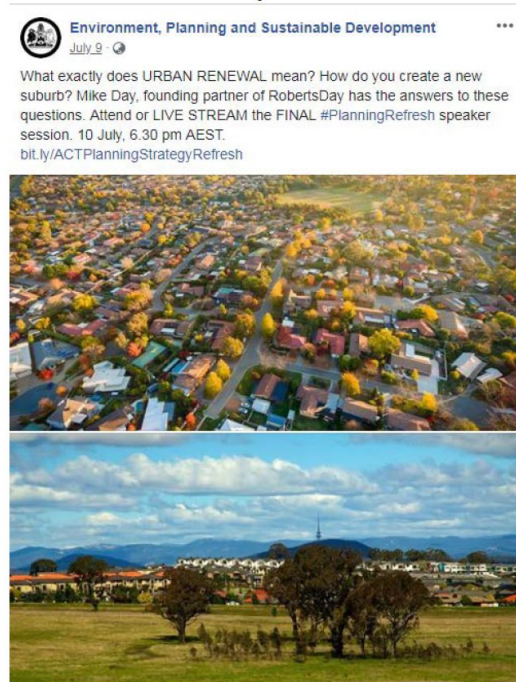
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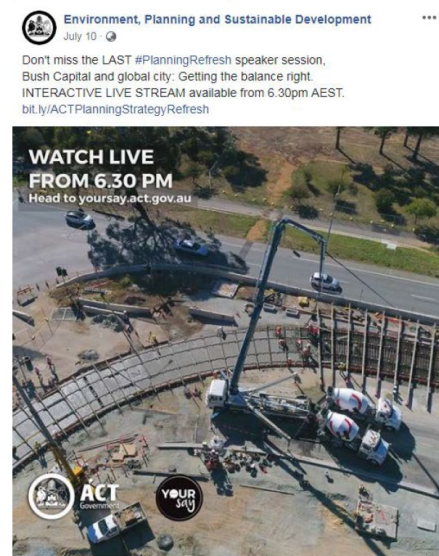
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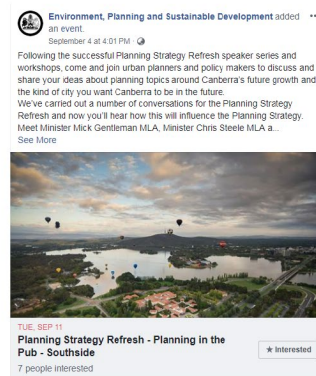
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Attachment B – Quick Poll results

TOPIC		
CANBERRA'S URBAN FORM AND DENSITY		
You are concerned about the ability of planning policy to deliver quality design and build in developments.	35	1
You are generally supportive of urban renewal and increased density around major centres and transport corridor.	38	12
You want to ensure that ACT building standards and oversight provide high-quality design and construction in new development.	44	0
You are supportive of demonstration precincts that can showcase innovation in mixed-use developments.	27	11
You want to be able to age in your neighbourhood, community or suburb with a range of housing choices to support that transition.	29	8
You want to be involved early in the planning process.	35	1
You want collaboration across government agencies to deliver better, more innovative outcomes.	36	1
You want a more diverse housing stock that provides access to affordable housing for all, particularly those experiencing disadvantage.	25	7
SUSTAINABLE CITY AND GREEN SPACES		
You think the role of planning and design is important in supporting climate change adaption and mitigation.	30	2
You want to retain open spaces, public places, mature trees and greenery and better maintain them.	33	4
You'd like to see initiatives that encourage the use of roof-top solar.	32	2
You want planning to consider the ratio of buildings to green space in the urban environment.	30	3
You want planning to increase the amount of trees and living infrastructure, including green roofs and vertical gardens.	26	6
You want street trees provided in our urban areas and a plan for maintenance and regeneration of the urban forest.	33	2
You want support for increased medium density and infill residential development provided it's balanced with public and private open space.	17	15
You want support for increased medium density and infill residential development provided there is protection of Canberra's bush capital.	15	19
You want support for increased medium density and infill residential development provided the protection of garden city characteristics.	16	17
You want best practice in water sensitive urban design to manage water quality, recycle stormwater, and retain water in the landscape.	29	2
You want best practice in water sensitive urban design to manage and create valuable community spaces for recreation and visual amenity.	26	2
TRANSPORT AND LAND USE		
It's important to you that the city's green 'bush capital' and 'garden city' principles, values and character are retained.	28	6
You want your suburbs to be well connected with well-lit, well maintained footpaths, cycle paths and roads.	38	1
Shared spaces are important for fostering connected communities.	33	2
You are supportive of a move to zero emissions vehicles.	28	8
Generally you are happy to walk further to a bus stop if it means a faster more efficient service.	16	14
You want convenient public transport and safe active travel options.	34	1
You support initiatives that allow for more active travel initiatives such as walking and cycling.	25	6

