Yarralumla Views

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1.0 Architectural Statement



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The Site

The site is approximately 5.4Ha, on the Western side of Yarralumla. Located on the North side of Cotter Road, the site is well connected to major arterial roads, along with walkways and cycleway links to surrounding suburbs.

The site is accessed via a existing significant slip lane connection, and shared access road.

The site falls from South to North, with a neighbouring Equestrian facility to the East, Rural uses to the West (made up of maintained access ways).

The Opportunity

1.01 Vision

The proposed development has the advantage of a landscaped surrounds, with close proximity to the surrounding activity centres. This location allows for the provision of seniors living and aged care housing that is currently in short supply in the surrounding area.

The development provides the opportunity to rejuvenate a currently dilapidated Hotel/Motel site in a way that is sensitive to its landscape surrounds, and that delivers a high quality development in suiting the surrounding area.

Project Details

Independent Living Units - 55 Townhouses Independent Living Units - 272 Apartments Community Facilities + Retail - 2,200m² Basement carpark level Site Location: Cotter Rd; Blocks 864 & 1151 Area: 54866m² Gross Floor Area: 35500m²



The Proposed Development

As a truly unique site, the development aims to create a highly contextually responsive scheme, one that can sit in its landscape surrounds, but that brings the character and design principals of the National Capital Plan.

By setting in place high level urban design principals across the site where the landscape takes precedent, the proposed built form seeks to celebrate this character, by working with both existing land form and vegetation, and drawing from surrounding context.

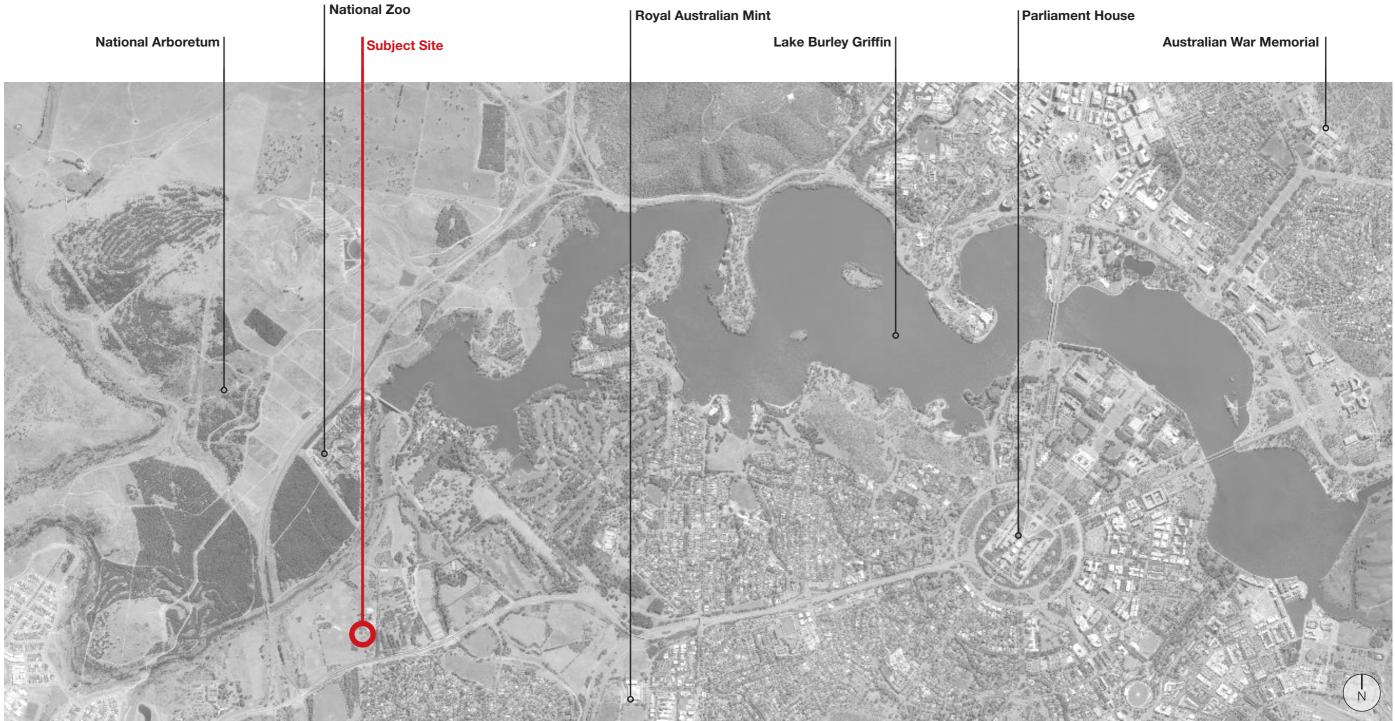
Whilst experienced within as a landscaped village, the views and vistas of the project from a distance have been heavily considered such that its presence in the landscape is a complimentary one, and highly suited to the Canberra context.

2.0 Urban context



2.0 Context 2.01 Macro Context/Existing

The site located at Cotter Road, Weston Creek is on the Western approaches of the Capital. Sitting on the North Side of Cotter Road, and the with a fall generally to the West and North, the Site is visible from the North across the Molonglo River corridor from the National Arboretum, and glimpsed from the Tuggeranong Parkway



Its surrounding precinct is characterised by a variety of development typologies along with built and landscaped form. Directly to the East is the Equestrian Park and Cotter Plots, functioning as an active equestrian facility. To the North-West is the heritage forms of the Yarralumla Woolshed and community spaces. Adjacent to the north of the Molonglo River is the National Zoo and Forest. Directly to the West is currently open grazing land and to the South is the suburban form of Curtin.

The site sits within the National Capital Plan's "Lake Burley Griffin and Surrounds" area. The character of this precinct is of curated and designed landscape areas, with buildings located within this parkland setting.

All built form and structures draw from the Griffin masterplan principles by carefully considering siting, and orientation along the landscape setting.

Development inside this Precinct must take a landscape driven approach to masterplanning. The Development should be designed to sit within a park, rather than pockets of landscape within the site.

Existing trees wherever possible should be retained, with the natural landform and features generating the final design outcome.



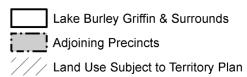


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2.03 Planning Framework

The subject site is located within the Central National Area, Lake Burley Griffin and Foreshores precinct of the National Capital Plan

The sensitivity of the sites location in the open space framework needs to be considered as part of any masterplan.

Surrounding uses in this zone contain a multitude of built forms, which all consider siting, location, and visual presence.

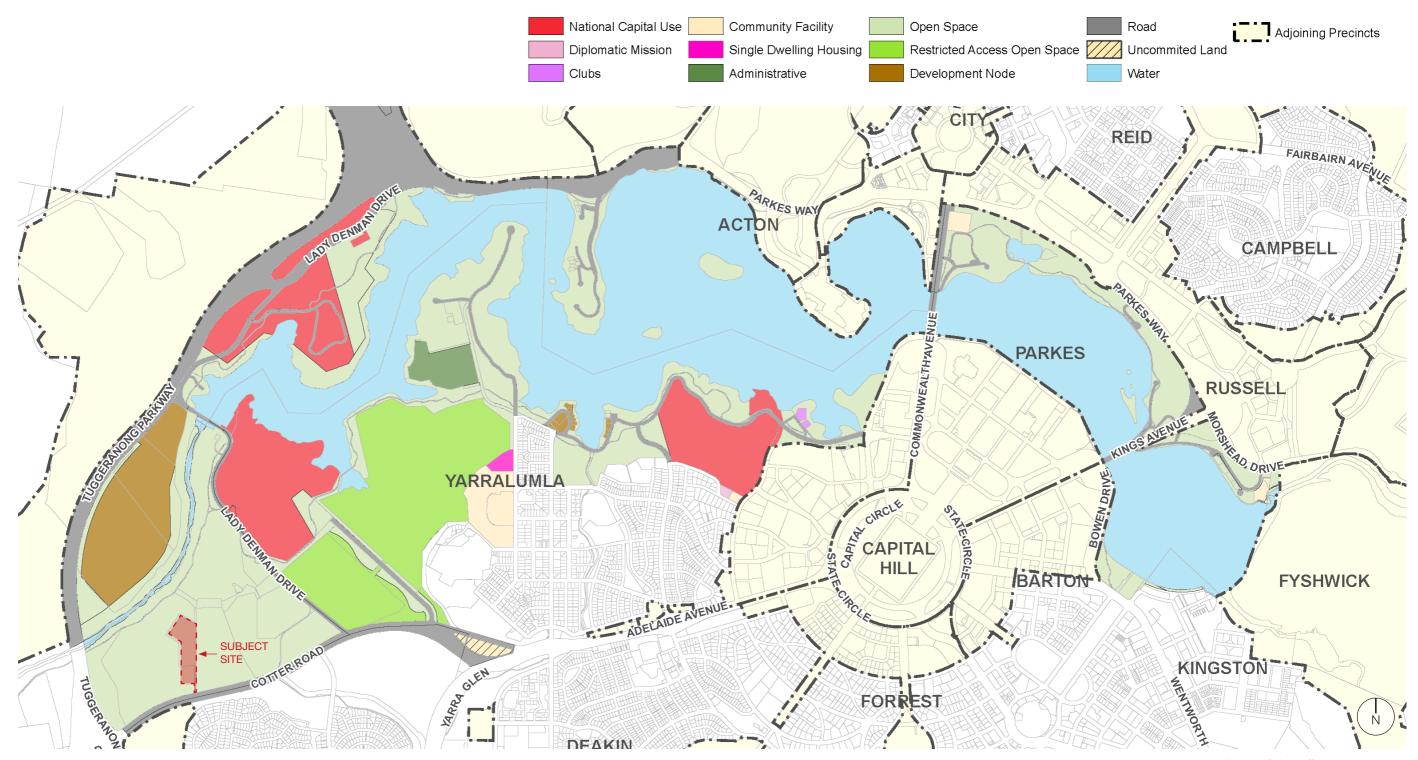


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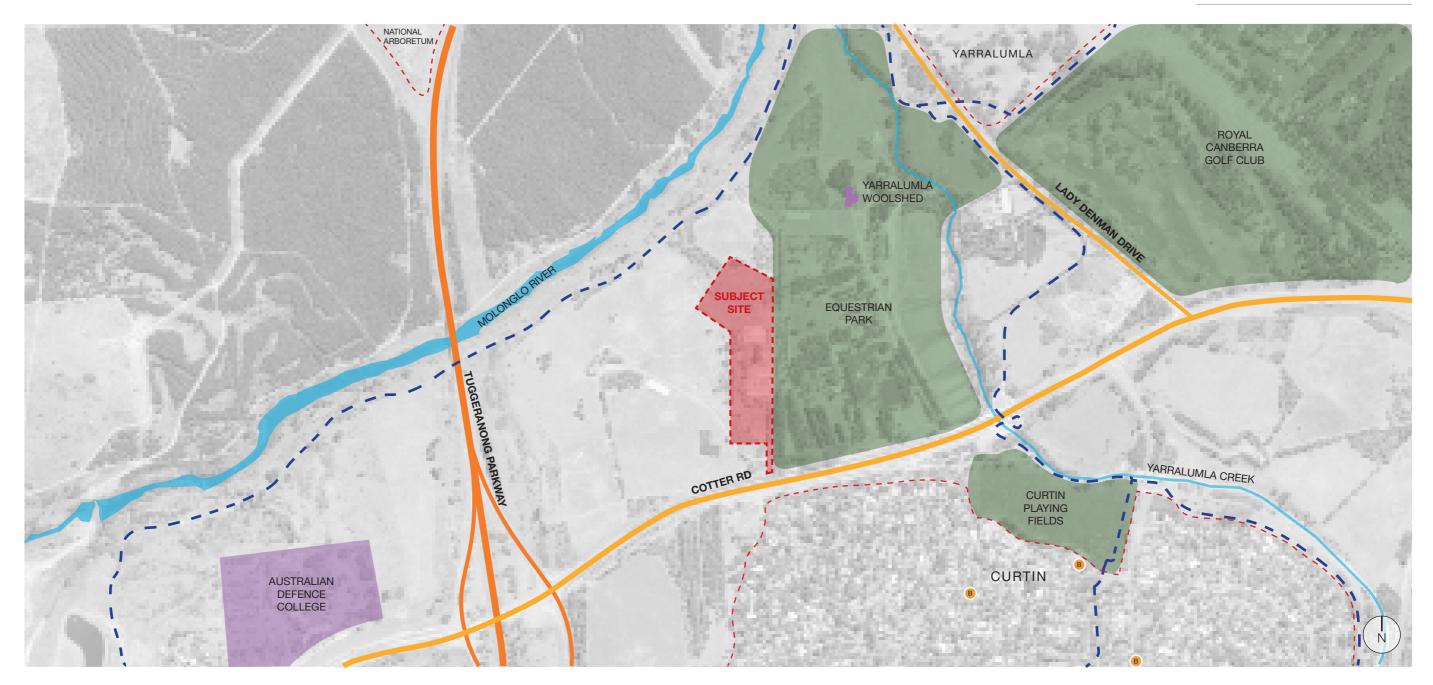
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3.01 Site Location

This site is located on the north side of Cotter Road, with the Molonglo River to the north, Tuggeranong Parkway to the west and a shared boundary with Equestrian Park. The surrounds are characterised by individual buildings in the landscape with remnant farmland/historical buildings such as Yarralumla Woolshed and Government House.

