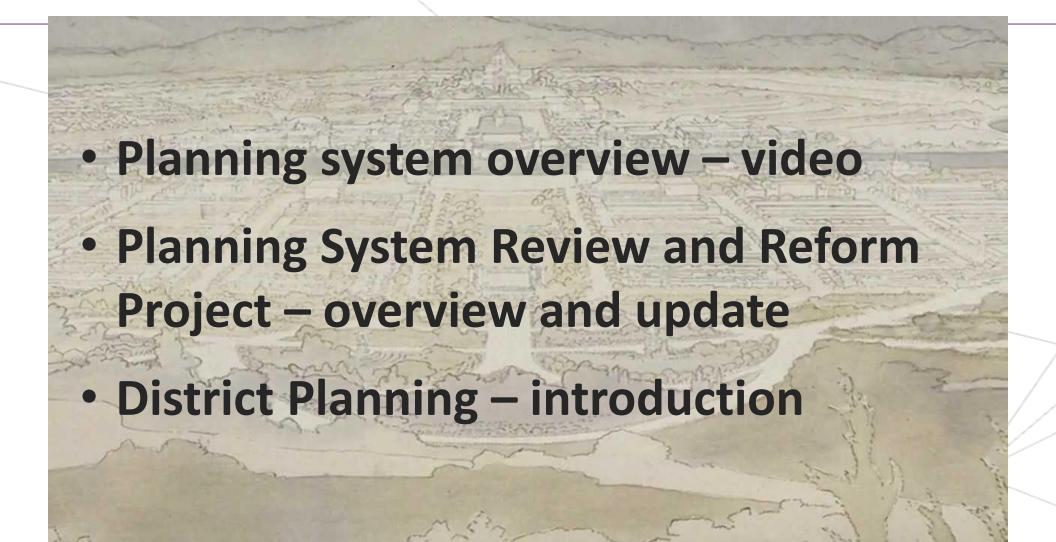
## **ACT GOVERNMENT**

## **ACT PLANNING SYSTEM REVIEW AND REFORM PROJECT**

District Planning Community Workshops
June 2021







## **ACT GOVERNMENT**

# PLANNING SYSTEM REVIEW AND REFORM PROJECT – OVERVIEW AND UPDATE



# Why are we reviewing the current planning system?

The Planning and Development Act requires consideration of a review every 5 years.

We were hearing:

System doesn't consider design quality or development appropriateness

Disconnect between strategic and statutory planning – difficult to address long-term Planning Strategy

Complexity of the system impacted people's trust in the system – and ability to participate in the planning process

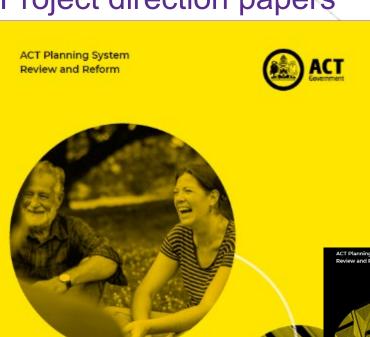


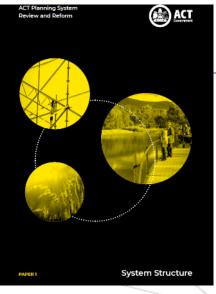
# Project purpose

To deliver a planning system that is **clear**, **easy to use** and that **facilitates the realisation of long-term aspirations** for the growth and development of Canberra while **maintaining its valued character**.