Attachment C – Speaker Series: session comments

Speaker Series - Session 1: Car city or clean transport capital? Planning for a next zero emissions transport system for Canberra.

Bring back 333 intertown service that moves people exclusively between town centres.
Reducing traffic congestion is critical. 1) Sequence traffic lights (sequencing allows flow down Northbourne Ave) along main roads. 2) Balancing traffic flows
Have ferries across the lake
No cars in the city CBD
Following Burley-Griffins vision and 2nd phase for the tram system past ANU and across the lake to Flynn drive, rather than destroying the treed heritage of Commonwealth Ave.
Cut taxes on biofuels, make them cheaper and drivers will freely choose them (and justify any minor modifications need)
E-Bikes are very efficient
Place transit orientated developments with affordable and social housing
Understand the holistic cost and value of the transport choices we make.
Better coordination between state and regional transport.
Light rail by transition towns
More underpasses, outdoor escalators and people movers
Have flexible transport options available for everyone
Pursue concept of an urban living lab to test ideas
Ask the right questions – What options do you want for travel? How would you use each option?
Test some new technologies e.g. automated vehicles, electric cars
Plan for what to do with all the petrol vehicles that are about to become obsolete. Repurpose?
Build transport infrastructure which allows space for all regardless of mode.
Complete the footpath network
Thinking creatively will allow the flexibility to live more balanced lives.
Encourage incentives and quality design outcomes. Promote and share current ideas.
Improve public transport system to reduce reliance on cars.
It's important to create local communities that meet our needs rather than travelling.
I am a person without a car. No.9 can go a long way to reduce pollution, cars etc.
Complete LR and mass transit network must be a priority to reduce car dependency.
Make transport pleasant e.g. shaded under trees.
New technologies... become the ground-breaking city of the country
People will always drive. Make it easier...more efficient and with less impact environmentally.
Equality is important. Trams are not "new technology"
I know it's expensive, but mobility is key to inclusion, and I am keen to live in a very inclusive and engaged society.
Reduce travel time
Transport needs to be 100% renewable energy
Integration is key to a smooth and effective function
Ensuring transport is well-connected and goes where people want to go is fundamental to transport plan and options such as light rail won't work if this is ignored.
Increase the density of existing (brownfields) suburbs so more accidental/incidental interaction occur; rather than isolating people on the large suburban lots and private cars.
Integrate transport planning with social planning
Need to address transport for all the community
Integration is key
Think about planning that can encourage community engagement
Focus on public spaces, amenities, services...
Every suburb needs shops (Giralang has been without for 10 + years!)