The southern side of Cotter Rd is the more urban development of Curtin. The site looks to the North over open landscape towards the National Arboretum.



Legend			
	Subject Site		
	Major Road		
	Minor Road		
в	Bus Stop		
	Waterways		
	Bike Path		
	Recreational Areas		
	Significant Buildings		

3.02 Significant Views/Vistas

The site location within the Molonglo River surrounds means the development must be sensitive to any significant views and vistas to the site, in particular from locations identified.

A preliminary view analysis of the sites visibility from these surrounding locations identified minimal presence of the site from two of the three locations. A summary of the visibility is below for each view point

View 1 National Arboretum

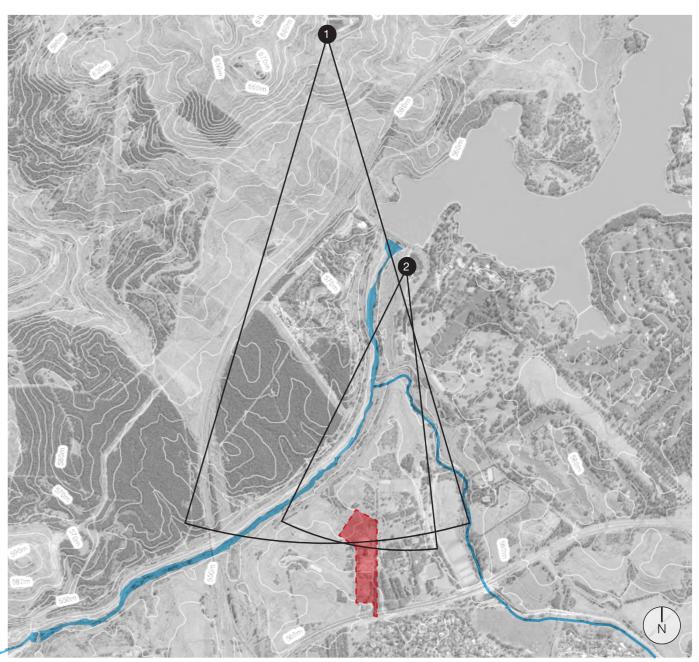
The elevation of the viewing point at the National Arboretum allows for the site to be read within its context. The new development will need to consider the proposed landscape character in order to provide appropriate screening and fit of the scheme to its surrounds



View 1. View to site from National Arboretum



View 2. View to site from Scrivener Dam Lookout



View 2 View from Scrivener Dam

The elevation of the Dam allows for potential vistas, but the relative height of significant tree lines obstructs any view back to the site

3.03 Significant Views/Vistas

View 3 Cotter Road

The site is protected visually with street trees and a generous setback to the site boundary of approximately 90m.

View 4 View from Government House Lookout

Layers of prominant trees between the lookout and the subject site help mask any potentional development.



View 3. View to site from Cotter Road



View 4. View to site from Government House Lookout



3.04 Existing Site Plan

The subject site has a consistent fall in slope, approximately 14.5m at 1:32 from the south to the north.

Existing Features

Natural slope in topography towards the north with significant vistas to surrounding bushland

Northerly Aspect for the majority of the site 2

Existing buildings located on benched level areas 3

South end of site located near high point of hill providing access to breezes

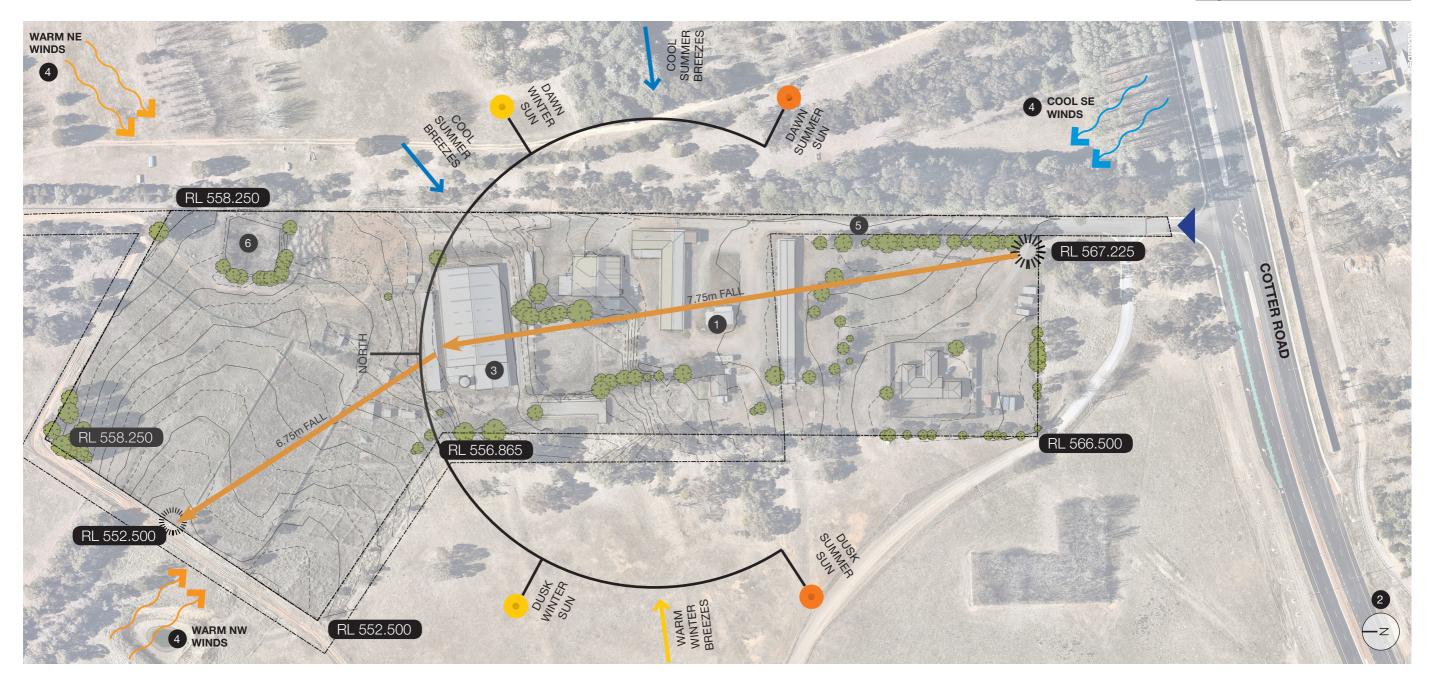




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Existing dam



Legend					
	Subject Site				
-	Direction of Fall				
	Low Point				
	High Point				

COTTER ROAD

3.05 Site Photos

The site boundary is defined by vegetation on all sides. The vegetation is a mix of grassland with some tall native mature trees to the west, south and north and a dense cluster of mature native and exotic trees to the eastern boundary of the equestrian centre.

The mounding topography and scattered trees to the west and south expose parts of the site as viewed from Cotters Road and Tuggeranong Parkway and north from Scrivener dam. Dense pine forest to the northwest along Molonglo River obscure the site from a southern approach along Tuggeranong parkway.

View 1 - From North of site

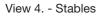


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2RIVATE ROAD









View 5 - Shed



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- Vegetation within the site is characterised by planted native and exotic tress distributed informally throughout the site with a setting of lawn and garden as the existing residential buildings. Some of these trees are substantial in height and spread providing shade and amenity.
- Refer to the arborist report prepared by Canopy Tree Experts for details of vegetation types, status and species to be retained and removed.
- Several significant existing structures remain on the site, of primarily rural character and scale, with each building sited on a large level pad area.

View 3 - Side of swimming pool overlooking shed

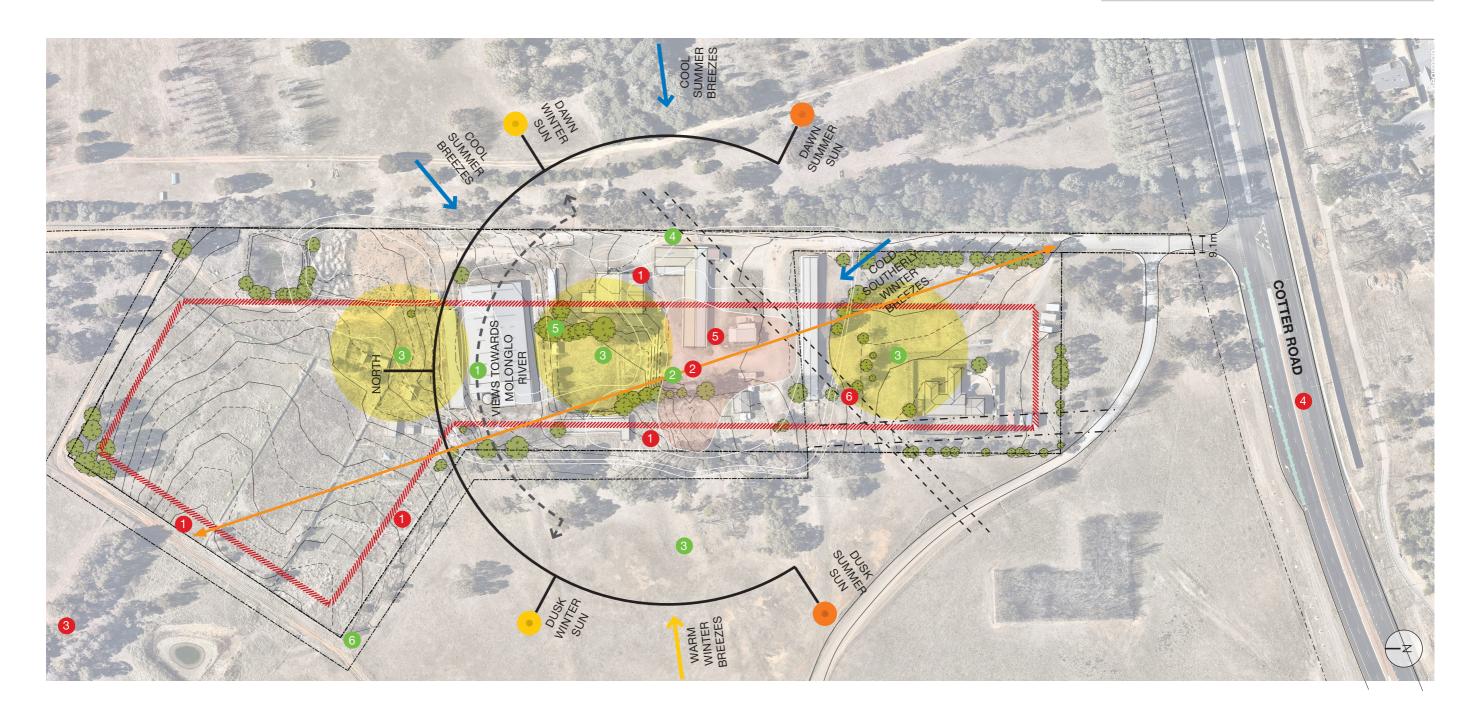
View 6 - Rear of cottage and side of Curtin Budget Motel

The existing site presents a set of unique opportunities and constraints from which a bespoke masterplan can be developed.