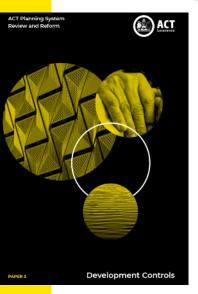


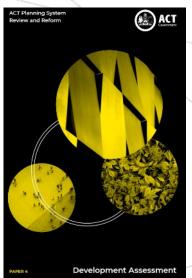
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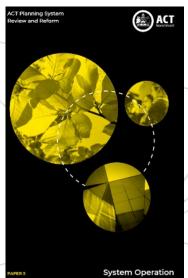












OVERVIEW



# Focus of reform and change for the system

1. System structure	The hierarchy of the various parts of the system and their individual roles and interrelationships
2. Strategic planning	The long-term strategic or policy objectives that describe the purpose and direction of the planning system
3. Development controls	The interpretation of strategic and policy objectives into regulations that define and shape development
4. Development assessment	The processes through which development applications are assessed and determined
5. System operation	The useability of the system by applicants, agencies and other interested parties



## Current project focus

# We are seeking to make the planning system clear and easy to use

# We are **not** making the planning system simple – **planning is complex**

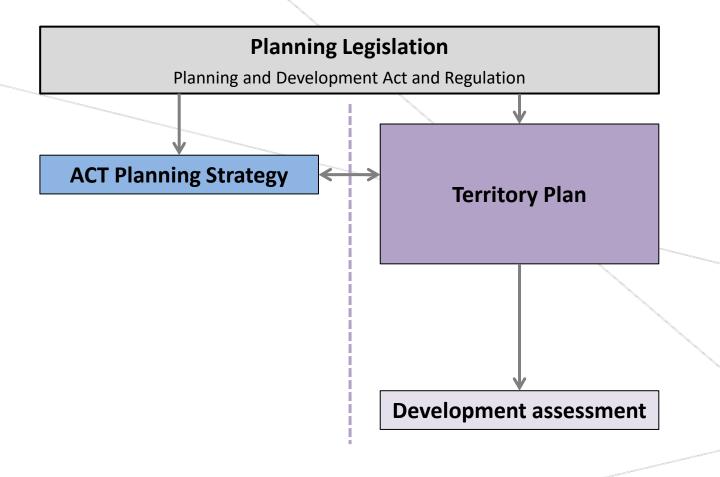
- Reform the system not creating a new system
- Develop new planning law the Planning Act
- District planning to provide strategic direction at the district scale
- Reform the Territory Plan and its structure



