

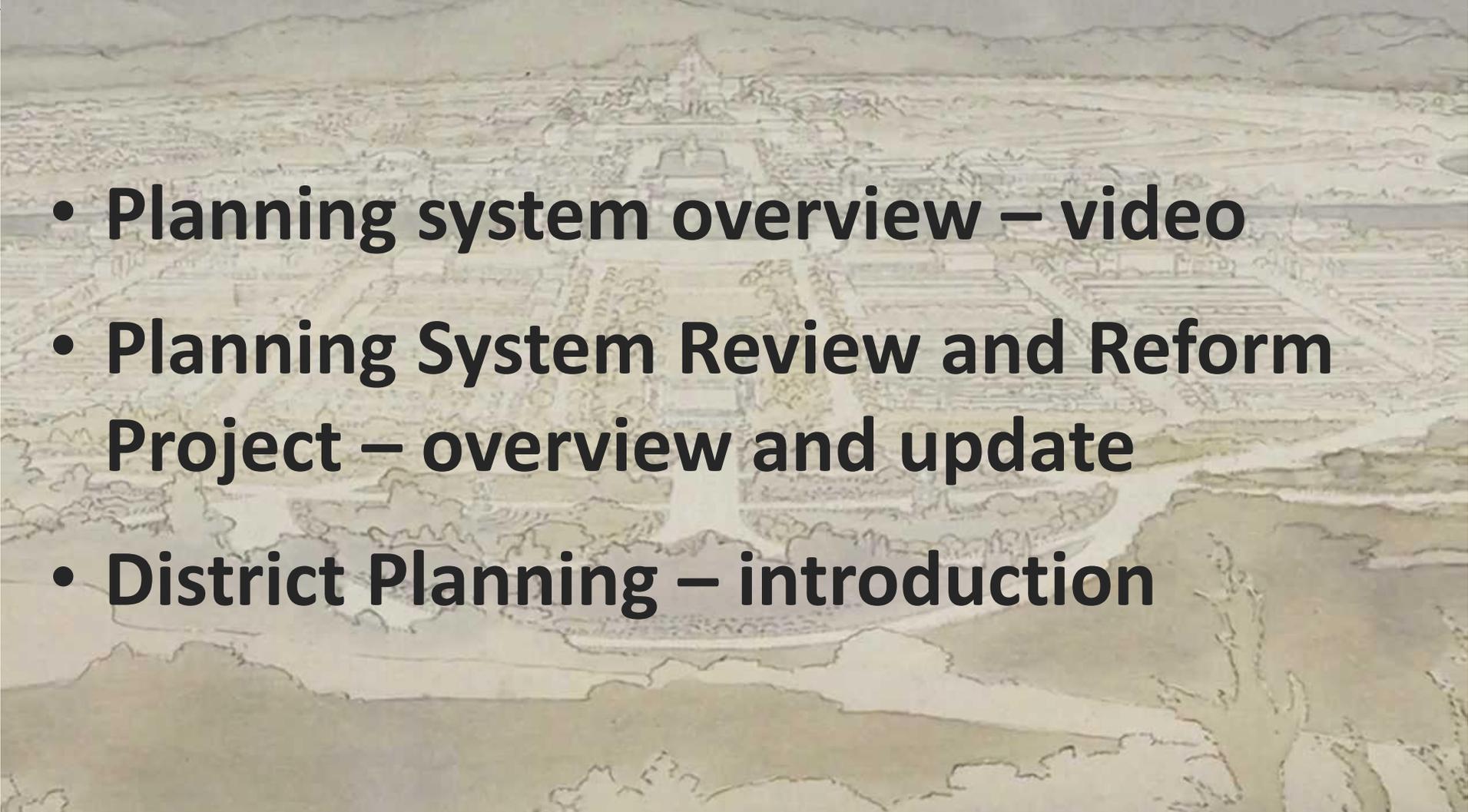
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ACT PLANNING SYSTEM REVIEW AND REFORM PROJECT