3.06 Key Opportunities & Constraints

Opportunities

1	Significant distant views of surrounding bushland
2	Fall allows for built form to modulate while reducing bulk and scale
3	Large level areas of terrain
4	Long site boundaries suitable for perimeter circulation
5	Long north facing slope providing high levels of solar access
6	Adjacent narrow access lane parcels provide additional fire separation



Constraints

1	APZ Setbacks - 32m to eastern boundary, 12m to north, south and west
2	14.5m cross fall from south to north
3	Adjacent agricultural land and source of bush fire hazard
4	High traffic road, source of noise
5	Approximate location of soil requiring treatment
6	Existing sewerage easement (10m wide)

4.0 Design Response







THE SUBJECT SITE IS LOCATED IN A RURAL LANDSCAPE, WITH HUMBLE AGRICULTURAL BUILDING TYPES AND FORMS.

THE SURROUNDING AREAS ARE CHARACTERISED BY SIGNIFICANT POCKETS OF OPEN SPACE, WITH LARGER BUILT FORMS.

BUILDINGS GENERALLY ARE CHARACTERISED AS ROBUST, WITH LARGE PITCHED ROOF FORMS, AND PATINATED MATERIALS.

CAN YOU WORK AT THE SCALE OF THE CITY AND CREATE CONNECTION?

THE RELATIONSHIP OF BUILDINGS IN THE LAKE BURLEY GRIFFIN SURROUNDS IS FORMAL AND EXPRESSIVE.

CONSIDERATION OF VIEWS TO AND FROM KEY LOCATIONS DOMINATE, WITH THE BROADER SPATIAL RELATIONSHIPS AT CITY SCALE LEGIBLE

THESE BROADER MOVES CREATE SPACES WITH PHYSICAL CONNECTIONS BEYOND THEIR MICRO SURROUNDS.

HOW CAN THE BURLEY GRIFFIN VISION BE EXPANDED?

THE GRIFFIN PLAN SETS OUT AN EXPLORATION OF THE RELATIONSHIP IN A CITYSCAPE OF BUILT AND NATURAL FORM. TAKE THESE PRINCIPALS INTO THE EXPANDED LANDSCAPE





ARE EXISTING APPROACHES TO **MASTERPLANNING HOUSING APPROPRIATE FOR** THIS SITE?

CONTEMPORARY RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT BY ITS NATURE IS URBAN, CONTROLLED BY STREET ALIGNMENTS AND SUBDIVISION. IT IS ONES DOMINATED BY THE FOCUS ON INDIVIDUALITY. BUILDINGS SIT IN COMPACT LANDSCAPED SETTINGS, WITH CONNECTIVITY PROVIDED BY HARDSCAPE.

A MORE COLLECTIVE APPROACH TO MASTERPLANNING THE HOUSING CAN CREATE A COMMUNITY FOCUSED ON SOCIAL CONNECTIVITY.

WHAT CAN WE LEARN FROM AGRICULTURE ABOUT CONSIDERING LANDSCAPE?

LESSONS CAN BE LEARNED FROM THE APPROACH OF AGRICULTURE TO WORKING WITH LAND FORM.

THE REGULARITY AND FORMALITY OF AN ORCHARD HAS ITS FORMALISM OCCASIONALLY INTERRUPTED BY THE NATURAL TERRAIN OR FEATURES.

THIS CONTRAST VISUALLY HIGHLIGHTS THE MAN-MADE AND NATURAL, CREATING A DISRUPTION THAT HIGHLIGHTS THE HUMAN SCALE.

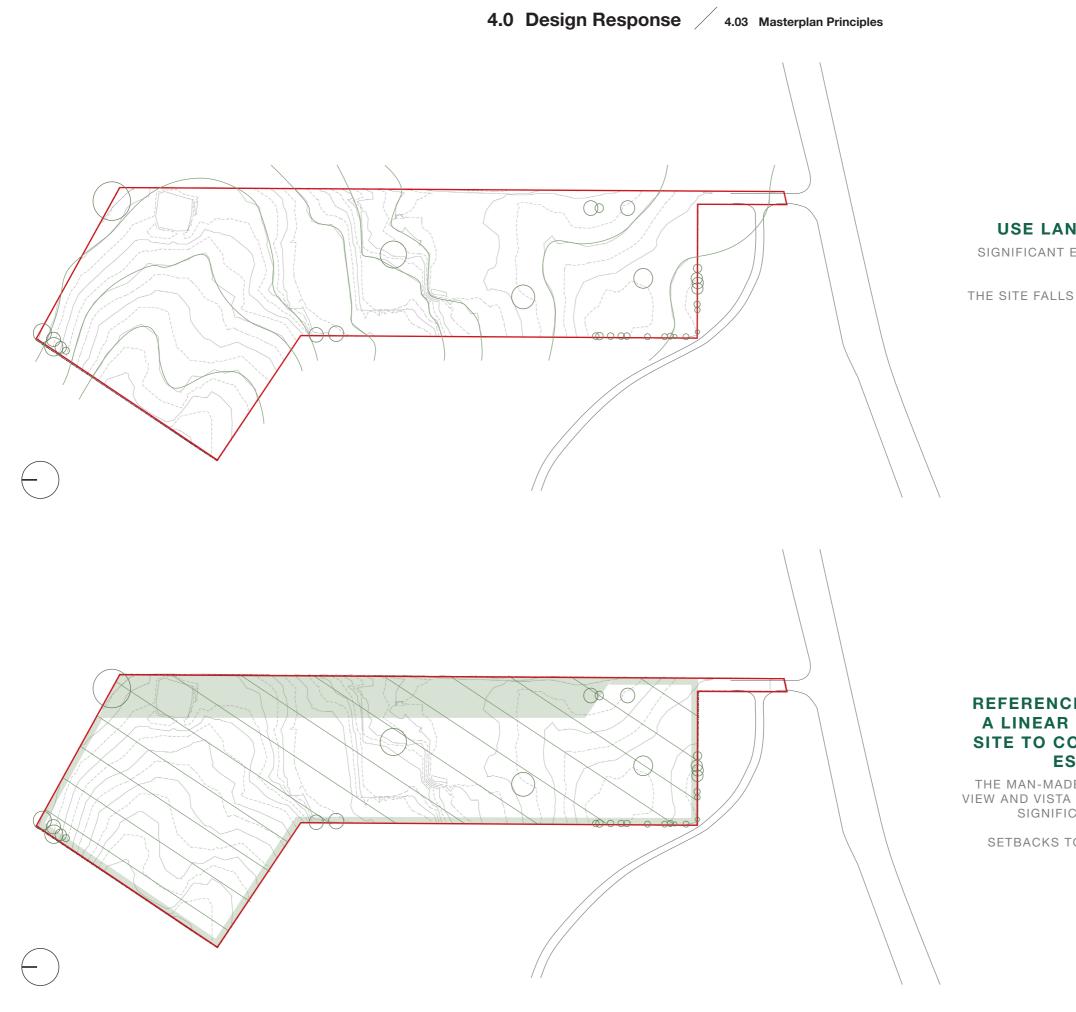
CAN DEVELOPMENT BE INSPIRED BY THE LANDSCAPE?

THE CANBERRA CONTEXT IS ONE OF AMPLIFIED LANDSCAPE, A MAN-MADE NATURAL IDYLL.

THIS DUAL CHARACTER CAN BE EXPRESSED ON THE PROPOSED SITE THROUGH CAREFUL CONSIDERATION OF PLACE AND DESIGN.



ITS OPEN SPACES PROVIDE A CONTINUOUS NARRATIVE ACROSS THE CITY THAT CAN BE RECOGNISED AT PEDESTRIAN SCALE, BUT ALSO FROM A DISTANCE.



USE LANDFORM AND EXISTING TREES

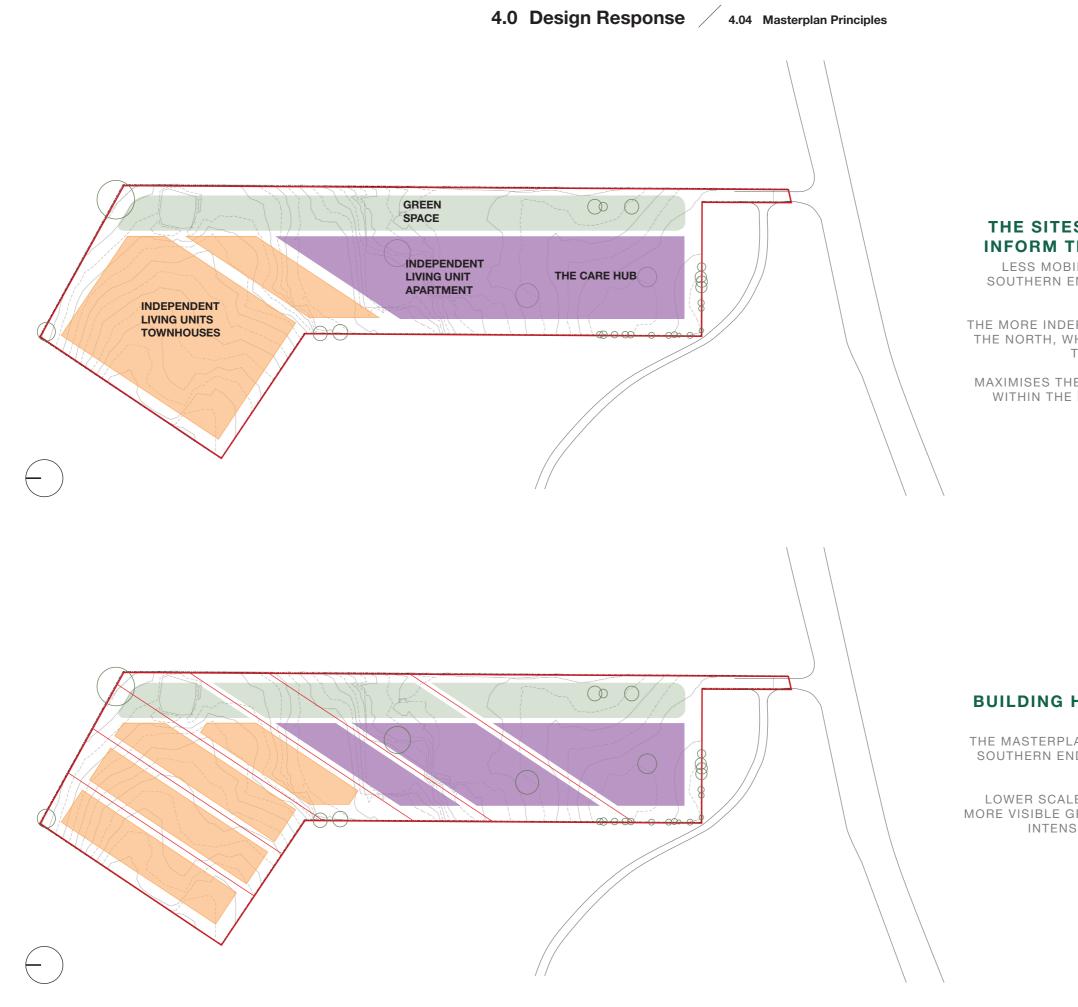
SIGNIFICANT EXISTING TREES ARE SOUGHT TO BE RETAINED WHEREVER POSSIBLE.

THE SITE FALLS FROM SOUTH TO NORTH, WITH SEVERAL LEVEL PLATFORMS.

REFERENCING THE GROVES AND ORCHARDS, A LINEAR PATTERN IS DRAWN ACROSS THE SITE TO CONSOLIDATE THE BUILT FORM AND ESTABLISH VISUAL CLARITY

THE MAN-MADE GRID REFERENCES THE NATURAL - WITH KEY VIEW AND VISTA LINES REINFORCED BY ALIGNMENT TO EXISTING SIGNIFICANT TREES AND LANDSCAPE FEATURES.

