

Rural & Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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Infrastructure and Regional Development

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Senator Rhiannon, Lee asked:

1. Has there been a heritage or social impact study for the West Basin Building Estate?
2. Has the National Capital Authority approved the Foreshore Development despite the lack of these studies?
3. Given the expense of the bridging of Parkes Way (part of CttL), there was supposed to be a revised masterplan for the West Basin Building Estate with a revised bridging of Parkes Way. Has that master plan be released for public consultation?
4. Given the public distress about the proposed West Basin Building Estate will the NCA undertake or enforce a review of the CttL West Basin to address extensive public concerns before the proposal that obliterates parkland in West Basin commences? If not, why not?

Answers:

1. The ACT Government is still developing its proposed master plan for the West Basin precinct and the final mix of land uses. The proposed development will be subject to a heritage impact assessment by the National Capital Authority.

The ACT Government is finalising its design for the second stage of the lakeside promenade and the extent of lake reclamation. Those works have not being submitted to the National Capital Authority for approval. All works will be subject to a heritage impact assessment by the National Capital Authority.
2. As noted above, all work in the West Basin precinct is subject to a heritage impact assessment and/or social impact assessment by the National Capital Authority as part of the planning approval process.
3. The ACT Government is still developing its preferred strategy for bridging Parkes Way. The National Capital Authority will work with the ACT Government to conduct public consultation on the preferred strategy once it is identified.
4. The National Capital Authority established its planning and design provisions for the West Basin precinct after extensive public consultation over a number of years. The National Capital Authority will continue to require that all new development in the West Basin precinct be subject to the necessary planning approval processes.