Canberra is a growing city that needs to have a vision to keep Canberra a liveable city to improve on status quo
(Lead future transport trends.) Canberra has the ideal layout and population to lead innovation and early doption. It would also boost tourism
Regional issues – a fast train to Sydney via Goulburn please. “international” flights are not talking.
Trams are 19th century technology, we need to embrace new, flexible electric and autonomous public transport, especially for rapid transport.
(Renewable energy leadership) Because we have the capability. It’s where we are heading.
Trams are 19th century technology, we need to embrace new, flexible electric and autonomous public transport, especially for rapid transport.
Canberra’s town centres make driving necessary in some cases diverting nonessential trips makes necessary trips better
Every suburb, new and old should have a local shopping hub
We need to start transitioning to normalised solar, wind, etc, to start the new future we have to have.
Introduce driverless and flying cars
More buses

Speaker Series – Session 2: Garden city or city in a garden? In a changing climate, what matters are the green spaces in between.

Address the issue of 2016 ACT plan “precinct codes” that do not include rules or criteria that statutory codes are required to have.
Keep Canberra sustainable
We need “lungs” in the city for mental downtime. Allow other species to exist.
Allow townhouses, units and apartments to have access to green compo bins and container collection. Ban useless packaging.
“Garden city or city in the garden” doesn’t get to the main point. Garden city/bush city is about how connection with natural spaces is demonstrated to be essential for mental and physical health.
Integration of city and environment
Without a thriving natural environment, our cities won’t survive and nor will we.
Work with schools to give them scope and hope.
China stopped accepting recyclables. Invest a solution to recycle ourselves and make some money.
Work actively to engage with communities.
Vision must lead. Planning for Climate change employs ort encompasses all other goals.
Green space in the city (natural bushland, not Henry Reynolds/Cement Gums)
Achieve 100% renewable and model that the rest of the Australia and the world.
Canberra is unique because we still have some natural environment.
When we plan to respect the environment everything else will fall into place. e.g. sustainable transport, urban forests etc.
Offer rewards for living outside the capital
Support the bush capital.
Need to engage community and business fully.
Respect our natural environment ...It can encompass all the others if interpreted broadly. It’s key to survival.
Urban Food Forests. Achievable objective popular within the community.
Reduce Waste because I am a young person and it is going to be more of a problem in the future.
Implement strategies that reflect respect for the environment.
Renewable energies bring jobs and shifts to the future.
We need to involve people in the grass roots.
Ensure our suburbs do not become desert, revitalise our local shops to encourage walking via our network of footpaths to do shopping, work, entertainment etc.

Allocate more resources to good planning, good maintenance, good implementation and regulation (don't let the developers get away with rubbish.)
Could put solar energy on our roads.
Design for wellbeing connection and belonging at all stages of life. Publish progress against wellbeing indicators.
Have better housing with low energy consumption.
ACT Government to take the lead in changing the building code.
More from an extractive economy to a regenerative economy and measure whole of life costs of all infrastructure.
Increase the city's connectivity to reduce private transport use.
Become leaders in acknowledging and addressing the problem of exponential population growth.
Continue engaging the public to accept and understand measures taken to achieve sustainability and resilience.
Are many of the problems we are trying to solve actually driven by increasing population, which is mainly immigration?
Educate the people. Use architects not builders. Demand better quality not more quantity.
Kept our garden city/city in the landscape and adopted electric vehicles with sensible density.
Promote and provide incentives for higher design and build outcomes.
Build to a high environmental code and protected tree canopy and increased tree canopy.
Allow governments to experiment more – make it safe to fail.
Ensure transparent cost-benefit analysis of environmental and planning projects so citizens can understand whether proposals are benefits at reasonable cost or whether this will drive costs.
Stop destroying the bush capital. Stop the development.
Could do the math... 500,000 people living on a ½ acre. What's your average commute?
The wosan-funding scheme for building? (See Thewosan in Vienna). Have a funding scheme for thermal energy renovation of existing residential building. This would significantly reduce energy consumption in resident buildings and costs to owners.
Government to give building owners a push to have hanging gardens for low income/ homeless people to access.
Produce more bioplastics from renewable plant based sources rather than petroleum based plastics from raw material in infrastructure projects wherever practical. We are too dependent on fossil fuels.
Be prepared to experiment with innovative ideas.
Focus on multigenerational communities and ensure a minimum of developments to promote and ensure this.
Have planning controls that consider building and their environment (surrounding landscapes) in an integrated way.) e.g. the energy use performance of a house depends on the tree canopy cover.
Educate residents about the value of trees and grass.
Garden city movement principles from the late 19th Century are still so relevant today, if not more so. Contemporary interpretation of Garden city movement. Regenerative design.
Expand the list of recyclables and use them in everything. Park benches and roads.
If private space gets smaller, public space gets bigger
Cooperate rather than compete.
Keep breaking down governance and societal silos; keep involving citizens in deliberation.
Love the food forest idea. Great way to bring community together.
Recognise the extent to which commercial consideration dominates people's needs.
Push for a carbon emissions building code but also look for innovative solutions to existing homes and suburbs.
Get more information in other languages.
Don't build 16-storey hotels in Garema place.
All large blocks must have green space close by for adults and children to enjoy!
Prioritise walkability and active transport and safety in all developments & redevelopments