District Planning Community Workshops
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**PLANNING SYSTEM REVIEW AND REFORM PROJECT
– OVERVIEW AND UPDATE**



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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

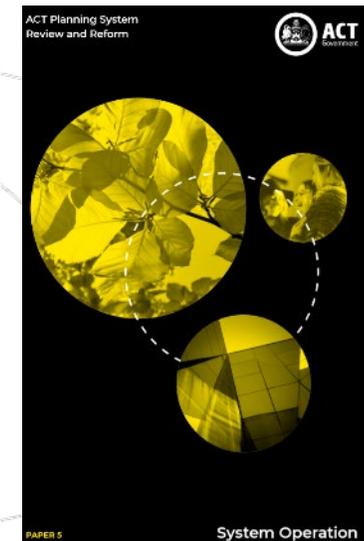
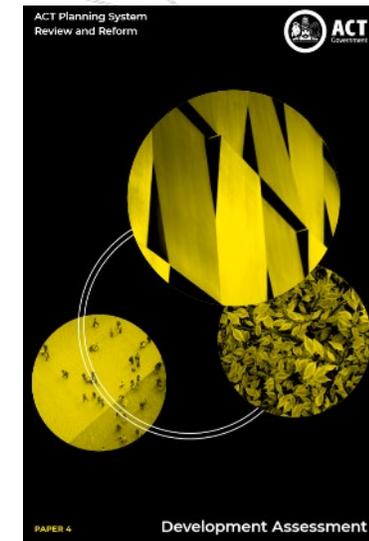
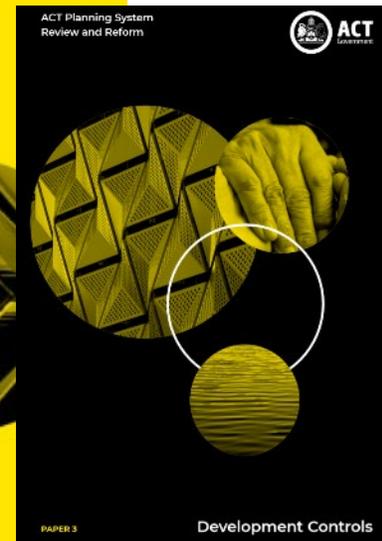
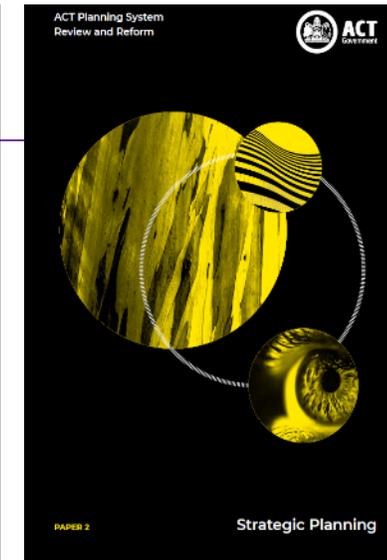
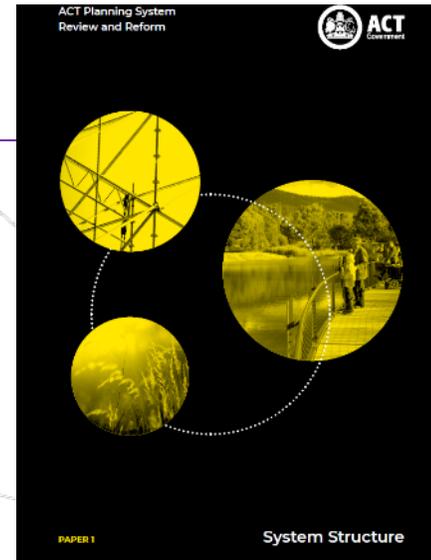
Disconnect between strategic and statutory planning – difficult to address long-term Planning Strategy

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**.