SETBACKS TO EDGES CREATE LANDSCAPED FIRE BREAKS



THE SITES LEVELS AND NATURAL TERRAIN INFORM THE POTENTIAL USES ON THE SITE

LESS MOBILE RESIDENTS ARE LOCATED AT THE LEVEL, SOUTHERN END OF THE SITE. THIS AREA WILL CREATE THE GATEWAY TO THE PRECINCT

THE MORE INDEPENDENT RESIDENTS ARE LOCATED FURTHER TO THE NORTH, WHERE RAMPS AND PEDESTRIAN LINKS CONNECT THEM BACK TO THE MAIN VILLAGE

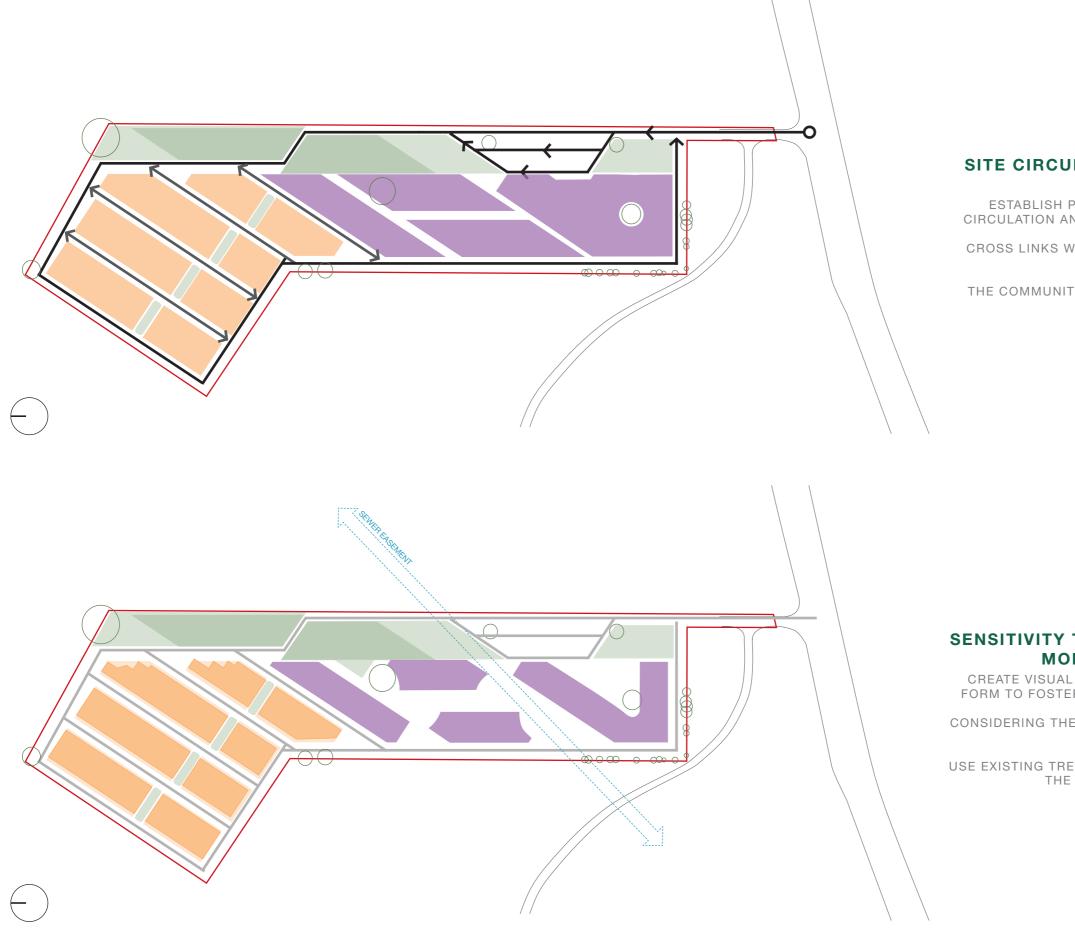
MAXIMISES THE PERCENTAGE OF NORTH FACING APARTMENTS WITHIN THE DEVELOPMENT TO IMPROVE THE RESIDENT'S OUTLOOK

BUILDING HEIGHTS TUNED TO VISIBILITY AND THE LANDFORM

THE MASTERPLAN SEEKS TO LOCATE TALLER BUILDINGS AT THE SOUTHERN END OF THE SITE WHERE THEY ARE SCREENED BY LANDSCAPING

LOWER SCALE AND HUMBLE RURAL FORMS SIT WITHIN THE MORE VISIBLE GRASSLAND AT THE NORTH END OF THE SITE WITH INTENSIVE LANDSCAPE BREAKS THROUGHOUT.





SITE CIRCULATION AND VEHICULAR ACCESS STRATEGY

ESTABLISH PERIMETER ROAD LOOP - CONSOLIDATING CIRCULATION AND PROVIDING FOR PERIMETER FIRE ACCESS.

CROSS LINKS WITHIN THE LOOP CREATE DIRECT ACCESS TO EACH BUILDING.

THE COMMUNITY FACILITIES SITS AT THE CENTRE OF THESE LINKS

SENSITIVITY TO THE NATURAL LAND FORM AND MOBILITY OF USER GROUPS

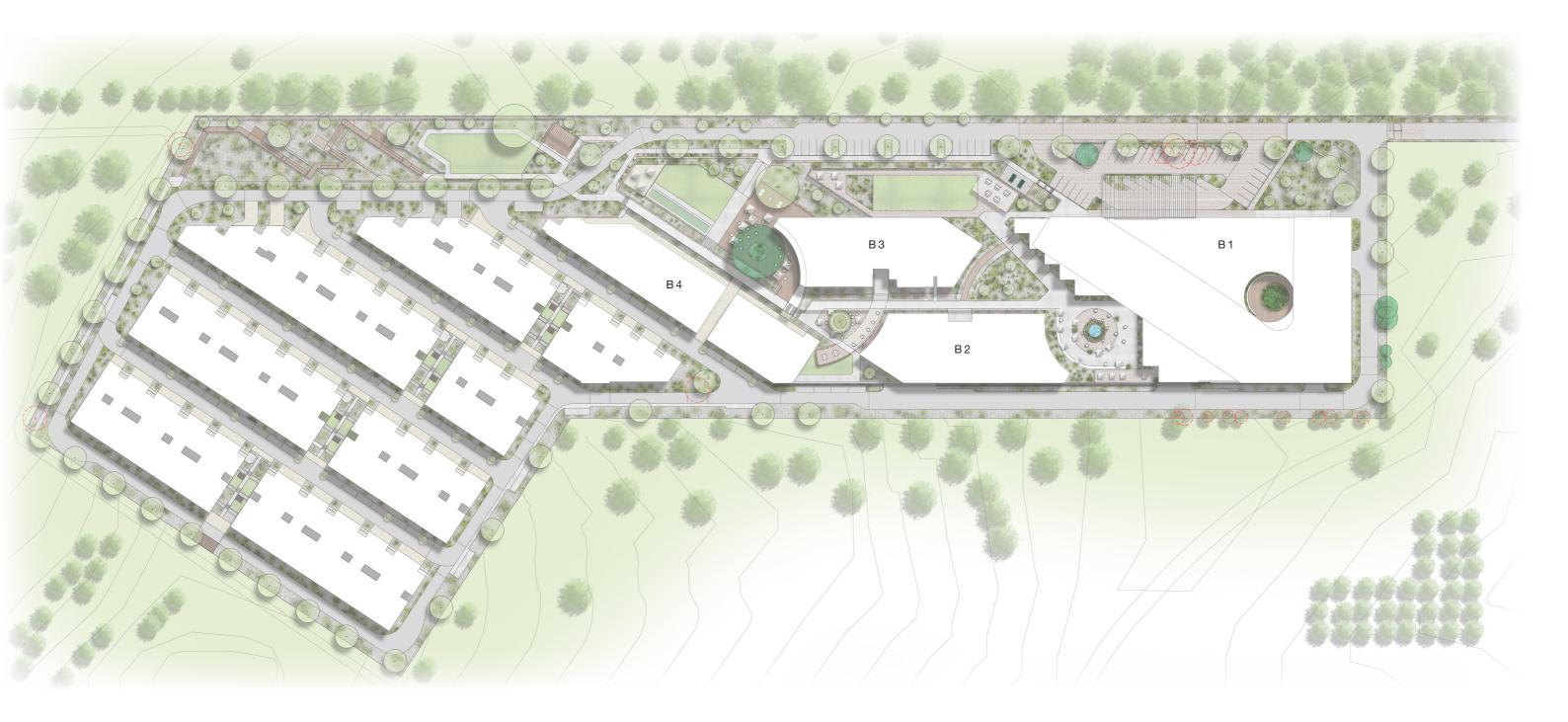
CREATE VISUAL AND ACCESSIBLE BREAKS IN LONGER BUILT FORM TO FOSTER GREATER CONNECTIVITY ACROSS THE SITE.

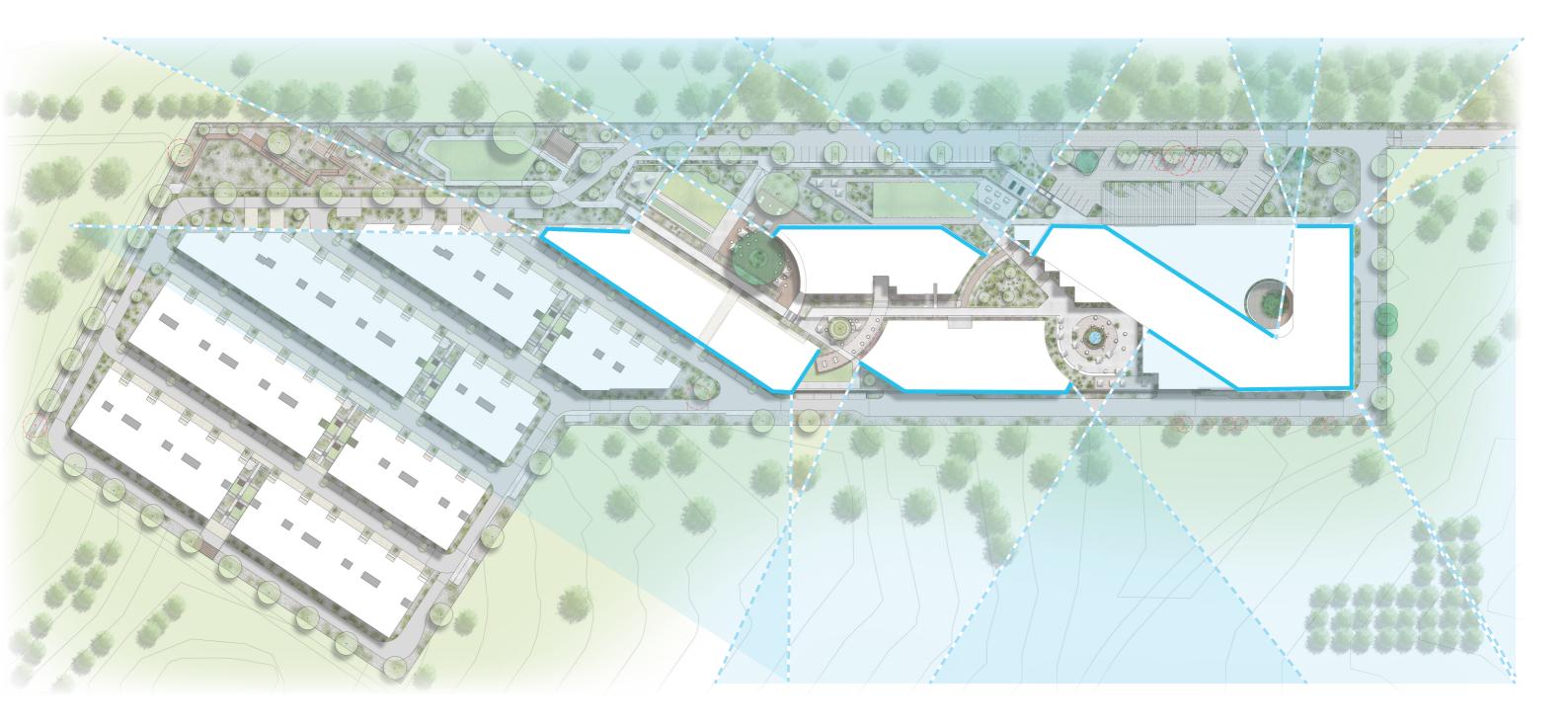
CONSIDERING THE EXISTING SEWER LINE AND REMAINING CLEAR OF CIVIC INFRASTRUCTURE.