Developing a shared vision builds trust that the city is progressing for the benefit of the community as a whole and not just developers.
There is conflict between densification and climate change needs.
Keep the tree lined suburb
Respect is hard to generate in a world where respect is not a top priority for humans let alone nature. We benefit from nature.
Reduce cost of utilities for home owners
The rise of McMansions built over the entire land plot is an environmental disaster!
Could agree how we become a water sensitive city
Urban parks are very degraded landscapes and eroded waterways/lake quality is in poor shape.
Co – design
Be leaders and all will follow.
Require neighbours to seek permission from other neighbours first before chopping down large trees aligning properties...Trees matter!!
Live as a circular economy
Planning decisions and developers are continuously impacted on our unique and endangers natural communities, especially the grasslands and grassy woodlands.
Could be an agile regulated jurisdiction to live test new approaches with community, industry and developers
In a more compact living environment people need access to green spaces – to balance.
Give people variety of public transport options, encourage public involvement and community. Define our urban identity.
Gen x likes walking too
I like Canberra as it is. I like the abundance of trees and want to protect what makes Canberra different
Reduce consumption of natural resources and leakage into natural environment
Restrict the spread of Canberra’s outskirts through price signals; reinvest revenue into sustainable initiatives.

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Improve the poor quality of the build environment, tighten up building codes
Important to build neighbourhood in Canberra with its satellite hubs and transient populations
Housing is extremely critical
Place more emphasis on building to allow communities to form, especially in high-rises.
More playgrounds and community space
Less high density residential developments
Our heritage is Canberra as a planned city based on Burley Griffin and the garden principles. If we ignore this we will lose what makes the city distinctive nationally and globally.
Continue to allow adequate space for trees
Communities need each other to survive
Detached housing
Provide infill housing to cater for families closer in to the city i.e. apartments with 4 bedrooms not 1 + 2 bed useless spaces
Very difficult for an outsider to find accommodation in Canberra
I think connecting people as cities grow is key to liveability and quality of life.
Build a regenerative economy. The economy is the driver of wellbeing for all
Connect people. Tackle loneliness and mental health and create local solutions from community to tackle local problems.
Allow, encourage and support cohousing ideas for all age groups.
Smaller houses with gardens.
Utilise all empty buildings that no one can afford to buy or rent.
Make it possible to put more dwellings on a single space, smaller than 700sq metres.
Community and having space for all is a priority.
Allow 3 story town houses.