Project direction papers



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

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

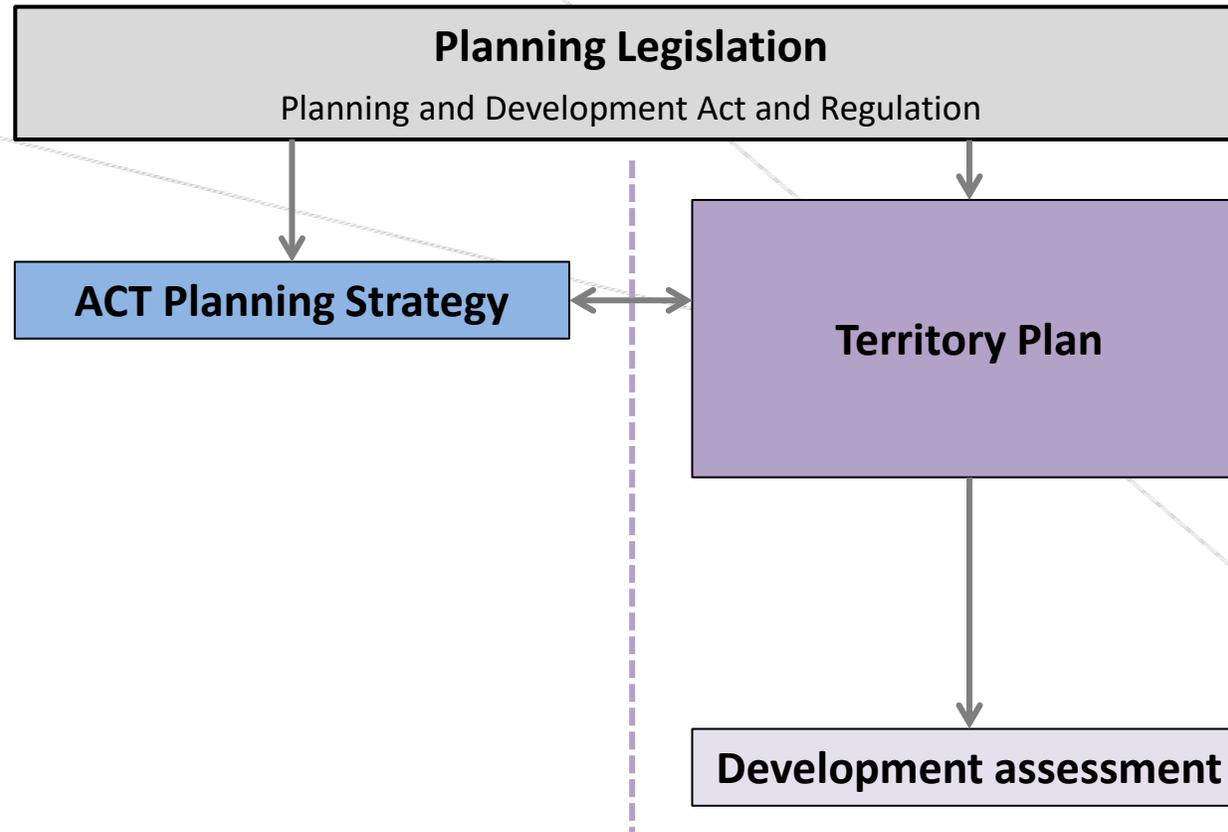
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DISTRICT PLANNING