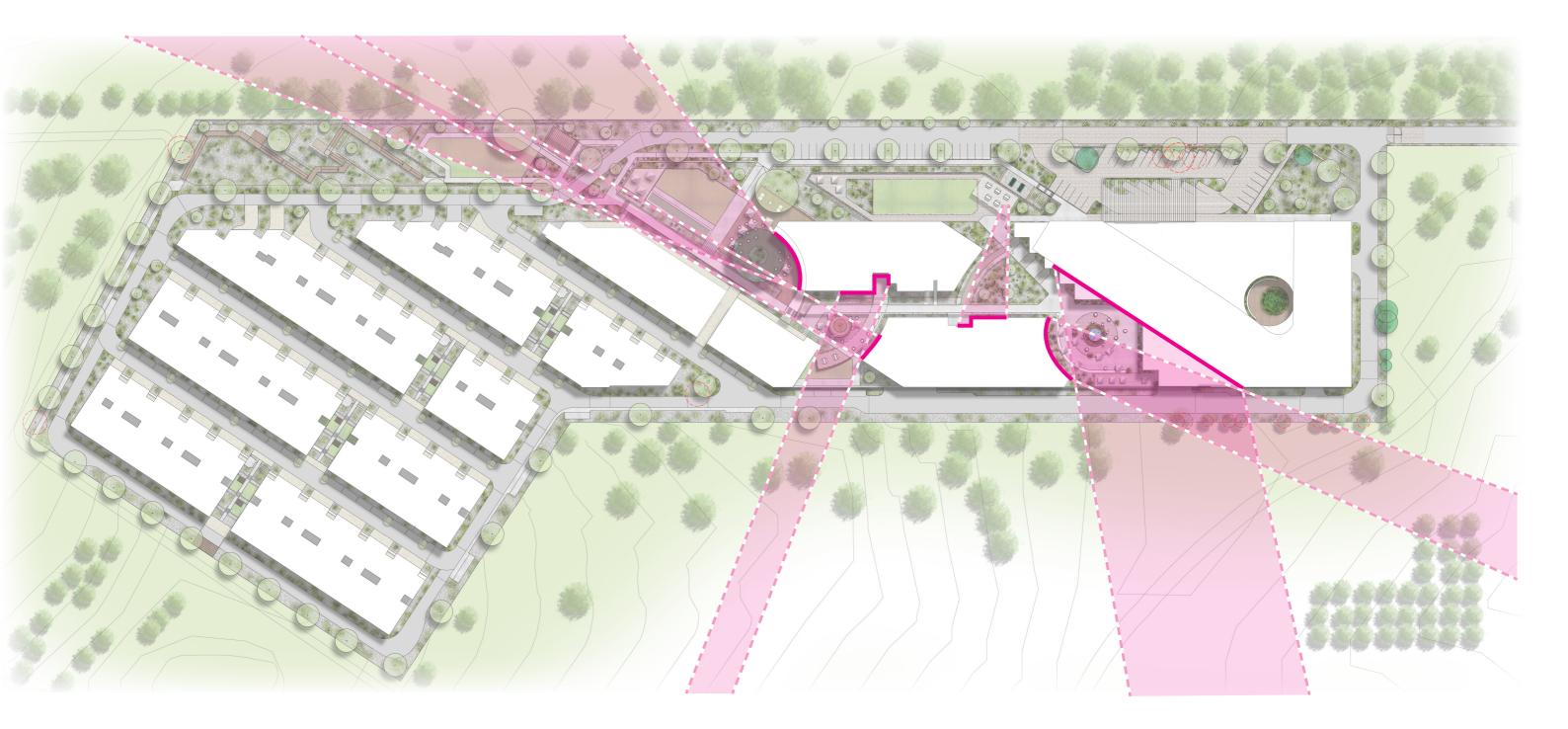
USE EXISTING TREES AS FOCAL POINTS FOR THE ARCHITECTURE. THE BUILDINGS EMBRACE THE TREES

5.0 Place-making and Architecture

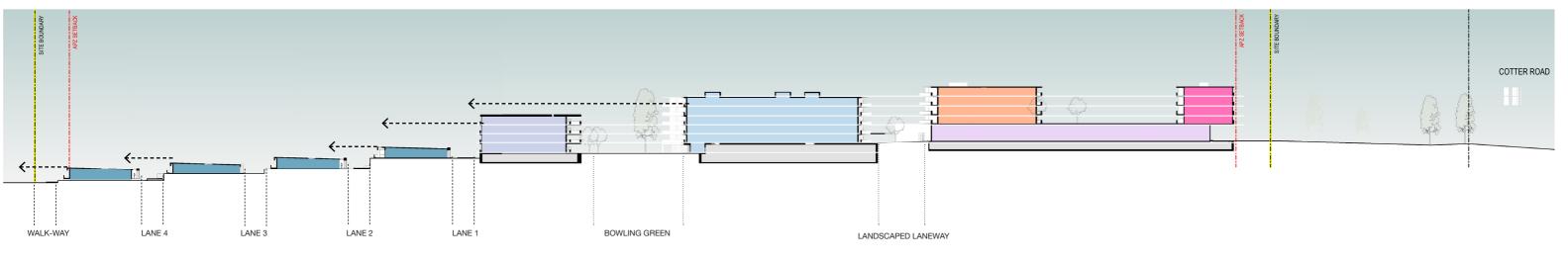








5.0 Place-making and Architecture 5.04 Site Section



LEGEND

- TOWN HOUSES
- BUILDING 4
- BUILDING 3
- TOWER 1B
- TOWER 1A

5.0 Design Principles

The design approach for the project has been to both embed passive design principles within the Masterplan and Built form, along with making provision for more active sustainable measures in the final built outcome.

Site

The sites drainage strategy has been embedded within the landscape concept of the Ecology park at the North-Eastern corner of the site. This space enables residents to engage with nature, along with visually expressing its hydrological elements through the landscaped "creek bed" that meanders through the entire site.

To provide additional power and heating needs for all buildings on the site, the design allows for the integration of

a Turbine system that would be installed to capture both heat and electrical energy from the mains sewer that traverses the site. Spatial allocations for this equipment have been made in the proposed scheme, with engagement with relevant authorities already progressing.

5.05 Environmental Sustainable Design

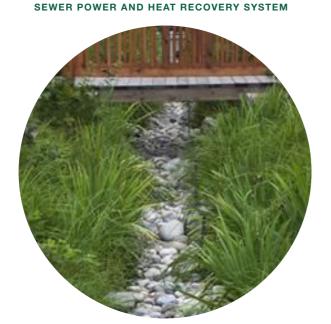
Sunlight and Housing

Working with the landform, the individual villas have been orientated to locate all primary living spaces on the northern face. Similarly the rotation of the street grid allows for additional morning sunlight to access the rear courtyard spaces.

The Apartment buildings have been positioned to maximise solar access into each dwelling across the site, with the addition

Shade and Shelter

Existing significant trees have been retained across the site to provide shade and protection, and retain existing canopy.



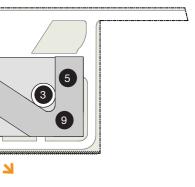
LANDSCAPE BIOSWALES



INTEGRATED SOLAR POWER

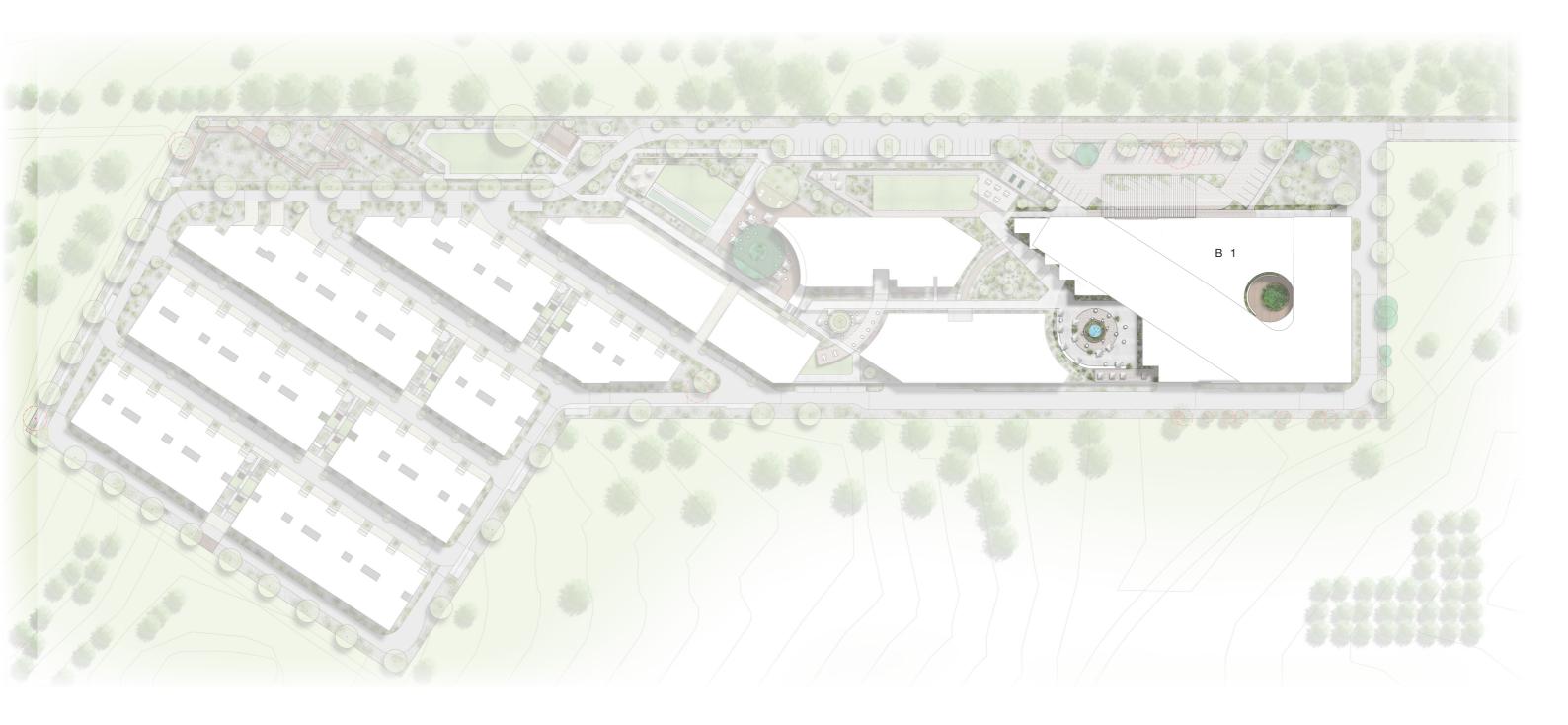


1 Eco Park 2 Bioswale Drainage Element Existing Trees 3 Sewer Power Harvesting 4 Roof-top Solar Power 5 6 Building orientation for solar access Building setbacks & separation to increase amenity for 7 views, privacy & ventilation Active communal space & landscaped areas 8 9 Low VOC, durable materials Rainwater Central OSD tank 10











