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National Capital Authority  
Works Approval

## Menindee Link Shared Path – Works Approval Planning Report



### Introduction

This letter provides a brief planning report to support a works approval application for the proposed Menindee Link shared path. This assesses the proposed works against the requirements of the National Capital Plan. It includes an assessment against the requirements for:

- the Central National Area
- the Lake Burley Griffin and Foreshores Precinct Code

For the purposes of the National Capital Plan, the definition of Works includes:

- a. the construction, alteration, extension or demolition of buildings or structures
- b. landscaping
- c. tree-felling
- d. excavations

but excludes anything done inside buildings or structures.

### Site Description

The works are predominantly within Block 2, Section 34, Barton and the adjoining Menindee Drive road reserve. The works link the existing shared path around the back of the Grevillea Park car parking area to a new priority crossing over Menindee Drive, improving the amenity and safety of the ride around Lake Burley Griffin and from the City to the Airport.

The works footprint includes a small amount of work in Blocks 8 & 9, Section 33 at the western end and some landscaping within Block 1 Section 35.



Figure 1: Proposed Priority Crossing Location (Google Maps 2015)

## Description of Works

The proposed works include:

- Site establishment works, site compound and temporary site fencing.
- Stabilised access around crossing during construction.
- Removal of existing log barriers.
- Construction of a new 3 metre wide asphalt shared path.
- Installation of new light poles 1 metre from pathway and over Menindee Drive crossing.
- Installation of raised priority crossing over Menindee Drive.
- Installation of splitter island to prevent vehicle access to the shared path.
- Tree removal
- Minor associated earthworks, servicing and drainage works.
- Landscaping works in accordance with the Landscape Plans including new native and deciduous plantings and dryland grass mix with bitumen straw mulch.

## Schedule of Work

Works are expected to commence (pending approval) at the end of April and are due for completion by the end of June.

The expected cost of works is \$850,000.

## Matters of National Environmental Significance

The proposed works will not impact on any matters of national environmental significance.

## **National Capital Plan**

### **General Policy Plan**

The site is located within the area identified for the National Capital Open Space System (NCOSS), within the NCOSS there are four land use categories, which include Lake Burley Griffin.

The project is consistent with the broad principles and policies for the NCOSS.

### **Central National Area**

The site is within the designated, Central National Area, within the Lake Burley Griffin and Foreshores Precinct.

The project is considered consistent with the General Policies for the Central National Area which include:

Building on the Griffin's vision by:

9. maintaining the metropolitan structure principles of Canberra's planning legacy of environmentally balanced urban extensions: design with nature; undeveloped hills and valleys; landscape containment and greenbelts; low traffic congestion; long-term public transport reservations; provision for walking and cycling; and protection of the Central National Area
- 10 maintaining a mix of tree species which enriches the landscape by providing beauty, shade, shelter and wildlife habitats and enhances the built environment.

Revitalise the vision with growth in the Central National Area by:

7. fostering a greater level of activity, choice, connectivity and accessibility in the central areas of Canberra.

Extending the City to Lake by:

4. developing natural drainage corridors as linear parks and pedestrian/cycle paths to connect with the lake parklands.

## **Lake Burley Griffin and Foreshores Precinct Code**

The site is within the area subject to the Lake Burley Griffin and Foreshores Precinct code in the NCP.

The background to this code notes that the "lakeside pedestrian path/cycle way around the entire lake needs to be completed. The link around the eastern part of the lake is to be built in a manner which does not compromise the conservation values of the Jerrabomberra Wetlands".

This project will complete one of the missing links in the path/cycleway around Lake Burley Griffin.

The proposal is considered to be consistent with the objectives of this Code.

Land uses are to be in accordance with Figure 114 in the Code, the proposed use is pathway corridor which is defined in the NCP definitions as "any public land used for the primary purpose of providing for the movement of pedestrians and cyclists". This is a permitted use in the precinct.

### **Detailed Conditions of Planning Design and development**

This code states that Grevillea Park is to be generally available for public recreation and free public access.

Grevillea Park, Bowen Park and Lennox Gardens are to be major lakeside vantage points and special landscape parks with emphasis on seasonable landscape effects. In Grevillia Park and

Lennox Gardens, sites may be provided for small scale developments which relate directly to the recreational use and enjoyment of the Lake.

The proposal will improve public access and enjoyment of the area around Grevillea Park and are considered to be consistent with the requirements of this code.

There are no other specific controls relating to the site within the precinct code.

### **General Codes**

The Design and Siting General Code does not apply to works in this area.

No signs other than traffic and directional signage, and temporary construction signs are proposed.

### **Outdoor Lighting Policy**

The NCA Outdoor Lighting Policy (August 2012) applies to any proposed lighting works within the Designated Areas of the National Capital Plan.

Lighting would be provided along the pathway as detailed in the Street Lighting Plans included in the WA submission. Lighting has been designed in accordance with relevant Australian Standards AS/NZS 3000 and AS/NZS 1158 - Lighting for Roads and Public Spaces and in accordance with TCCS Design Standards for Urban Infrastructure street Lighting Section 12 and TCCS Standard Specification for Urban Infrastructure Works Street Lighting Section.

The lighting design is in general accordance with the NCA's Outdoor Lighting Policy.

The lighting proposed will match with existing lighting in this part of Lake Burley Griffin, and include new poles as depicted in the lighting plans, which will predominantly be coloured charcoal.

### **Closing**

I trust that this summary meets your requirements. If you have any questions, please contact me via e-mail or telephone [REDACTED]

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Sincerely

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Environmental and Town Planner