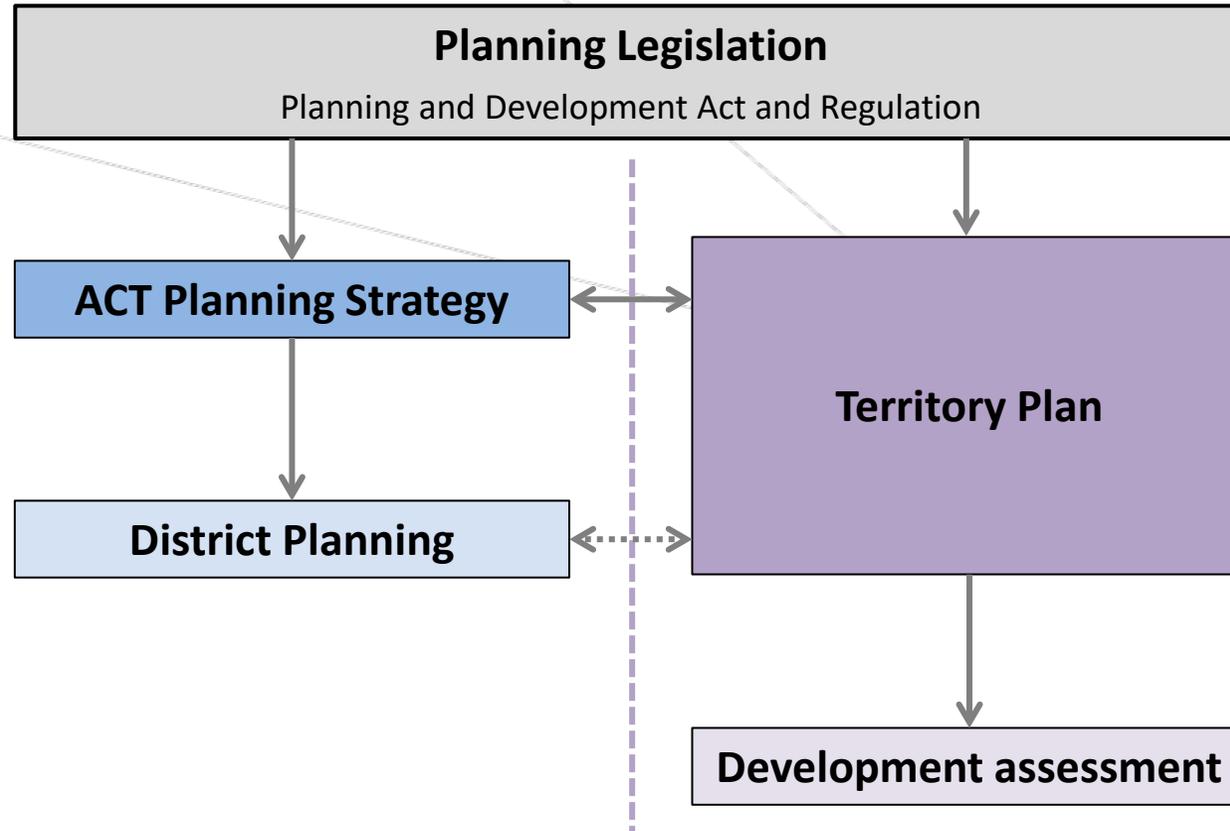


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