# ACT GOVERNMENT **DISTRICT PLANNING**

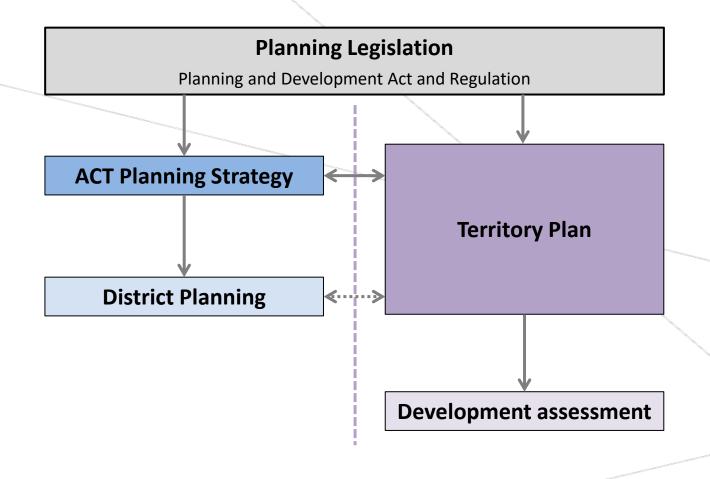


# District planning fills a gap in the current planning system



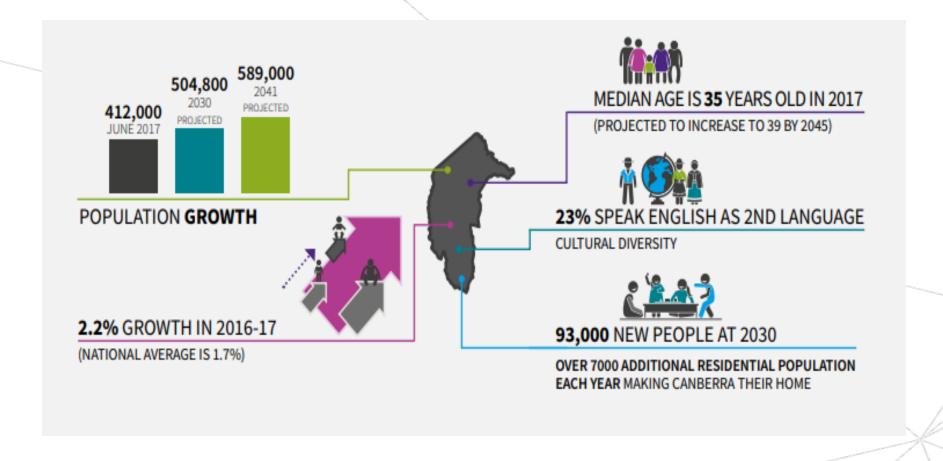


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## Why we need to do District planning



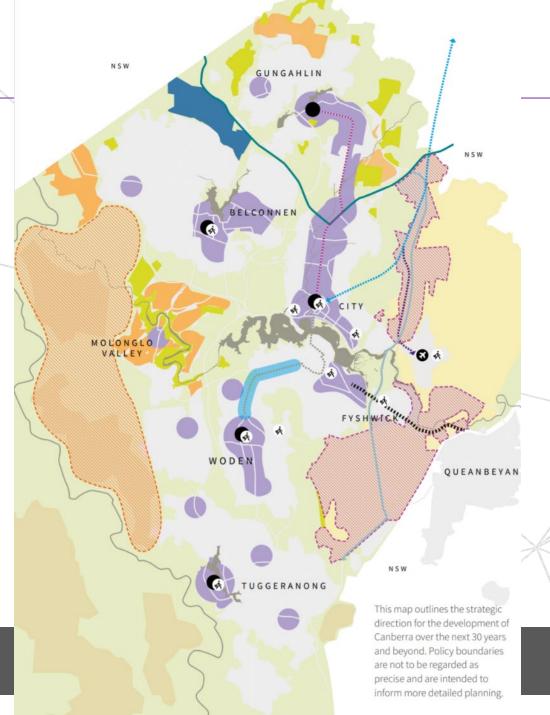
Source: ACT Planning Strategy 2018



## ACT level policy plan

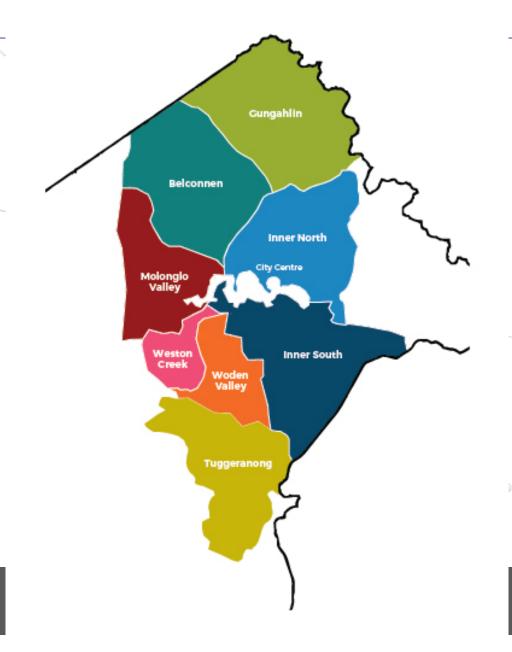
- Urban Intensification Localities
- Light Rail (Civic to Woden)
  Land Use Investigation Area
- Remaining Greenfield Areas
- Rural Areas
- Urban Areas
- Broadacre Areas
- Town Centres
- Eastern Broadacre Area
- Environmental Offsets
- Western Edge Investigation Area
- Possible Future Urban Expansion
- Nature Reserves and Hills, Ridges and Buffer areas

