



**Australian Government**  
**National Capital Authority**

## **CONSULTATION REPORT**

### **Proposed Closure of Dorothy Tangney Place**

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# 1. Introduction

## 1.1 Purpose and background

This report summarises the issues raised during the public consultation process undertaken by the National Capital Authority (NCA) on the proposed permanent closure of Dorothy Tangney Place. The road closure was proposed to reflect that the John Gorton Campus Car Park (JGC Car Park) is being constructed over the road. Closure recognises that public use in the form of a road no longer exists and also facilitates a revised block arrangement so that the JGC Car Park sits on a single block of land.

Sections 19 and 20 of the *Australian Capital Territory National Land (Unleased) Ordinance 2022* (the Ordinance) set out the process for the permanent closure of public roads. The process is summarised below:

- under section 19 of the Ordinance, a notifiable instrument is required to give notice of a proposal to permanently close a public road
- consultation is required with lessees and occupiers of land with frontage to the road, as well as the broader public (the period for public submissions must be a minimum of 20 business days)
- display of a notice to be erected in a conspicuous place at the road
- consideration of any objections in accordance with the notice given under section 19 of the Ordinance
- declaration by notifiable instrument under section 20 of the Ordinance to permanently close a road if determined prudent following consideration of public objections.

The Ordinance allows for the delegation of powers. The *Instrument of Delegation – Australian Capital Territory National Land (Unleased) Ordinance 2022* delegates the powers under sections 19 and 20 of the Ordinance to multiple positions within the NCA, including the Chief Executive. The Chief Executive agreed to exercise her delegated powers under the Ordinance in relation to the closure of Dorothy Tangney Place.

# 2. Consultation

## 2.1 Consultation activities

The following key activities were undertaken during the consultation period:

- On 8 October 2024, the Section 19 notifiable instrument was lodged on the Federal Register of Legislation (FRL) inviting objections to the closure of Dorothy Tangney Place by close of business on 6 November 2024. A copy of the notifiable instrument is provided at **Attachment A**.
- On 15 October 2024, content was published on the NCA website (the Ordinance requires publication on the NCA website within 5 business days of registration on FRL). This included a copy of the notifiable instrument.
- On 15 October 2024, signage was erected at the road. Photos of the signage are provided in **Attachment B**.
- On 15 October 2024, the Secretary of the Department of Climate Change, Energy, Environment and Water was advised of the road closure as the Department occupies the John Gorton Building which has frontage to the road.

## 2.2 Submissions

No submissions were received during the notification period.

## 3. Conclusion

On 8 October 2024, a Notifiable Instrument advising of the NCA's intent to permanently close Dorothy Tangney Place was registered on FRL, inviting objections by close of business on 6 November 2024.

No submissions were received in response to the proposed closure of Dorothy Tangney Place.

The road closure process is an administrative process required by legislation (given the circumstance that the road has already been built over) and it is prudent that the process be finalised. The NCA has lodged a Notifiable Instrument under section 20 of the *Australian Capital Territory National Land (Unleased) Ordinance 2022* on the Federal Register of Legislation to finalise the process.

## 4. Attachments

- A. Section 19 notifiable instrument
- B. Photos of signage

## Attachment A: Section 19 Notifiable Instrument



# **Australian Capital Territory National Land (Unleased) Ordinance (Notice of Intention for the permanent closure of Dorothy Tangney Place) Instrument 2024**

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I, Karen Doran, Chief Executive of the National Capital Authority make the following notifiable instrument.

Dated 1 October 2024

Karen Doran

Chief Executive

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## 1 Name of notifiable instrument

This instrument is the *Australian Capital Territory National Land (Unleased) Ordinance (Notice of Intention for the permanent closure of Dorothy Tangney Place) Instrument 2024*.

## 2 Commencement

This instrument commences the day after the instrument is registered.

## 3 Authority

This instrument is made under subsection 19(1) of the *Australian Capital Territory National Land (Unleased) Ordinance 2022*.