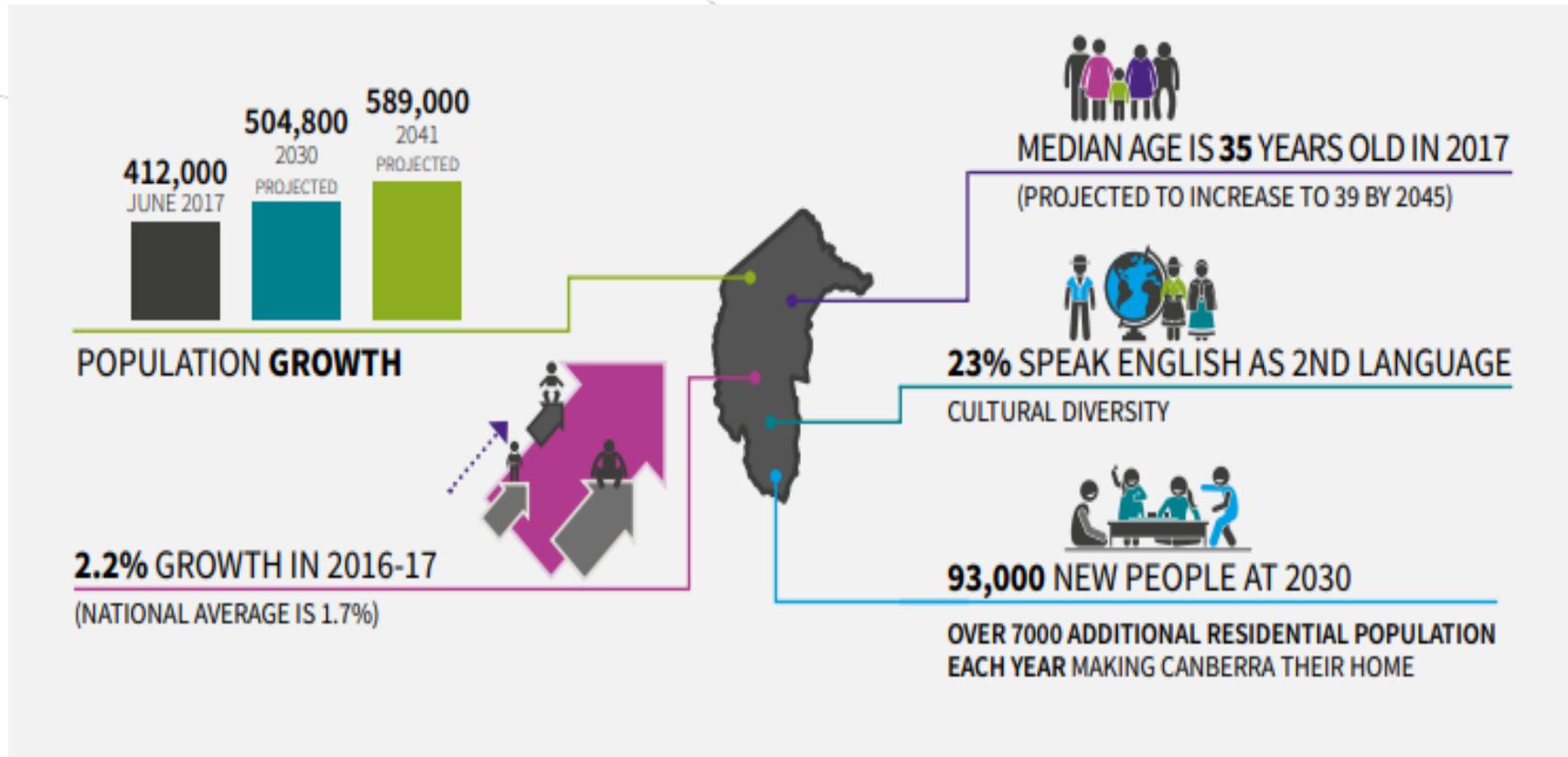
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Why we need to do District planning