Require developers to involve and act on input from citizens early in the design
Create a resilient city
Value our commons as public goods, not opportunities to make some cash.
Community is the foundation for success
Listen to communities. Give them a real voice over developers and financial gain.
Engage with the rest of Australia. This is the National Capital. NCA is not engaging so ACT Government should!
Build local cultural infrastructure. Don't outsource festivals and events that ignore local creative
Reflect the cost of service delivery housing densities when determining rates.
Have a planning strategy that is in sympathy with the recently revised NTG strategy and the (grassy) woodland strategy, currently being revised.
Population policy for Canberra. We need a science based approach to planning
Build trust with the community at large. That is, community trusts Gov, planners and developers.
Implement the lessons from successful pilots and small scale initiative
Control the number of extra people who come here to ensure a balance with environment where resident are deprived of private open green space.
Support aging in place. Implement age friendly environments.
Think laterally about light pollution and guarding Canberra's night sky by looking at best practice around lighting for night skies.
Canberra is one of the most liveable cities in the world. Let's be smart from there. What should we maintain/protect? What would change destroy what we love?
Do real community engagement. Plan with the people.
We need a vibrant city with soul...but it also needs to work. We need to kill the car-centric mentality.
Enable kangaroos and other animals access to green corridors and drink from the lake without drowning.
Build buy scheme for those in public housing or in low economic situation.
Start by recognising Canberra is ahead of its time, ahead on walkability, links, density around local shops etc. Our problem is controlling bad development and bad building.
Don't end up like Sydney!
Our heritage is being destroyed.
Can population growth be managed? "Sustainable"?
Think about how we (younger people) would like to live (where, how, with whom) when we are elderly, and build these places and communities now, with what we have!
Let the people of each suburb do the planning for their own suburb, including what redevelopment happen at the local shops.
Special accommodation for sole travellers as they have to pay more to secure their safety in OZ cities. E.g. AirBnB too risky
Bike spoke system that uses modern/cutting edge tech
...maintain the bush capital and protect our wildlife. Utilise empty houses and abandoned government building. No need to destroy the bush capital any future. Put the homeless into abandoned government building.
Stop thinking about density for densities sake. Think about where we want density and plan for that so dense areas have high liveability and social amenity.
Better controlled and quality higher density housing
Reconsider if living "compact" is really achievable, or the best idea.
Value the bush capital and garden city values that underpin Canberra's current success and liveability. Don't sacrifice this for the developers \$\$!
Create a local build design aesthetic suited to the CBR climate (not bland city development) that could be anywhere in the world.
More crowding needs balance with green spaces and trees.
This is the National capital of Australia. Damage the heritage you damage our built, planned history
Connect bike paths east of the city - Braddon - Dickson -
Housing after access to health, education etc., is a right and should be a given. Done well, safety,

Activity, etc.
Thought for our tree line, not the bottom line.
56% of people in Canberra feel safe after dark in their local area – not great!
We are the bush capital and once it's gone it's gone.
Climate change is going to impact on quality of life and environment.
Allow exciting, affordable cohousing communities on the outskirts with fast connecting trains in.
(Protect our communities from Climate impacts) This cannot be achieved if we do not continue to inundate Australia with immigrants. Bring refugees but limit immigration. We must have a population policy.
Have a lake in Woden connected with build-up area (or chain of wetlands – Eddison park not a central area without a strong water element.)
Only mix compatible use buildings.
We have the answers, but are driven by profit, not planet (or people.)
Redefine the bottom line and challenge business as usual.
Why is Public Art in Canberra so terrible?
Urban Tree Strategy to ensure that some element are kept at least in some ways when developments happen

Attachment D – Workshop feedback

The vision for my future neighbourhood is:

- More compact
- Better quality
- Inviting innovation
- Bustling
- Human-scale
- Is walkable
- Tells a story of early Canberra and its history
- Well connected
- Accessible
- Future focussed
- Renewable
- Well integrated
- Has 'living streets' with food forests
- Friendly, with people who talk to one another

A compact and efficient Canberra is/has:

- Good connectivity
- "can live here without a car"
- Exemplar City
- Equality/access to jobs, transport, housing etc.
- Adaptive
- Vibrant centres
- Good infrastructure (E.g. NBN)
- True diversity of housing
- Respecting existing character, whilst increasing efficiencies within our neighbourhood and community
- Transport options
- Future-proof
- Social cohesion
- Variety of scale
- Thriving
- Forward thinking jobs and services
- Community amenity and green space
- Housing choice and affordability