## 4 Definitions

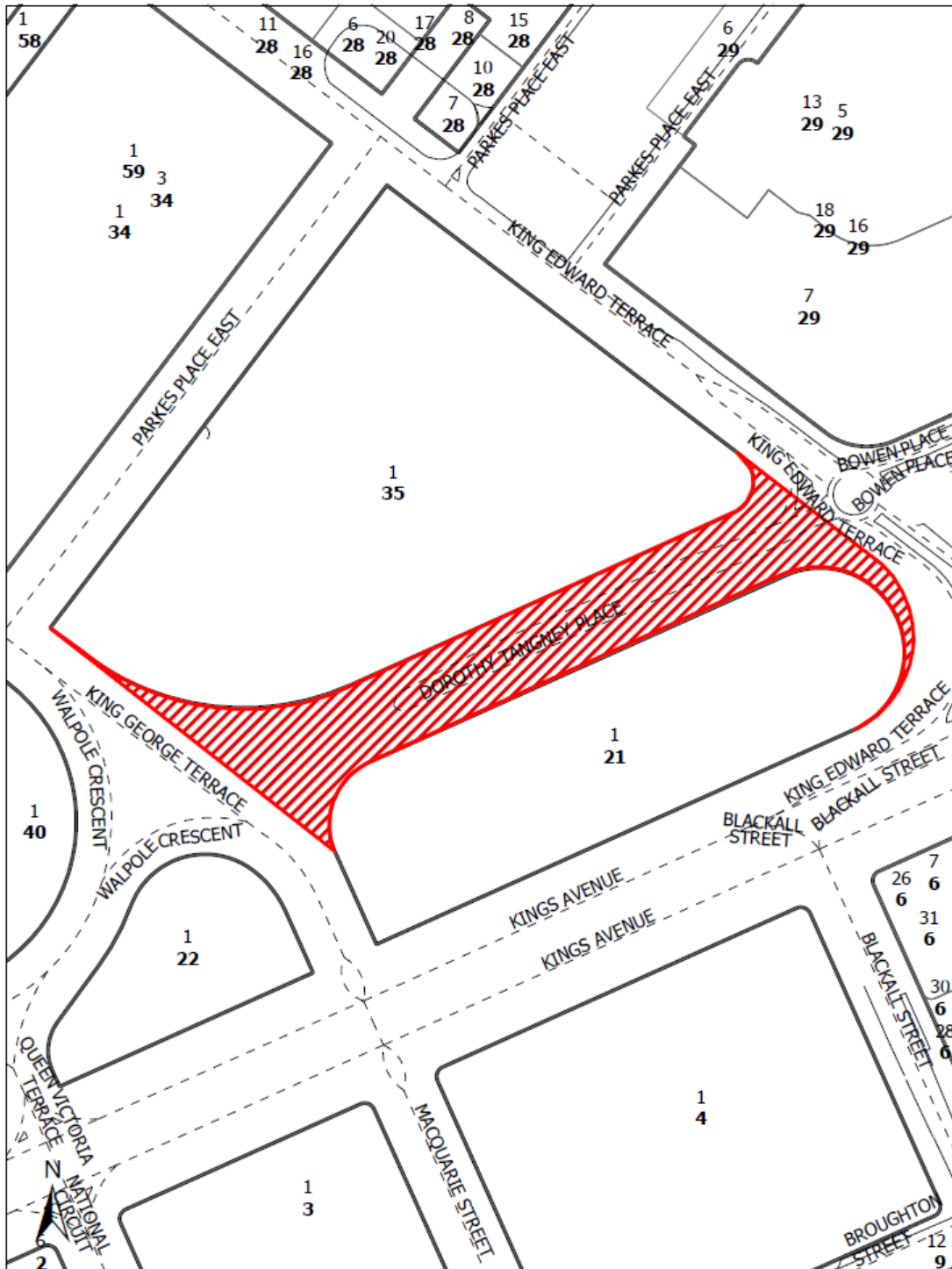
In this instrument:


**Ordinance** means the *Australian Capital Territory National Land (Unleased) Ordinance 2022*.

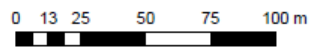
## 5 Notice of Intention - Closure of Dorothy Tangney

- (1) Pursuant to subsection 19(1) of the **Ordinance** notice is hereby given of the proposal to permanently close Dorothy Tangney Place.
- (2) Objections to the permanent closure of Dorothy Tangney Place should be addressed to the Chief Executive, National Capital Authority and be lodged by no later than 20 business days from the commencement of this instrument. Objections can be made by:
  - emailing [draftamendment@nca.gov.au](mailto:draftamendment@nca.gov.au),
  - mailing to National Capital Authority, GPO Box 373, Canberra ACT 2601, or
  - delivering to National Capital Authority, Ground Floor Treasury Building, King Edward Terrace, Parkes ACT 2600
- (3) The proposed road closure is shown in Appendix 1 of this Instrument.

# Appendix 1— Map of Proposed Dorothy Tangney Place Permanent Public Road Closure



**Key**  
 Road Closure





## Attachment B: Photos of Dorothy Tangney Place Signage







  
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## CLOSURE OF DORTHORY TANGNEY PLACE

The National Capital Authority (NCA) provides notice of its intention to progress administrative arrangements to formally close Dorothy Tangney Place.  
Public access to surrounding areas is maintained through Kings Avenue, King Edward Terrace, Parkes Place East and King George Terrace.

INFORMATION ON THE CLOSURE OF  
DORTHORY TANGNEY PLACE IS AVAILABLE AT  
[WWW.NCA.GOV.AU](http://WWW.NCA.GOV.AU).

Feedback can be submitted by email to [draftamendments@nca.gov.au](mailto:draftamendments@nca.gov.au) or by mail to  
National Capital Authority (GPO Box 373)  
National Capital Authority  
CANBERRA ACT 2601 by close of business  
on 6 November 2026.