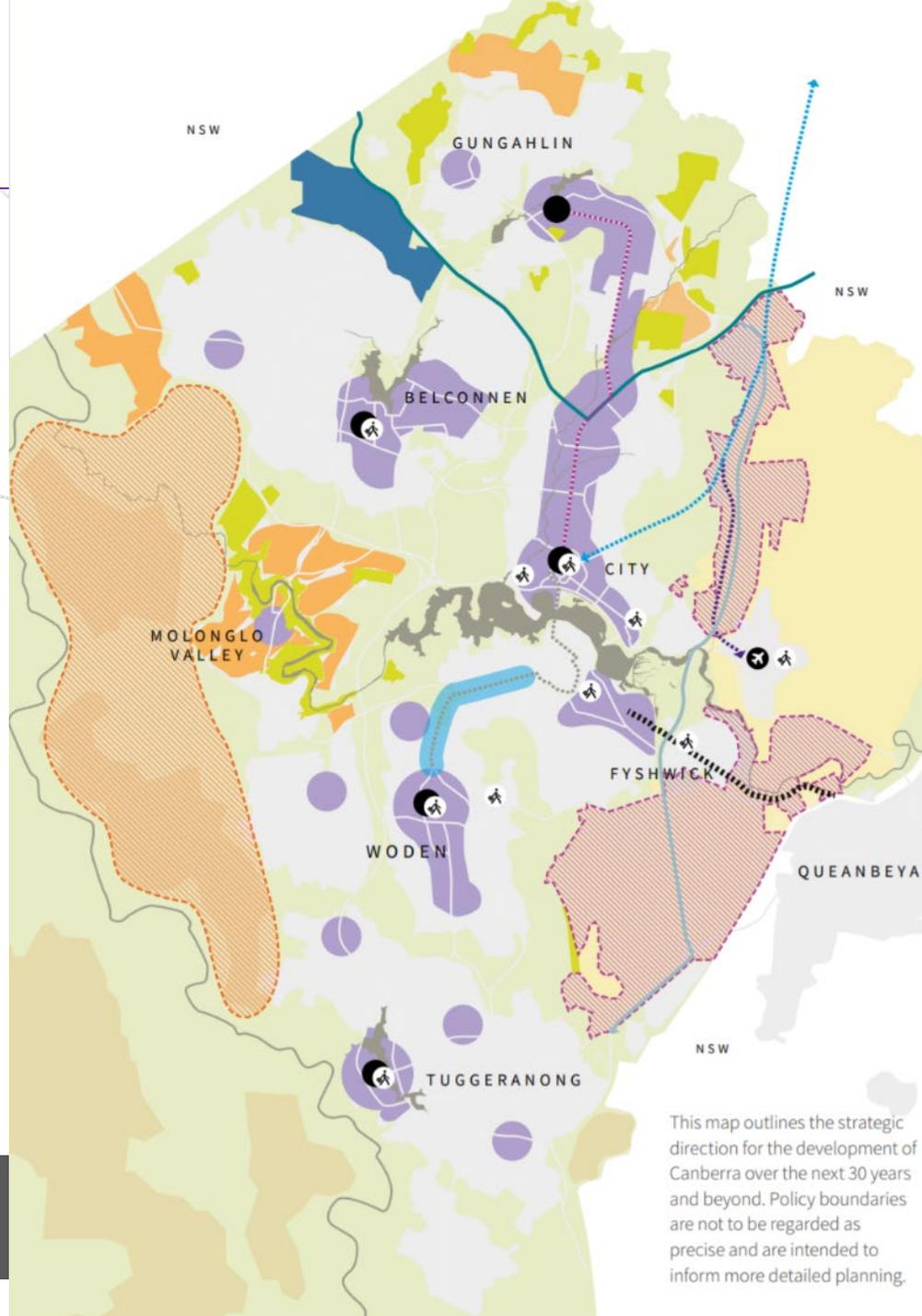


Source: ACT Planning Strategy 2018

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



This map outlines the strategic direction for the development of Canberra over the next 30 years and beyond. Policy boundaries are not to be regarded as precise and are intended to inform more detailed planning.

