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*Joint Committee on the  
Australian Capital Territory*

**REPORT ON  
PROPOSALS FOR VARIATIONS  
OF THE PLAN OF LAY-OUT OF THE  
CITY OF CANBERRA AND ITS ENVIRONS  
(FIFTIETH SERIES)**

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## JOINT COMMITTEE ON THE AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

1. The Committee was appointed for the life of the 27th Parliament by Resolutions of the House of Representatives and the Senate on 25 November 1969. It was first appointed by Resolutions of both Houses of Parliament on 8 November 1956 and re-appointed in succeeding Parliaments:

2. The duties of the Committee are to:

- (a) examine and report on all proposals for modifications or variations of the plan of lay-out of the City of Canberra and its environs published in the *Commonwealth of Australia Gazette* on the nineteenth day of November 1925, as previously modified or varied, which are referred to the Committee by the Minister for the Interior; and
- (b) examine and report on such other matters relating to the Australian Capital Territory as may be referred to the Committee by the Minister for the Interior.

### 3. PERSONNEL OF THE COMMITTEE

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			Mr J. M. Hallett, M.P.
Committee Clerk	..	..	Mr B. M. Chapman

### **RECOMMENDATION**

The Committee considered the proposals as set out in this Report and recommends the implementation of these variations to the plan of the lay-out of the City of Canberra, as gazetted in 1925.

JOINT COMMITTEE ON THE AUSTRALIAN  
CAPITAL TERRITORY

**REPORT ON THE FIFTIETH SERIES OF PROPOSED VARIATIONS  
TO THE PLAN OF THE LAY-OUT OF THE CITY OF CANBERRA**

In May 1972, the Minister for the Interior, the Hon. R. J. D. Hunt, M.P., requested the Committee to consider proposals of the National Capital Development Commission for a series of eighteen variations to the plan of the lay-out of the City of Canberra, as gazetted in 1925.

The proposals were assembled together and designated the fiftieth series of variations and are identified on the map which accompanies this report.

The Committee was assisted with its consideration of these proposals by officers representing the Department of the Interior and the National Capital Development Commission; two representatives of the A.C.T. Advisory Council attended as observers during the explanation of the proposals by officer representatives.

The proposals were:

**Item No. 1. Located in the Belconnen  
suburb, Charnwood  
(See attached Map—No. 1)**

It was explained that an improved movement of traffic between the Ginninderra arterial road and a proposed Cook shopping and commercial centre will result from a modification of the alignment of an as yet unnamed road known as road CPV.

**Item No. 2. Located in the Belconnen  
suburb, Holt  
(See attached Map—No. 2)**

The modification sought was the provision of a very short road link to provide frontage access to proposed commercial leases.

**Item No. 3. Located in the Belconnen  
suburb, Flynn  
(See attached Map—No. 3)**

This proposal involved a number of minor variations to provide improved access to residential blocks.

**Item No. 4. Located at Belconnen 26—an unnamed suburb in the  
northwest of Belconnen  
(See attached Map—No. 4)**

This proposal sought deletion of a street in an area designated for medium density housing. This housing area will not need this particular road, internal access being provided by a road as part of the estate.

**Item No. 5. Located at Belconnen 24—an unnamed suburb in north Belconnen  
(See attached Map—No. 5)**

It is proposed to construct new roads which will provide access from neighbourhoods, already gazetted, to an arterial road serving the Belconnen town centre.

**Item No. 6. Located at Belconnen 25—an unnamed area in north Belconnen  
(See attached Map—No. 6)**

This proposal relates to Item No. 5 and provides for the construction of an arterial road which separates the north western part of Belconnen and the north eastern part. The Committee was informed that the road will be designed in such a way that the residential areas will be separated and not be affected by noise and undesirable traffic consequences. It is an important road and it will later join with the areas north of Belconnen, that is, Gungahlin and Mulligan's Flat, enabling people living in those areas to move to the Belconnen town centre by using that arterial road.

**Item No. 7. Located at Belconnen Town Centre  
(See attached Map—No. 7)**

An extension of Cameron Avenue, east of Eastern Valley Way, in a northerly direction to join Ginninderra arterial, giving access to and from the Belconnen Town Centre, is proposed. This is a very important road, between the College of Advanced Education, the town centre and the future hospital site.