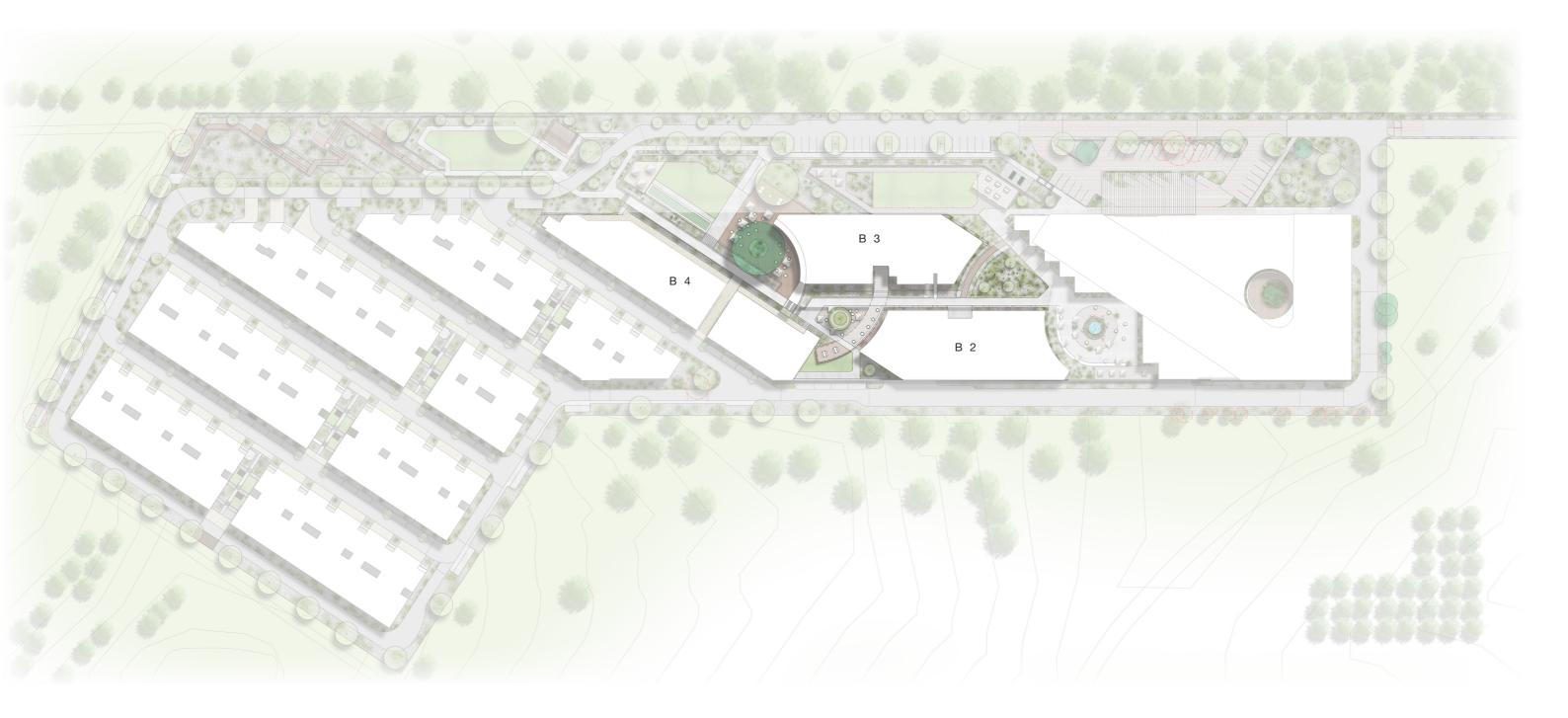






7.0 Central Precinct Apartments









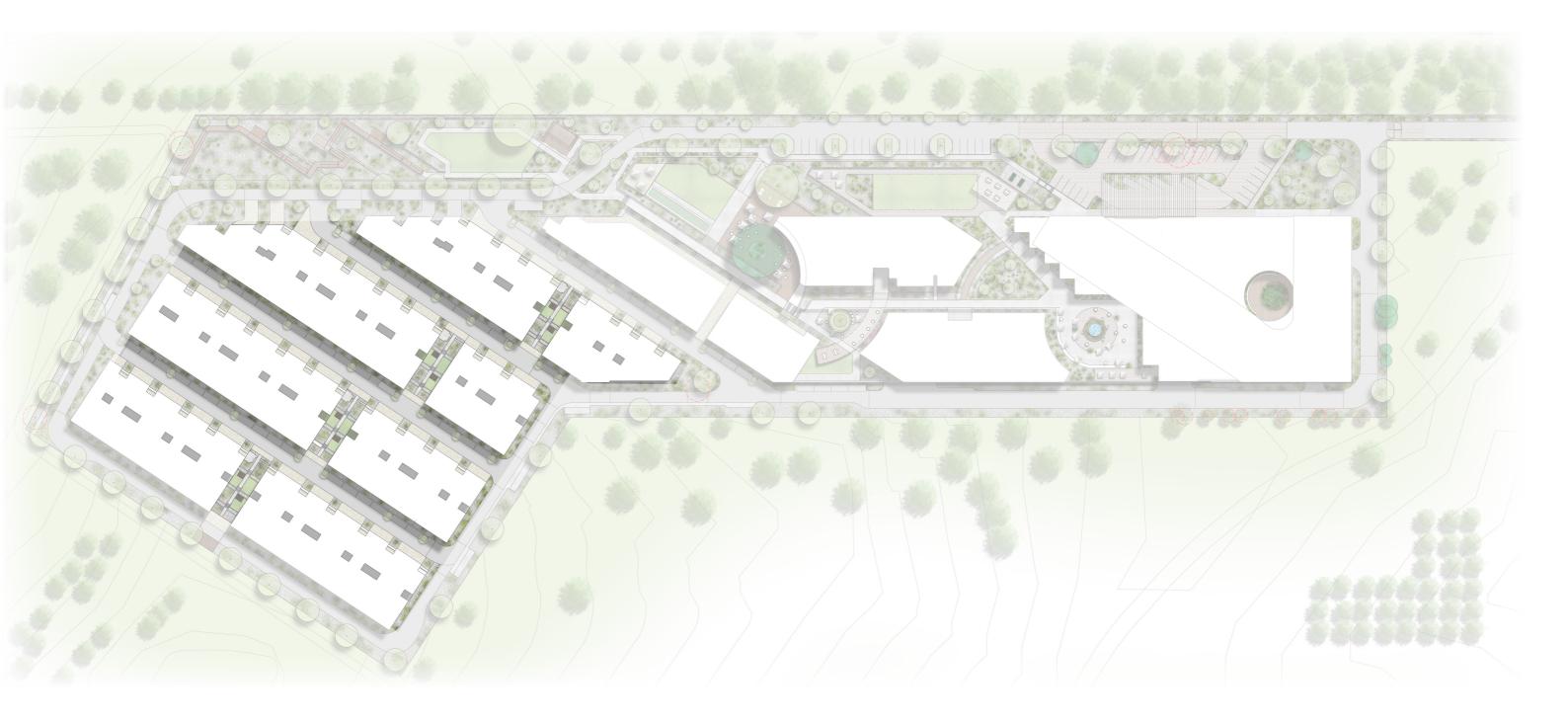


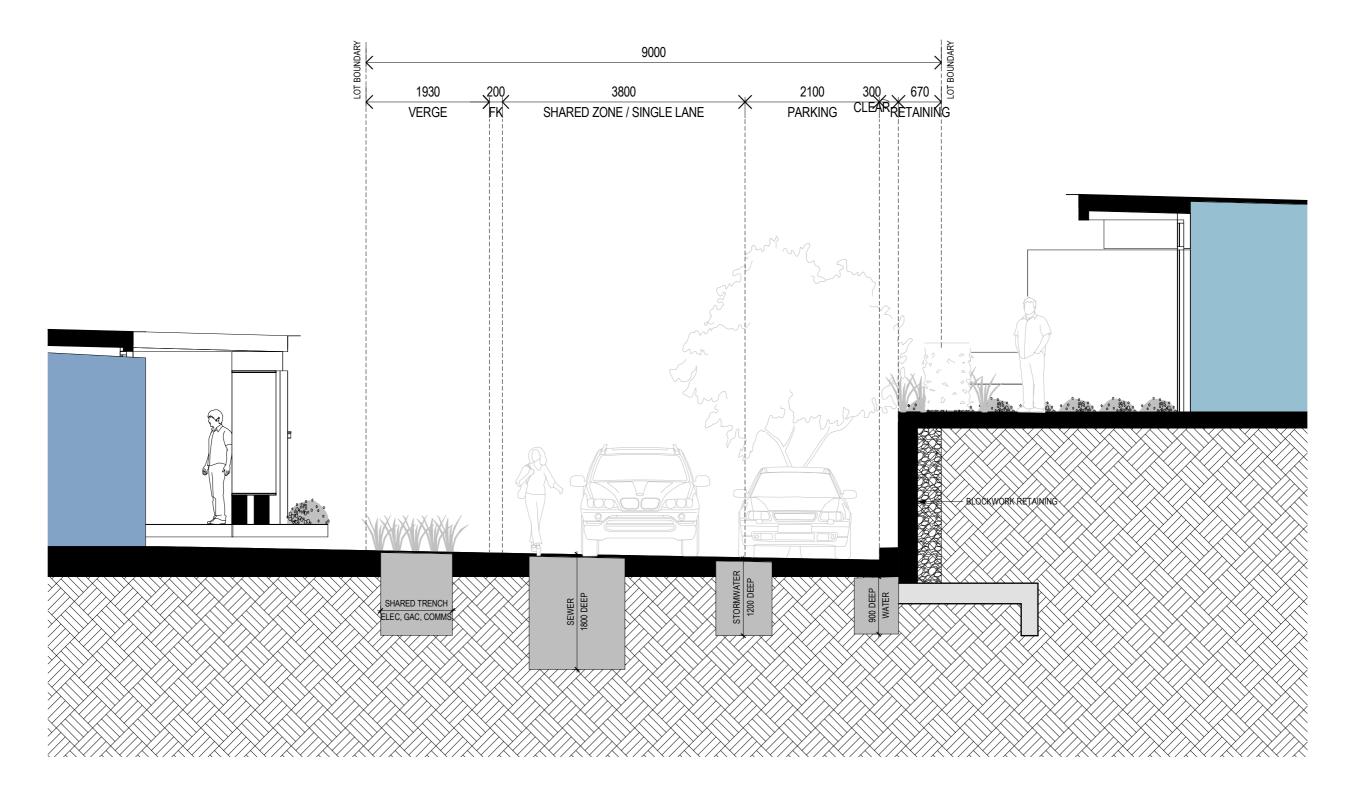


8.0 Villa Townhouses

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9.0 Design Proposal 9.01 Materials Palette - Building 1 & The Hub

The following palette is representative of the proposed core materials. The graphic representation is indicative only.



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Finish	Vertical Battens - Manor Red	
Location	In front of stair core windows	
CS04		
Finish	Exterior FC - Dark	
Location	Soffit & External Cladding	
GT01		
Finish	Clear Glazing	
Location	Glazed Windows & Doors	
MF02		
Finish	Powdercoat Metal - Light	
Location	Window & Door Frames	
CF01		
Finish	Concrete Finish - Light	
Location	Slab Edge & Spandrel	
CF02		
Finish	Textured Finish - Light	
Location	Balustrade	
CF03		
Finish	Concrete Finish - Dark	
Location	Columns & Ground External Walls	
CF04		
Finish	Textured Finish - Dark	
Location	Ground Floor Walls	
RF01		
Finish	Metal Sheet Roofing - Colorbond Manor Red	
Location	Roof	

9.0 Design Proposal 9.02 Materials Palette - Buildings 2 & 3

The following palette is representative of the proposed core materials. The graphic representation is indicative only.



In front of stair core windows
Exterior FC - Dark Soffit & External Cladding
Clear Glazing Glazed Windows & Doors
Powdercoat Metal - Light Window & Door Frames
Concrete Finish - Light Slab Edge & Spandrel
Textured Finish - Light Balustrade
Concrete Finish - Dark Columns
Masonary Brick - Light Ground Floor Planters
Metal Sheet Roofing - Colorbond Manor Red Roof / Pedestrain Awning

Vertical Battens - Manor Red

9.0 Design Proposal 9.03 Materials Palette - Building 4 Breezeway

The following palette is representative of the proposed core materials. The graphic representation is indicative only.



IMU1		
Finish Location	Hardwood Timber Apartment Entry Doors	
CS01		
Finish Location	Lightweight Cladding Soffit & External Cladding	
CS04		
Finish Location	Exterior FC - Dark Soffit & External Cladding	
GT01		
Finish Location	Clear Glazing Glazed Windows & Doors	
MF02		
Finish Location	Powdercoat Metal - Light Window Frames, Palisade Fence & Front Gate	
CF01		
Finish Location	Concrete Finish - Light Slab Edge, Spandrel & Planters	
CF02		
Finish Location	Concrete Finish - Light Textured Balustrade	
CF03		
Finish Location	Concrete Finish - Dark Columns	
RF01		
Finish Location	Metal Sheet Roofing - Colorbond Manor Red Roof	

