

# National Capital Plan Draft Amendment 100 – Knowles Place Alignment

## Q & A

### **What is Draft Amendment 100 – Knowles Place Alignment to the National Capital Plan all about?**

The purpose of Draft Amendment 100 – Knowles Place Alignment (DA100) is to vary the alignment of part of Knowles Place as shown in the City Hill Precinct Code of the Plan. The variation in alignment will help facilitate the Canberra Theatre Centre Redevelopment project.

### **What changes to the National Capital Plan are required?**

DA100 proposes to change the land use drawing for the City Hill Precinct to move the Knowles Place alignment northward. Consequential changes to other drawings in the City Hill Precinct Code are also proposed, including those showing indicative development of the precinct, laneways around the precinct, and indicative building form, height and landmark buildings.

No changes to written policies of the Plan are proposed.

### **What function is Knowles Place intended to play in the City Hill Precinct?**

The City Hill Precinct Code of the Plan requires that a laneway ('Knowles Place') extend around almost the entire precinct. The extension of Knowles Place is intended to improve permeability, enable service access, and create more opportunities for activation through the precinct.

The proposed change to the Knowles Place alignment will still achieve the same urban design outcomes and functionality as the current alignment, including in relation to traffic and movement, activation of the precinct, and general design intent for the City Hill Precinct.

### **Where has the proposal for change come from?**

The City Hill Precinct Code of the Plan requires that a laneway ('Knowles Place') extend around almost the entire precinct. The Precinct Code identifies the permitted land use for Knowles Place and its extension as 'road' rather than land available for development.

The ACT Government's Canberra Theatre Centre Redevelopment project site area includes the land identified as the Knowles Place alignment as part of the development site.

To facilitate the approval of the Canberra Theatre Centre Redevelopment, whilst retaining the principles of permeability and accessibility embedded in the City Hill Precinct Code, a new alignment for Knowles Place through the theatre redevelopment site is required. The new alignment will achieve the same urban design outcomes and functionality as the current alignment, including in relation to traffic and movement, activation of the precinct, and general design intent for the City Hill Precinct.

### **How will the NCA consider feedback?**

The NCA will consider all written submissions received in response to DA100. In considering feedback to DA100, the NCA will consider the principles and policies of the Plan and objectives for the City Hill Precinct. The NCA will publish a Consultation Report once a decision concerning the draft amendment has been made.

**What opportunities are there for community and stakeholder participation during the public consultation process on DA100?**

The NCA invites the community and stakeholders to engage in the public consultation process and offer their valuable input.

Submissions are invited until close of business on 27 November 2024.