**Item No. 8. Located in the Belconnen suburb, Bruce  
(See attached Map—No. 8)**

It is proposed to modify the alignment of Ginninderra arterial between Coulter Drive, Page and Haydon Drive, Bruce. An improved bridge location across Lake Ginninderra will result from the re-alignment of some curves in the road.

**Item No. 9. Located in the Belconnen suburb, Hawker  
(See attached Map—No. 9)**

New loop road from Springvale Drive, Woolner and Erldunda Circuits, in this proposal, will provide access to sites for town houses to be offered for leasing which will create an internally traffic free precinct.

**Item No. 10. Located at Yarralumla  
(See attached Map—No. 10)**

This variation sought a modification of the junction of Alexandrina Drive with Coronation Drive-Brown Street, Yarralumla, providing for safer traffic movement. Coronation Drive to be constructed to meet the eastern end of Alexandrina Drive.



**Item No. 11. Located at Fyshwick  
(See attached Map—No. 11)**

It is proposed to duplicate and realign Canberra Avenue, between Newcastle Street, Fyshwick, and east of Harman Naval Wireless Station, so as to extend existing dual carriageways in each direction and link with the N.S.W. Department of Main Roads proposed road through Queanbeyan.

**Item No. 12. Located in the Woden suburb, Garran  
(See attached Map—No. 12)**

This proposal sought approval for the construction of a new cul-de-sac easterly off Palmer Street, providing access to proposed groups of attached houses.

**Item No. 13. Located in the Woden suburb, Lyons  
(See attached Map—No. 13)**

This proposal, as in the case of Item No. 12, sought approval for the construction of a new cul-de-sac, in this case, westerly off Melrose Drive, providing access to sites for flats to be offered for leasing.

**Item No. 14. Located in the Woden suburb, Fisher  
(See attached Map—No. 14)**

This proposal sought approval for the construction of a new cul-de-sac off Rossarden Street, providing access to residential block subdivision.

**Item No. 15. Located in the Tuggeranong district, Kambah  
(See attached Map—No. 15)**

This proposal provided for minor relocation and modification of an arterial road leading from south Woden into the Kambah district of Tuggeranong, and the extension of the Kambah arterial southerly to a junction with the south Woden arterial road.

**Item No. 16. Located in the Tuggeranong  
district, Kambah  
(See attached Map—No. 16)**

The proposal involves an extension of the Tuggeranong freeway, south westerly, together with modification of a junction alignment to improve the interchange relationship between Namatjira Drive and the Tuggeranong freeway. In addition a road layout for the remainder of the eastern and western sectors of Kambah which provides more than 1,750 blocks for detached houses, was explained to the Committee. A south Woden arterial will provide a link between Torrens-Farrer in Woden and Kambah in Tuggeranong.

**Item No. 17. Located in the Tuggeranong district, Wanniasa  
(See attached Map—No. 17)**

It was explained to the Committee that this proposal involved a road layout for the development of about 2,700 blocks for detached houses together with sites for town houses/flats and a group centre located in the south-east of the second territorial unit in the new town of Tuggeranong, Wanniasa. The Committee was informed of some novel land use features planned for this area as a result of studies by a working group of social scientists and town planners.

One such new concept was that of the super block of land for residential purposes and an associated traffic-free precinct with cul-de-sacs, docking streets and internal open spaces. Each of these super blocks would be developed with its own character. Other objectives would be the preservation of hills, the establishment of cycle paths through the area, a group centre associated with a secondary school, housing for people with special activity interests and neighbourhood gateways leading to circular roads intended to distribute vehicular traffic evenly onto avenues.