The 8 ACT districts



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

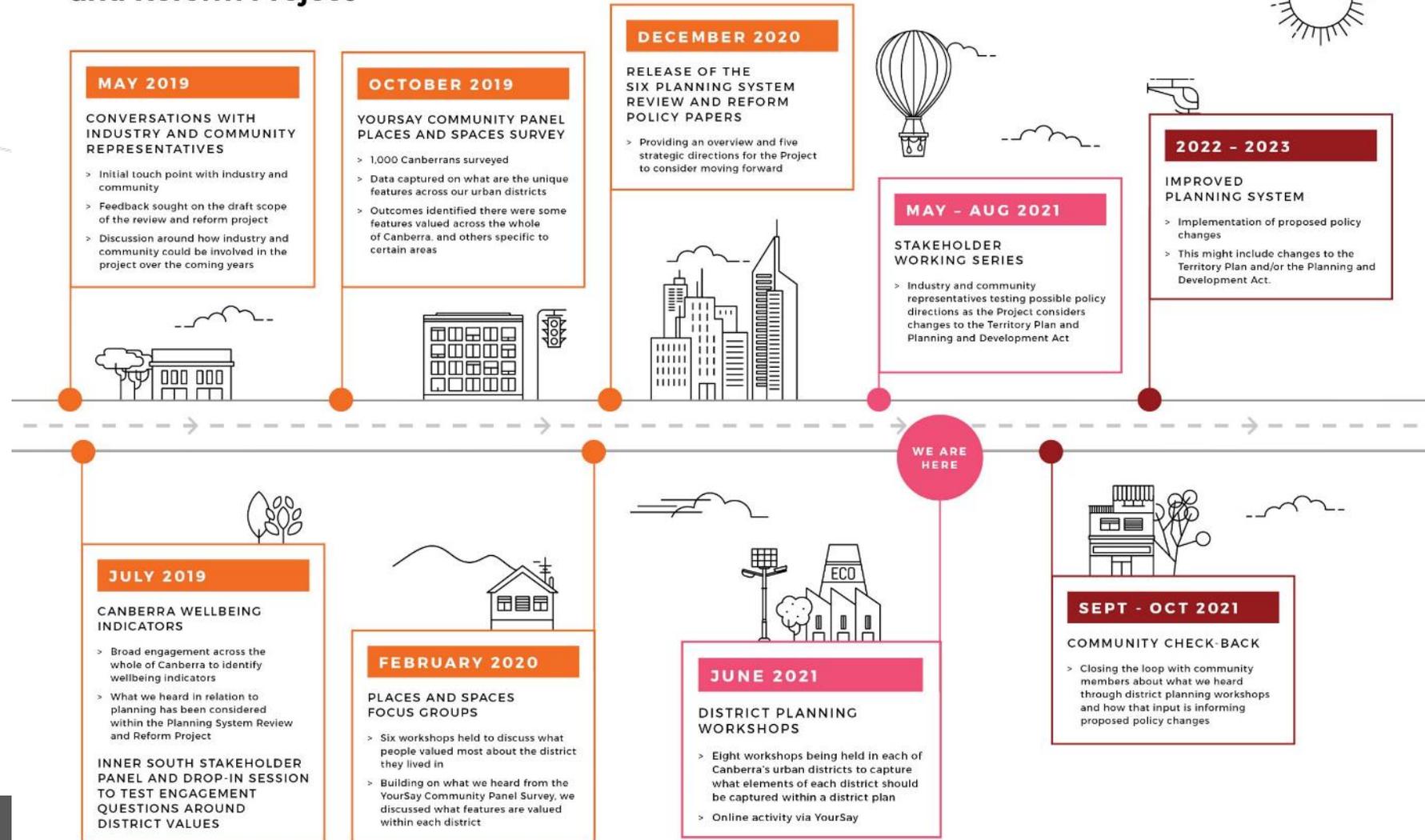
Scale of planning:	City	District	Suburb/site
Document:	Planning Strategy	District Strategy	Territory Plan
Map, policy:	Strategic map and policy	Map	Map, policy
Vision statement/ strategic direction:	5 themes – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Liveable • Diverse • Accessible • Compact and efficient • Sustainable and resilient 	Desired future outcomes	Desired outcomes

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 its attributes and to the city overall.

Engagement timeline

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Indicative staging of district planning

Stages	Description and outputs
Complete	Document current information and policy for districts
Current	Engage with key stakeholder groups and the broader community. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Provide current information• Explore change that might occur to allow growth around key Elements• Map out where and how some change could occur• Develop descriptions of potential/desired future position
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

