

Phase 1 of Consultation: **Sharing**

On Wednesday 23 November 2022, three events were held in Belconnen as part of the sharing and learning phase of the PSRR consultation project.

Communication Link hosted 2 pop-up sessions on Wednesday 23 November, to share information about the proposed Territory Plan and the draft Belconnen District Strategy. The pop-ups provided the community an opportunity to clarify their understanding with guidance from ACT Government representatives.

Following the pop-ups, we hosted a follow up workshop with a video and presentation from representatives at the Environment, Planning and Sustainable Development Directorate on the draft new Territory Plan the draft Belconnen District Strategy.

The objectives of the workshop were to:

1. Inform interested people about the draft district strategy and the draft new Territory Plan
2. Encourage understanding to support participants to give feedback on the new proposed planning system.
3. Collect questions and feedback on the draft documents and other elements of the proposed planning system and provide feedback to workshop participants.



WHO ENGAGED

Thank you for participating

42

community members attended pop-up sessions on 23 November

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community members attended the workshop on 23 November

Environment, Planning and Sustainable Development Directorate representatives attended all engagement sessions

WHAT WE HEARD

Participants were invited to ask clarification questions about the Belconnen District Strategy and draft Territory Plan. Areas of question and feedback are summarised below.

Emu Bank

Community members expressed a need for redevelopment of Emu Bank due to the traffic and excessive noise caused by busses and confusion caused by speed bumps looking like zebra crossings.

Westfield redevelopment

Community members are interested in the structure and design of the Belconnen Westfield redevelopment and provided positive and supportive feedback of these upgrades.

Environment

Concerns were raised around the retention of greenspace and a need was identified for environmental protection throughout the development.

Council

Community members raised a need for council in the Belconnen district to help maintain the likes of public housing and landscaping.

Established developments

Community members are concerned at the implementation of new developments when there are still unfinished developments in progress.

Lake Ginninderra

There were questions about why Lake Ginninderra has come back into consideration for development and why it can't be left as open space.

Light rail

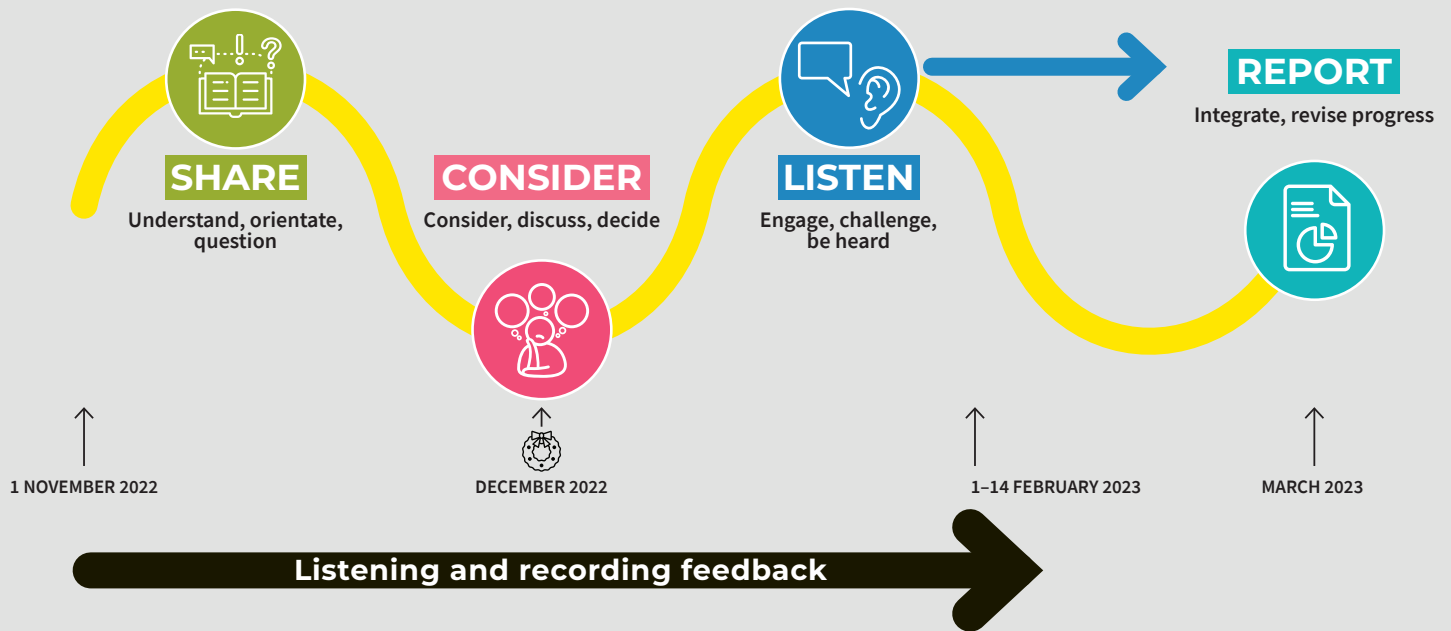
Community members expressed a desire for a light rail service in Belconnen and wanted more information on the possibility of this in the near future.

Urban infill

Community members are concerned with urban density due to houses being replaced with multi-storey developments with no parking.

Consultation

Community members wanted more opportunities and time for consultation, given the proximity of the Christmas holiday period and requested an extension into February 2023.



NEXT STEPS

Submissions and feedback are welcomed throughout all three phases. The Sharing phase was about introducing the various parts of the system and highlighting where feedback is being sought.

You can engage during this consultation on YourSay in several ways:

- Ask a question and receive an answer from EPSDD within one week and see a record of all Q & As
- Make a quick comment
- Answer a long survey
- Make a submission

You are also invited to participate in events during the Listening Phase 3 throughout February 2023.

See more information about February events and register to receive project updates by using the 'Follow' function online at:

yoursayconversations.act.gov.au/act-planning-review

To find out more about the new Territory Plan or other draft Canberra District Strategies, visit www.planning.act.gov.au

