

COMMUNIQUE #4

COMMUNITY PANEL MEETING – 12 October 2016
Post Meeting Summary



On Wednesday 12 October 2016 the western Greenway community panel met at the Town Centre Vikings. This is a short summary of what was discussed at this meeting. Minutes of the meeting will also be prepared and distributed.

Members of the community panel were welcomed to the meeting by Dr David Shorthouse, community panel chairperson.

A priority for this meeting was to review a draft outcomes report. Through group discussion and collective agreement, a number of edits and corrections were made to the report.

The key points of the draft report are that:

- based on the information provided, the community panel is not convinced there is any priority for urban development in the western Greenway location.
- the existing boundaries to the Murrumbidgee River Corridor identified in ACT planning documents are not based on recent scientific understanding. It is important that the boundary of the River Corridor should be based on natural resource management criteria with an appropriate separation between the corridor and other land uses.

Next steps

The draft western Greenway community panel outcomes report will be finalised and distributed to panel members in the next week to allow those not present at the meeting to review the final version prior to it being presented to the new Minister for Planning post election.

It was agreed by the community panel that the final outcomes report should be presented to the new Minister and would not be made public prior to that time.

It was also agreed that the report concluded the work of the community panel unless the ACT Government seeks further clarification on matters raised in the report.

The Chair, Dr David Shorthouse, closed the meeting by thanking all panel members for their contribution and constructive participation.