Source: ACT Planning Strategy 2018





# The 8 ACT districts





# Where district planning fits in the new system and what it includes

Scale of planning:	City	District	Suburb/site
Document:	Planning Strategy	District Strategy	Territory Plan
Map, policy:	Strategic map and policy	Мар	Map, policy
Vision statement/ strategic direction:	<ul><li>5 themes –</li><li>Liveable</li><li>Diverse</li><li>Accessible</li><li>Compact and</li></ul>	Desired future outcomes	Desired outcomes
	<ul><li>efficient</li><li>Sustainable and resilient</li></ul>		



## Benefits of district planning

- Improves line-of-sight from Planning Strategy through to the Territory Plan.
- Fills gaps between higher-level strategies, and their implementation through the statutory controls of the Territory Plan.
- Includes current information about districts, including what is proposed in endorsed policy and strategy.
- Sets future direction for districts around planning Elements in consideration of how change might happen to accommodate the growth of Canberra.
- Planning that suits the needs of each district:
  - Growth and change in each district might be different related to it attributes and to the city overall.



# Engagement timeline

## **ACT Planning System Review** and Reform Project

## DECEMBER 2020

### RELEASE OF THE SIX PLANNING SYSTEM REVIEW AND REFORM POLICY PAPERS

> Providing an overview and five strategic directions for the Project to consider moving forward



MAY - AUG 2021

STAKEHOLDER

WORKING SERIES

> Industry and community

representatives testing possible policy directions as the Project considers changes to the Territory Plan and Planning and Development Act

## 2022 - 2023

### IMPROVED PLANNING SYSTEM

- > Implementation of proposed policy
- > This might include changes to the Territory Plan and/or the Planning and Development Act.

## **MAY 2019**

### CONVERSATIONS WITH INDUSTRY AND COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES

- > Initial touch point with industry and community
- > Feedback sought on the draft scope of the review and reform project
- > Discussion around how industry and community could be involved in the project over the coming years





OCTOBER 2019

> 1,000 Canberrans surveyed

YOURSAY COMMUNITY PANEL

PLACES AND SPACES SURVEY

> Data captured on what are the unique

Outcomes identified there were some

features across our urban districts

features valued across the whole

of Canberra, and others specific to











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## DISTRICT PLANNING WORKSHOPS

**JUNE 2021** 

- > Eight workshops being held in each of Canberra's urban districts to capture what elements of each district should be captured within a district plan
- > Online activity via YourSay





**SEPT - OCT 2021** 

## COMMUNITY CHECK-BACK

> Closing the loop with community members about what we heard through district planning workshops and how that input is informing proposed policy changes



## **JULY 2019**

### CANBERRA WELLBEING INDICATORS

- > Broad engagement across the whole of Canberra to identify wellbeing indicators
- > What we heard in relation to planning has been considered within the Planning System Review and Reform Project

INNER SOUTH STAKEHOLDER PANEL AND DROP-IN SESSION TO TEST ENGAGEMENT QUESTIONS AROUND DISTRICT VALUES



## **FEBRUARY 2020** PLACES AND SPACES

FOCUS GROUPS

they lived in

## > Six workshops held to discuss what people valued most about the district

> Building on what we heard from the YourSay Community Panel Survey, we discussed what features are valued within each district

# Indicative staging of district planning

Stages	Description and outputs
Complete	Document current information and policy for districts
Current	<ul> <li>Engage with key stakeholder groups and the broader community.</li> <li>Provide current information</li> <li>Explore change that might occur to allow growth around key Elements</li> <li>Map out where and how some change could occur</li> <li>Develop descriptions of potential/desired future position</li> </ul>
Future	Analyse input from engagement and document it
	Provide feedback loop to engagement participants
	Further analysis, consideration of related work across agencies, and map future directions
	Prepare district strategies
	Draft district strategies and maps



Thank you

