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Authority Meeting A2021/3

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Public Record

*I endorse this Public Record of the
Authority meeting held on 9 June 2021*

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Mr Terry Weber, Chair of the National Capital Authority

This document is a public record of the National Capital Authority meeting held on 9 June 2021. As some matters discussed at Authority meetings are personal, privileged and/or confidential, this record follows but does not represent the formal minutes of the meeting.

Administration and Governance

The following Authority Members attended the meeting: Mr Terry Weber (Chair), Ms Jenny Smithson, Mr James Willson and Ms Sally Barnes (Chief Executive). Mr Dennis Richardson was an apology for the meeting.

This meeting was the Authority's third meeting for 2021.

The Authority attended to the standard administrative and governance processes for the meeting including disclosing and managing any conflicts of interest, finalising the minutes and public record of the previous meeting, and reviewing the status of action items from earlier meetings.

Key Governance Matters

The Authority received and considered a report on the NCA's key governance matters covering work health and safety, risk management, planning and performance, and governance and compliance, and a summary of the most recent meeting of the NCA Audit Committee.

The Authority noted and discussed aspects of the presented report, including an increase in incidents being reported in the most recent quarter, especially involving the public.

The Authority noted updates to the strategic risk register coming from the Audit Committee meeting and made further suggestions to the register. The Authority endorsed the updated NCA Risk Management Policy and Framework.

The Authority discussed the Fraud Risk Assessment and NCA Fraud Control Plan for 2021 to 2023. The Authority discussed some of the NCA's key fraud risks and the coverage of the Plan. The Authority endorsed the Plan for the Chair's signature.

The Authority noted the internal audit work plan. The Authority welcomed the recently-completed audit of the NCA's consultation arrangements, which provides an opportunity to enhance the NCA's consultation arrangements.

Finance Report

The Authority received and discussed the presented finance report, which included a verbal update on financial results to end-May 2021. NCA officers noted the expected financial loss for 2020-21 (agreed with the Department of Finance). They also updated the Authority on expected administered capital spending and proposed budgets for 2021-22.

The Authority noted the report and approved the proposed internal NCA operating and capital budget for 2021-22. The Authority discussed aspects of the report including that assets under the NCA's control were approaching \$1 billion and outcomes from recent procurement work.

Forward Agenda

The Authority noted the forward agenda for the Authority's 2021 meetings. No potential conflicts of interest for agenda items for these meetings were identified at this time.

Presentation – Light Rail Stage 2A

The Authority received a presentation from ACT Government representatives on the Light Rail Stage 2A project.

The presentation covered the project's context, an update on the project, and proposed sequencing and indicative timing for the project's works packages and works approval applications. Dr Brady flagged that the ACT Government has been working on an updated City Plan which should come to the Authority at its August 2021 meeting.

The Authority discussed the Light Rail project's components and timing, public consultation at the various stages, and key issues including obtaining information on traffic flows, planned landscape outcomes, and co-ordinating works with the NCA's work on Commonwealth Avenue Bridge to minimise disruption.

The Authority agreed to consider a sequence of works approval applications:

1. early works in relation to relocation of services
2. raising London Circuit
3. Stage 2A Light Rail extension to Commonwealth Park.

Presentation – Dairy Flat Road

The Authority received a presentation from representatives of the Molonglo Group on proposed development at their site on Dairy Flat Road. The presentation covered the current status of the development and the draft Development Control Plan (DCP) for the area, and their vision and aspirations for the site.

The Authority discussed the key issues, drawing out the proponents' particular concerns, including relevant comparisons and implications, including for the overall site (ie beyond the NCA's planning control framework) and adjacent sites.

The Authority asked NCA officers to revise the draft Development Control Plan for the Dairy Flat Road development to address the site specific nature of the development and a revised approach to achieve a positive planning outcome.

Presentation – UNSW Draft Master Plan

The Authority received a presentation from representatives from the University of New South Wales (UNSW) and the ACT Government on a Draft Master Plan for the proposed UNSW Canberra City campus.

The presentation covered key elements of the Draft Master Plan in some detail, including the planned layout, landscape treatment, and transport and parking arrangements. The presentation also included the planned staging of works.

The Authority discussed aspects of the Draft Master Plan including linkages to the city area, and pedestrian and road access. The Authority agreed to the overall direction of the Draft Master Plan as it has delivered on the planning principles previously set by the NCA.

Chief Executive Report

The Authority received a report from the Chief Executive covering a range of strategic and human resource matters.

The Authority discussed elements of the report including the National Institutions brand marketing campaign, progress in establishing a memorial for Thalidomide victims, and the status of the International Flag Display. The Authority noted the NCA's presentation to the ACT Standing Committee on Planning, Transport and City Services on 6 May 2021.

Forestry Place, Yarralumla

NCA officers presented a paper updating the Authority on the Forestry Place project and seeking the Authority's agreement on next steps. The paper noted that, if agreed to, the development will require an Amendment to the National Capital Plan and proposes further consultation with key stakeholders.

The Authority discussed aspects of the development including its key parameters and scale, and its potential impact, including on traffic.

The Authority noted the information provided and agreed that NCA officers consult with key stakeholders before further consideration of the proposal.

Development Control Plans

NCA officers presented a paper on the NCA's use of Development Control Plans.

The Authority noted the information provided in the paper.

Glamping on Springbank Island and Van Gogh Alive on Federation Fountain

The Authority discussed a presented paper setting out proposals for allowing a commercial operator to run 'glamping' on Springbank Island in Lake Burley Griffin, and for a Van Gogh Alive event to be held on top of Federation Fountain, along with the required infrastructure.

The Authority noted the proposals were consistent with its activation aims, noting the need for appropriate risk management and insurance arrangements to be in place.

Following discussion, the Authority agreed to the proposed events and related requirements.

Estate Management Report

The Authority received and noted the Estate Management Report, which provided an update on key estate management projects and operational issues.

Major Projects Committee Report

The Authority received and noted the report on the work of the Major Projects Committee, which included details of key current projects being undertaken by the NCA.

The Authority discussed some of the projects in the report including the redevelopment of Regatta Point and the National Memorial for Victims and Survivors of Institutional Child Sexual Abuse.

Works Approval Report

NCA officers presented the Works Approval Report, which included an update on current and upcoming works approval applications.

The Authority discussed some of the projects noted in the report including the former CSIRO Headquarters site in Campbell and the replacement of poplar trees at the National Library. The Authority also discussed works approval processing rates and reporting.

Strategic Planning Report

NCA officers presented the Strategic Planning Report, which provided an overview of current key strategic planning matters.

The Authority discussed some of the projects in the report in more detail including the status of public consultation on the potential operation of seaplanes on Lake Burley Griffin, development of current CSIRO land in Ginninderra, potential further urban development in Lawson, and proposed land use change for land adjacent to the Diary Flat Road development.

Media and Communications Report

The Authority received and noted the Media and Communications Report, which included current and upcoming media and communication activities.

The Authority discussed some of the analytic reporting and key events.

Events and Place Activation Report

The Authority received and noted the Events and Place Activation Report which set out NCA events and activation planning.

The Authority discussed some of the issues and opportunities including lease and licensing arrangements

Other Business

The Authority noted its next regular meeting is scheduled for 19 August 2021.