**Item No. 18. Located in the Woden suburb, Garran  
(See attached Map—No. 18)**

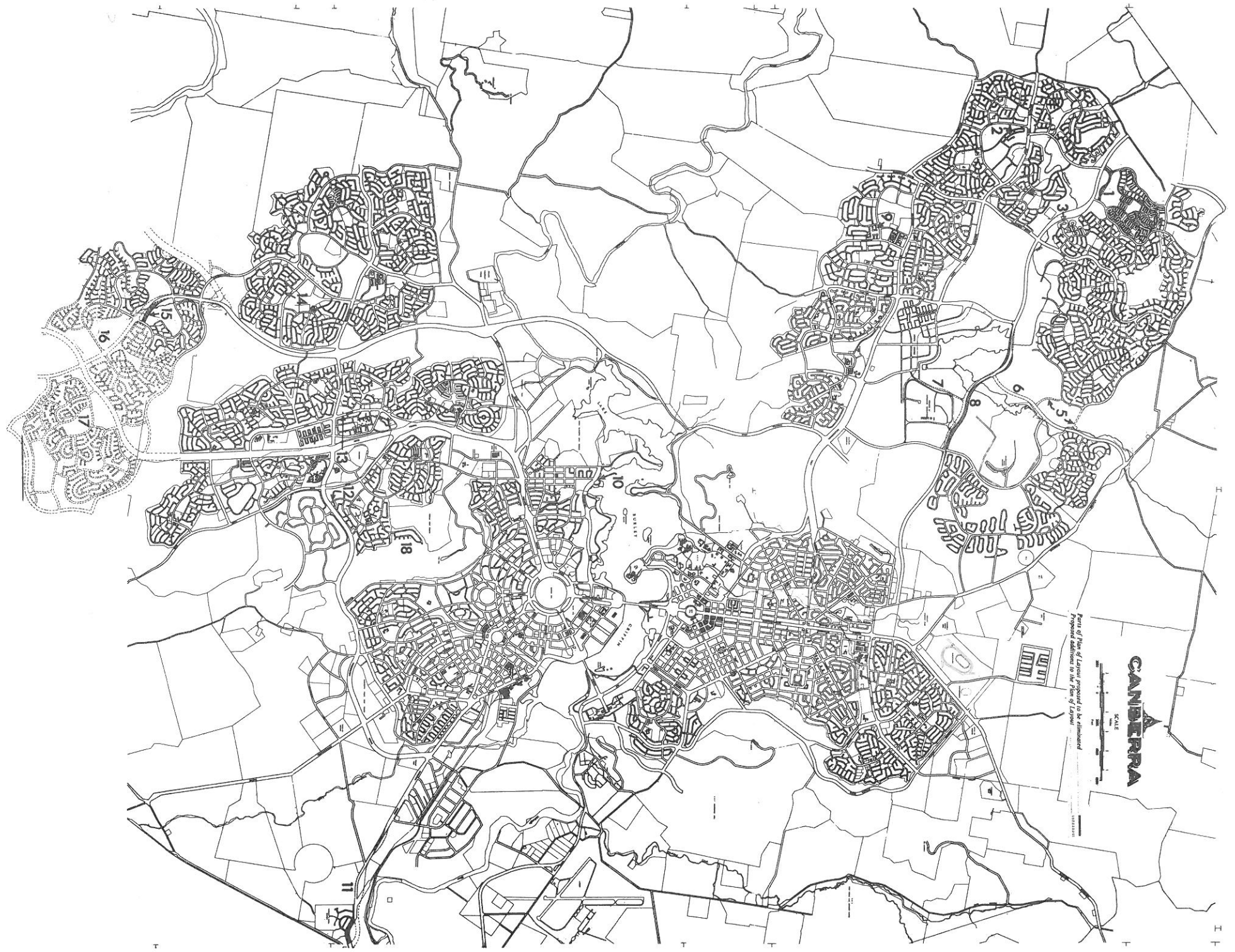
The Committee's approval was sought for a proposed extension of road layout north of existing development in Garran. The proposed subdivision provides for 119 residential blocks for leasing; some adjoining the Federal Golf Course; whilst other blocks adjoin the lower western slopes of Red Hill.

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The desirability of the foregoing proposals was demonstrated to the Committee's satisfaction and their implementation is now recommended.

**R. G. WITHERS  
Chairman**

August 1972.



**CANBERRA**

SCALE

Parts of Plan of Layout proposed to be eliminated  
Proposed additions to the Plan of Layout