9.0 Design Proposal

9.04 Materials Palette - Villas

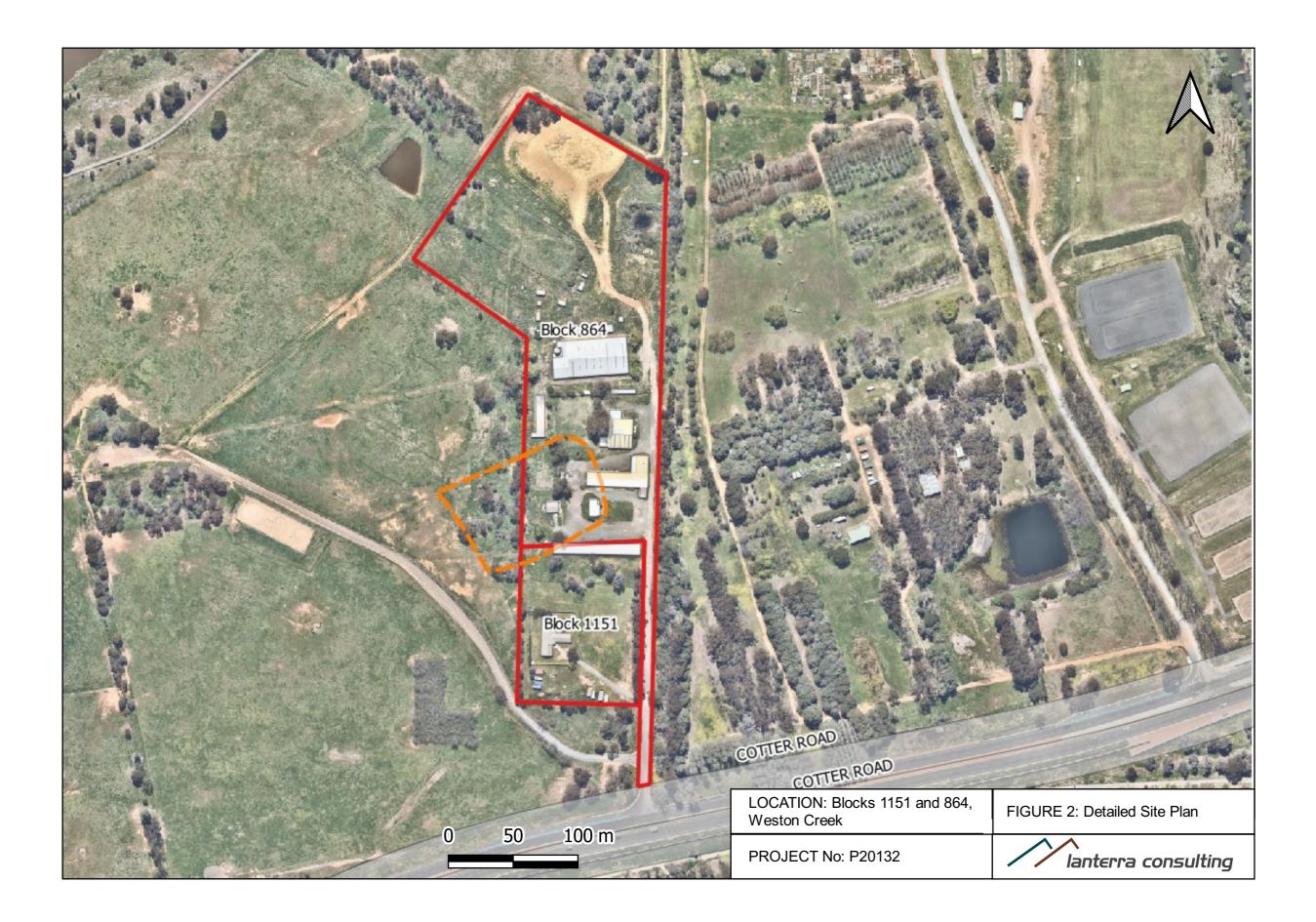
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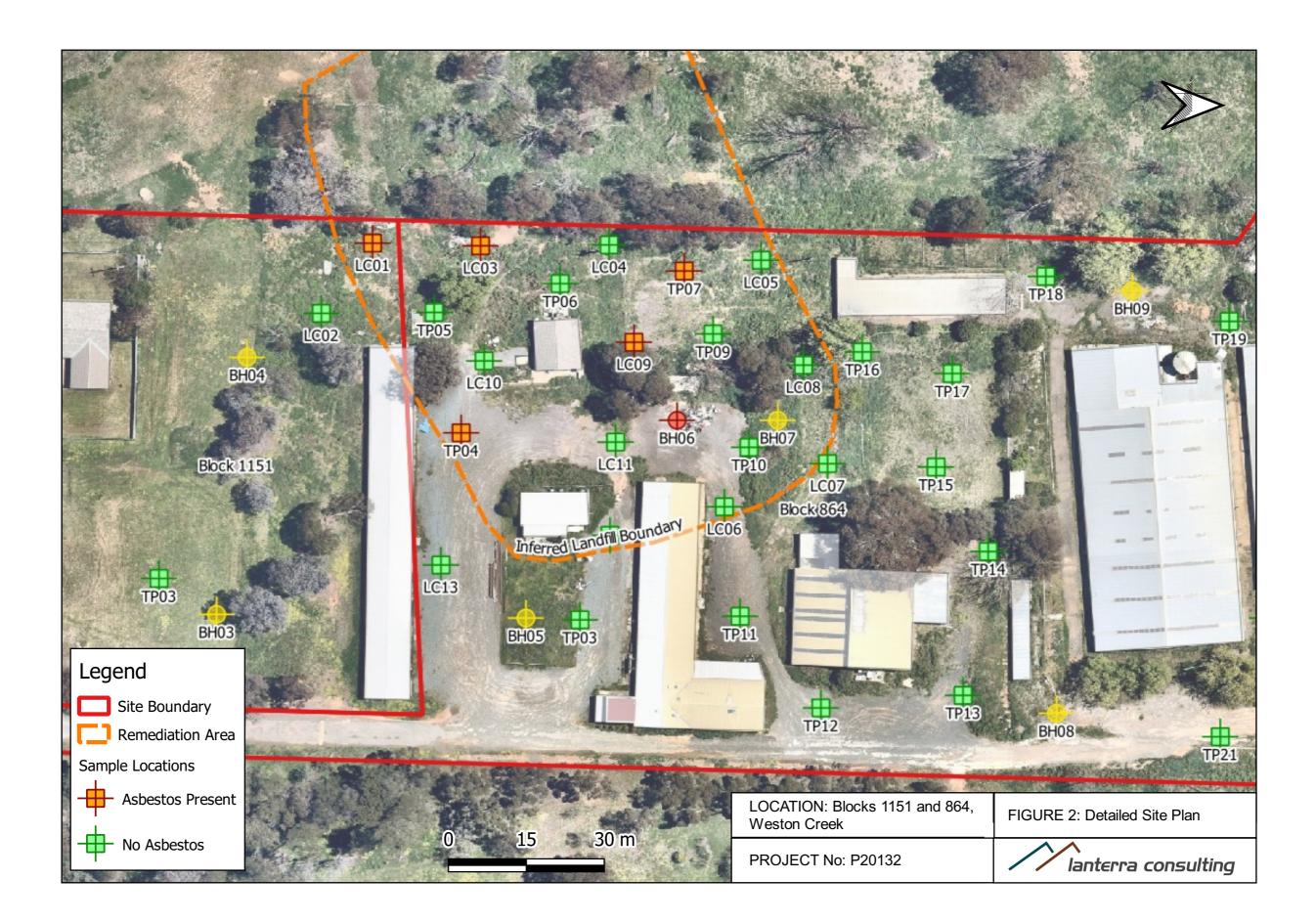


sh ation	Hardwood Timber Entry Door
92 sh ation	Masonary Brick - Dark Exterior Walls & Entry Portal
3	
sh ation	Exterior Lightweight Cladding - White Garage Wall & Rear Facade
1	
sh ation	Clear Glazing Glazed Windows, Doors & Rear Fence
01	
ish cation	Powdercoat Metal - White Gutter & Shroud
02	
ish cation	Powdercoat Metal - Light Window Frames, Rear Fence & Front Gate
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sh ation	Metal Finish - Timber Look Garage Door
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sh ation	Metal Sheet Roofing - Colorbond Manor Red Roof

10.0 Site Remediation Strategy





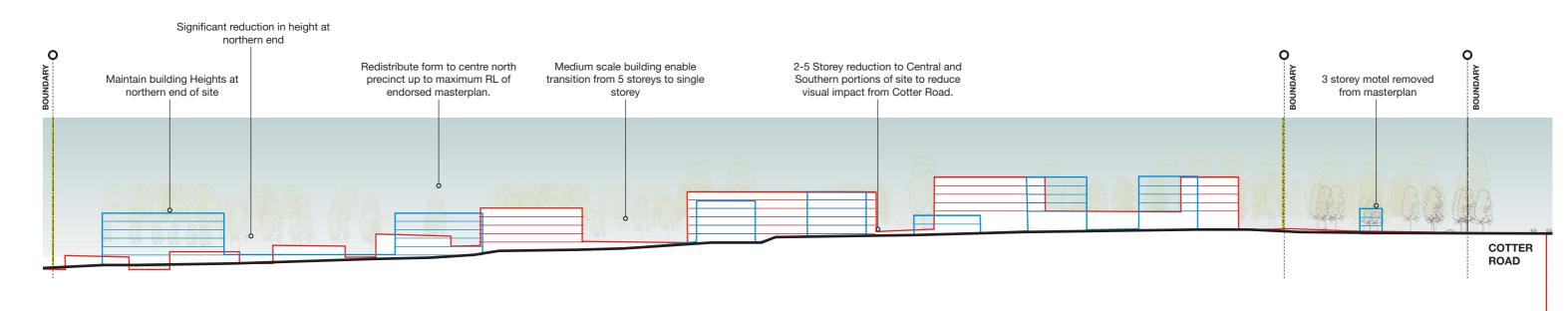




11.01 Site section

The proposed masterplan redistributes the endorsed masterplan's building by creating a variety of building heights - 1, 3, 4 and 5 storey forms. The building footprints are rearranged around reference to the existing natural features including existing trees and the cross fall on the site.

Taller buildings are consolidated to the central portion of the site, with heights transitioning towards the north.



OVERALL SITE SECTION

Summary

In general, the proposal changes the majority 4-5 storey masterplan into a varied height and scale development, with different housing opportunities

Taller buildings are concentrated in the centre of the site

Lower scale buildings transition to surrounding context to the south

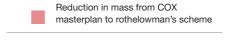
Single level villas to the visually prominent northern end of the site, reduce the bulk and scale from the endorsed masterplan and allow for future landscaping to screen lights

Legend		
Subject Site		
	COX scheme outline	
	ROTHELOWMAN scheme outline	

11.02 Significant Views - Comparison study

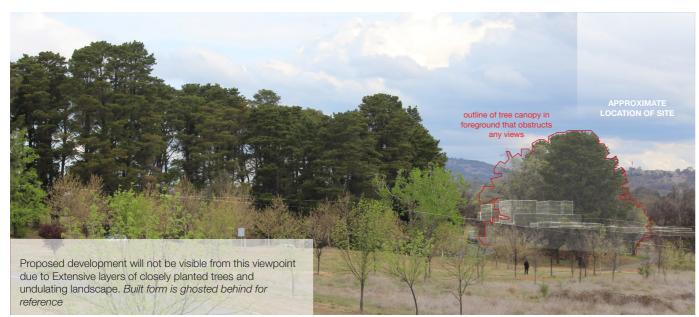
The changes to height from the approved masterplan to the proposed seeks to minimise its visual imapct to the significant views