Attachment E – Planning in the Pub feedback

Sustainability

Sustainability featured across all conversations and on all themes, including design, the environment and how adaptable the ACT is to change. Conversation points included:

- A need to design the city and neighbourhoods for easy walkability, but also a need to plan for those who choose to travel by car.
- Support for Canberra to be an early adopter of technologies and incorporate innovative waste management solutions for apartments as standard practice. i.e. 'smart' public garbage compactors with wireless capability.
- Planning should cater for all stages in life, including raising children through to empty nesters and the stages in between when children move out and find their own independent accommodation.
- Gungahlin needs employment so that it doesn't become simply a commuter satellite.
- We need to look at international best practice, for example Barcelona's shared zones.

Growth and density

- Well-designed and maintained open space and green areas are essential. Canberra needs spaces that cater for everybody, with the flexibility to adapt to change.
- Not everyone wants to live in the same type of property. Some people want to live an apartment lifestyle, while others prefer living in suburbs with single detached housing on large blocks or townhouses with gardens. We need lots of diversity in places, houses and neighbourhood design.
- Plot ratios are a big issue, in both single residential and high density, with many new developments seeming to be 'overbuilt'.
- Low density living is no longer sustainable, in terms of both land use and cost of infrastructure. Medium density should be scattered through suburbs with available blocks or space (Lawson is a good example). High density is not opposed in all areas but must be designed well and be of high quality and close to amenities.
- Peak industry bodies play a key role in lifting the building standards and promoting what is acceptable and educating industry members about best practice.
- We are already seeing increased density around town centres, reflecting an understanding that people need to be close to services and facilities.
- There aren't many options to downsize in your current suburb.
- Balancing growth is an ongoing challenge and will change over time.
- Local shops should have uses that support the needs of the local community i.e. childcare facilities and can be revitalised by pop-up or temporary uses i.e. art galleries, shops, cafes.

Liveability

- There is very strong community support to retain Canberra's identity as a bush capital.
- Increased density in suburbs that are well connected to jobs, transport, shops and open space will reduce urban sprawl and loss of natural areas that we value.
- Planning needs to consider that different generations want and value different things.

- Lifestyles are changing, work location doesn't necessarily dictate where people live anymore. Work habits are changing and people don't necessarily stay in the same job in the same location for decade. Housing choices are more about accessibility to the places we want to be outside work.
- Our urban landscape needs spaces that allow for spontaneity, like temporary events that unite the community. We also need to plan for lifestyle and co-locate amenities, for example coffee shops near schools.
- New suburbs might be well-planned and well-engineered, but also need to plan for social activities and provide places to meet and interact.

Planning System

- Planning needs to respect community values and the character of local areas.
- Developers appear to build to the maximum allowance under the Territory Plan, rather than using outcomes-based planning that reflects the local character and individuality of places and neighbourhoods.
- There is community concern about the quality of new developments, privately-certified construction and high body corporate fees, which are not just for upkeep of amenities but also to rectify defects after the liability period ends.
- The planning system needs to deliver a mix of land uses and densities which must be designed and delivered to a high standard.
- Planning and building regulations should require new buildings in Canberra to achieve environmental best practice.

Community engagement

- The government needs to offer more choice in how to engage, including different times and locations and use different media channels. Community Councils are one voice in the mix but there are other voices that need to be heard in planning conversations.
- There is community support for the government to co-design in both established and greenfield suburbs. Engagement needs to be sustained throughout the project lifecycle, not just at one point, and must include feedback loops.
- The government should only consult on the big issues; there is too much consultation on things that don't need to be consulted on.
- Many people in Canberra buy off-the-plan and have no voice when their development/future community is going through its approval processes.

