COMMUNIQUE #2

COMMUNITY PANEL MEETING – 17 August 2016 Post Meeting Summary



On 17 August the western Greenway community panel met for a second time.

This is a short summary of what was explored at this meeting. Minutes of the meeting will also be prepared and distributed.

Members of the community panel were welcomed to the meeting by David Shorthouse, community panel chairperson. New members to the panel were introduced and offered the opportunity to talk about who they represented and their key issues.

The focus of this meeting was to discuss in more detail some of the land management, flora and fauna, and recreation issues. To assist with the discussions three ACT government representatives were on hand to provide some specialist knowledge:

- Sport and Recreation considerations David Jeffrey, Active Canberra
- Flora and Fauna and ecological connectivity Michael Mulvaney, Environment and Planning
- Land management Brett McNamara, Environment and Planning

There were a range of issues raised and questions posed by community panel members following the presentations. Information received and questions raised will be documented and considered by the panel, however general areas of discussion are summarised below.

Active Canberra (Sports and Recreation)

- Costs associated with moving existing sporting infrastructure, how this infrastructure related to
 others in Tuggeranong. Why were the sites developed as they are now? Are they likely to
 undergo review if population in the area changed?
- Interest in usage patterns of the facilities and if there is any monitoring of the informal recreation users of the area?

Parks and Conservation

- It was noted that the river corridor map is available on ACTMAPI
- River Corridor plan of management covers issues such as weeds and feral pests. It was suggested that the Murrumbidgee Corridor Management Plan needs to be updated.
- What are the criteria that would drive a review of the river corridor boundary
- What relationship does the river corridor have with fire trails and buffer zones (Bushfire
 abatement zone)? How much space would need to be left around any facilities or buildings in
 the area to meet bushfire requirements?

Flora and Fauna

- Information was presented on existing species in the area, including flora, fauna, woodlands and aquatic species and ecological connectivity to and from the river and nearby urban areas..
- Water run-off management will be addressed in presentations planned for the next meeting.
- Scarlett Robin Action Plan potential impacts on changes to habitat used by the species

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Other considerations

- Request for a presentation on the Tuggeranong Master Plan West of Athlon Drive
- Keen to understand the LDA's involvement in the West Greenway area and why this
 area has been suggested for potential development.
- Importance of understanding broader context beyond the 'study area'.

Next steps

The Tuggeranong Archery Club offered to provide details of its environmental monitoring.

All documents and maps which have been presented at the meetings will be made public on the Your Say website.

A walking tour to be scheduled as part of the panel process and for Brett McNamara and Michael Mulvaney to be invited to join this session.

Seek confirmation from Environment and Planning Directorate about commitments to existing sporting facilities.

The next meeting is scheduled for 31 August and will be hosted by the Tuggeranong Archery Club.