View 1. View to site from National Arboretum

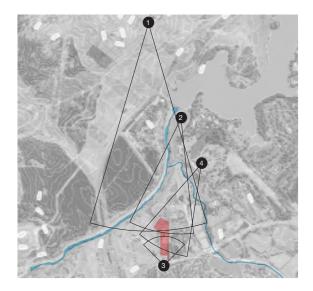


View 2. View to site from Scrivener Dam Lookout

View 3. View to site from Cotter Road



View 4. View to site from Government House Lookout



11.03 Figure ground - COX masterplan

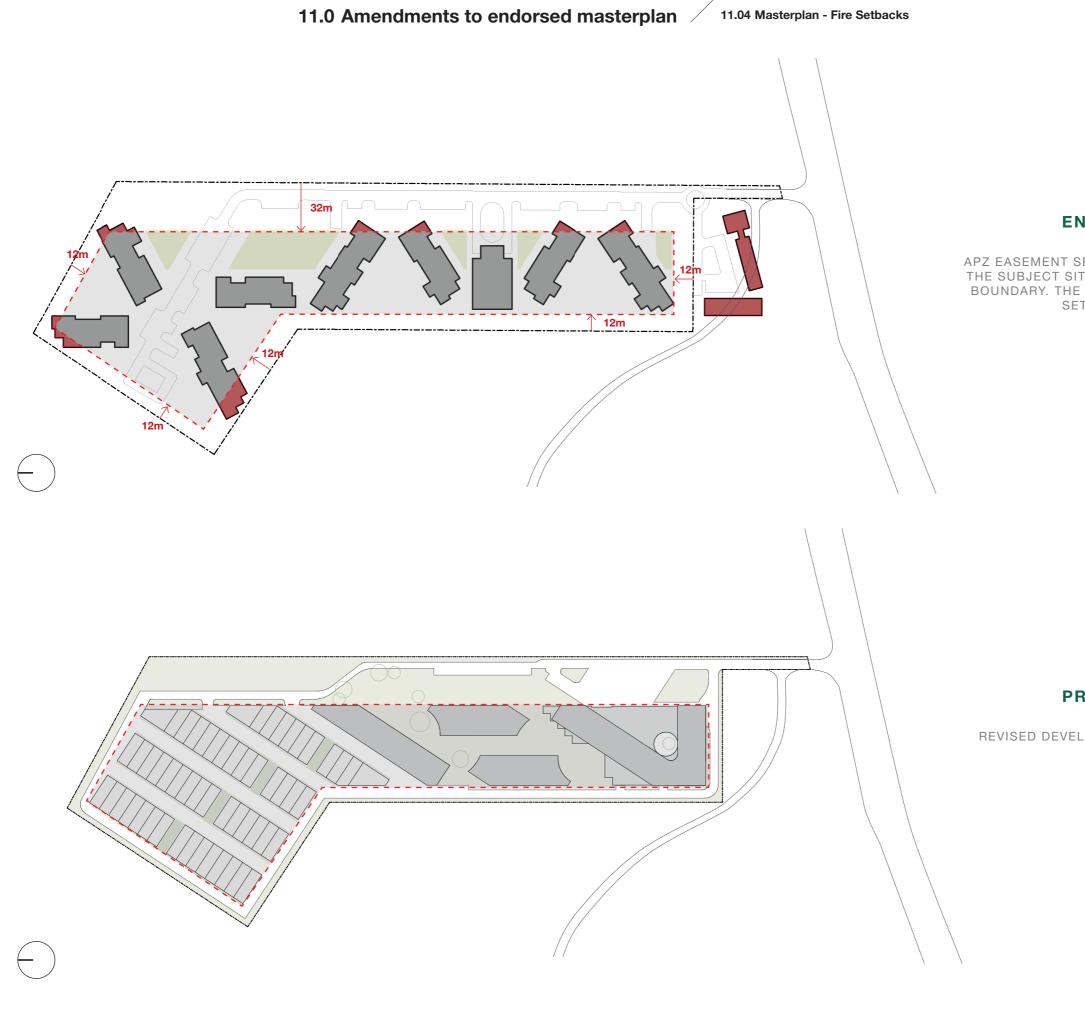
The previously approved scheme for the site has been reviewed under the controls provided in rothelowman's earlier Works approval for the subject site.

The endorsed masterplan contained buildings of 3 and 5 storeys, evenly located across the length of the site.

A separate motel was also proposed on the northern edge adjacent Cotter Road



Cotter Rd, Weston Creek, ACT



ENDORSED MASTERPLAN

APZ EASEMENT SETBACKS TO ALL SITE BOUNDARIES APPLY TO THE SUBJECT SITE, WITH A 32M SETBACK FROM THE EASTERN BOUNDARY. THE APPROVED SCHEME DID NOT FACTOR THESE SETBACKS INTO THE MASTERPLAN

PROPOSED MASTERPLAN

REVISED DEVELOPMENT IS CONSIDERABLY SETBACK FROM BOUNDARIES

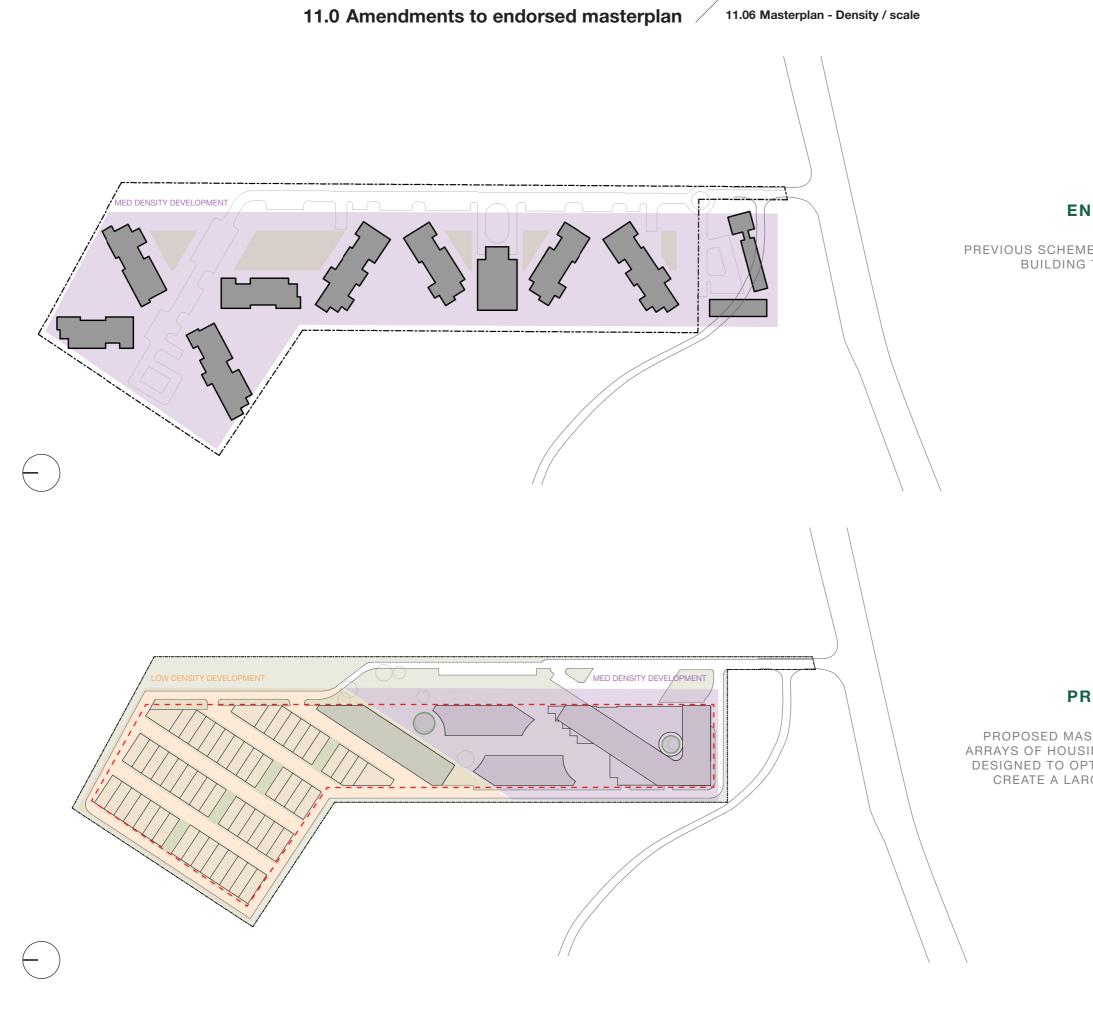


ENDORSED MASTERPLAN

ENDORSED SCHEME DOES NOT CONSIDER THE RETENTION OF HIGH VALUE TREES CURRENTLY ON SITE.

PROPOSED MASTERPLAN

PROPOSED SCHEME WHERE POSSIBLE MAINTAINS SIGNIFICANT EXISTING TREES AND CREATES A CONTEXTUALLY RESPONSIVE MASTERPLAN TO EMBRACE THE NATURAL ENVIRONMENT.



ENDORSED MASTERPLAN

PREVIOUS SCHEME MAINTAINED A MEDIUM DENSITY APARTMENT BUILDING TYPOLOGY ACROSS THE ENTIRE SITE.

PROPOSED MASTERPLAN

PROPOSED MASTERPLAN CREATES A MUCH MORE DIVERSE ARRAYS OF HOUSING TYPES AND BUILDING SCALES. THESE ARE DESIGNED TO OPTIMISE INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL VISTAS AND CREATE A LARGER CONSOLIDATED LANDSCAPE SPACES.

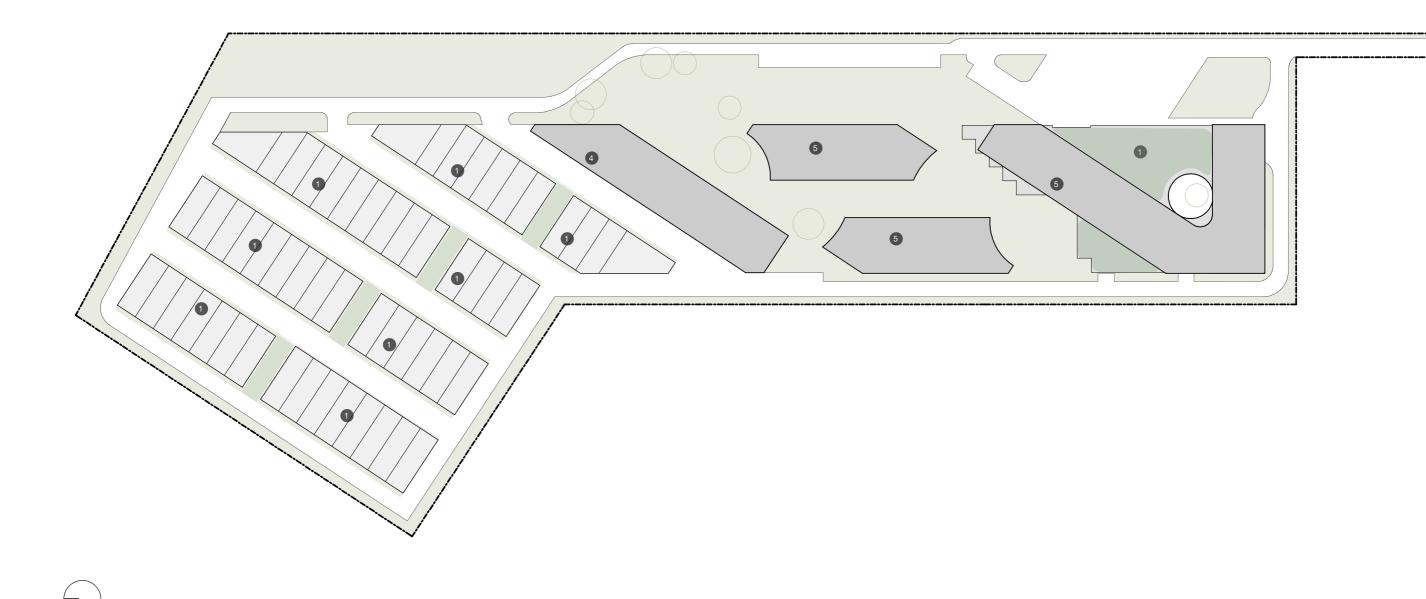
11.0 Amendments to endorsed masterplan / 11.07 Figure ground

Summary

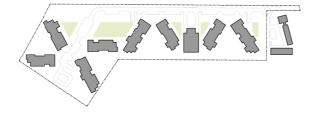
The proposal creates a more diverse built form outcome through distributing buildings of varying height across the site

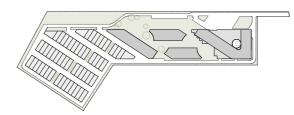
Landscaped area is able to be enhanced and connected visually to the surrounding areas

A centralised and consolidated parkland space is created along the sites Eastern edge to better create amenity for future residents.



Legend	
	Subject Site
1-8	number of stories
	Defined landscape space





KEY MATTER	COX MASTERPLAN	ROTHELOWMAN MASTERPLAN
Density	Medium density development acroos the site (all 3-5 storey buildings)	Mix of density on the site, low density villas or independent living accomodation and medium density component (apartment buildings and high care building with amenities)
Dwelling typologies	Only provides for apartment living within the seniors living development	Provides a mix of dwellings typologies (low rise independen living, apartment living and high care accomodation) all within different building forms across the site
	Lack of choice	
Medium density component	Provided across whole of site	Provided only within central and southern area of the site where the fall across site is least and is less visible from surrounding public realm areas
		Multistorey buildings incorporate functional floor plates for type of aged care proposed
		Limiting medium density built forms reduce the scale of the
	Minimal setbacks from site boundaries	 development across the site (majority is 1- 5 storey)
		Variety of internal and external amenity zones for residents site to be captured within a variety of building footprints
		Significant setbacks from all site boundaries
Landscaped open space	Extensive site coverage results in limited areas for quality open space / landscaping	Majority of existing high retention trees integrated into the design
		Perimeter of site retained for open space and managed landscape ares
		Larger landscaped areas are spatially connected to make the overall green space feel bigger overall



