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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

(FIFTY-FIRST SERIES)

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

Chairman .. Senator R.G. Withers

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JOINT COMMITTEE ON THE AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

Report on the Fifty-First Series of Proposed Variations to the Plan of Lay-out of the City of Canberra

On 20 September 1972, the Minister for the Interior, the Hon. R.J.D. Hunt M.P., requested the Committee to examine and report upon proposals of the National Capital Development Commission and the Department of the Interior for a series of twelve variations to the plan of layout of the City of Canberra, together comprising the fifty-first series of variations to the plan as gazetted in 1925.

- 2. The following proposals were referred to the Committee -
 - (a) Item No. 1 located in the Belconnen
 suburb of Flynn at Section 30

 (No. 1 on the attached Plan)

A minor modification in the southern corner or the neighbourhood that involves the elimination of a cul-de-sac named Gregg Place to permit a re-subdivision which will produce 15 additional blocks accessible from Vickers Crescent and also from Rentoul Place.

(b) Item No. 2 - located in the Belconnen suburb of Latham at Sections 32 and 33 (No. 2 on the attached Plan)

The construction of 5 cul-de-sac roads off Dalley Crescent to provide access to sites for approximately 90 town houses to be offered for leasing.

(c) Item No. 3 - located in the Belconnen suburb of Higgins at Sections 25 and 26 (No. 3 on the attached Plan)

The deletion from the gazetted plan of 3 culs-de-sac off Casteau Street and Cantor Crescent. It is proposed to release these sites (for the development of 40 townhouses) to a private developer who would become responsible for the construction of internal roads in accordance with the scheme he wants to develop. The resulting roads would be private roads constructed in accordance with standards specified in the lease to the developer. This strategy will enable the more rapid development of sites for medium density housing.

(d) Item No. 4 - located in the Belconnen
suburb of Scullin at Section 1
(No. 4 on the attached Plan)

The construction of three new roads off
Levien and Broadsmith Streets, Scullin,
to provide access to an area set aside
for intensive medium density development.
About 60 town houses and 350 flats to
be provided on sites bounded by
Kingsford Smith Drive, Southern Cross
Drive and Chewing Street, which are major
arterial roads from which direct access
cannot be provided.

(e) Item No. 5 - located in the Belconnen
suburb of Hawker at Sections 4, 5 and 33
(No. 5 on the attached Plan)

A new road off Beetaloo Street providing access to a recreation area adjacent to local shops and a site for leasing to a bowling club. There are also sites for leasing as flats which this road will serve.

(f) Item No. 5A - Belconnen Town Centre
(No. 5A on the attached Plan)

Modification to part of the already gazetted unnamed road (BUZ). The road is situated between the town centre and proposed Lake Ginninderra. The road was originally closer to the Lake. Under the proposal, the road would be moved closer to the town centre to facilitate pedestrian traffic between the town centre and the lake foreshore and to provide improved sites for buildings.

(g) Item No. 6 - Variation to the gazetted

Ginninderra arterial road at the suburb

of Lyneham (North of Archibald Street)

near its proposed junction with the

Barton Highway

(No. 6 on the attached Plan)

Re-alignment of the proposed road to improve its junction with the Barton Highway and at the same time enable a homestead nearby to be preserved in suitable surroundings.

(h) Item No. 7 - located in the suburb of

Acton at Sections 14, 34, 35 and 39

(No. 7 on the attached Plan)

The deletion of part of Liversidge Street, part of Ellery Circuit, part of Lennox Crossing road, a small section of Lawson Crescent and the two arms of Balmain Crescent, to give effect to an agreement between the Commonwealth and the Australian National University annexed as The Schedule to the Australian National University (Lands) Ordinance 1953.

The roads in question formerly served residential blocks which are now part of the University lease and also provided access to Canberra Hospital. The alternate road to the hospital is now available and this has led to the University asking whether it is regarded as appropriate for the two roads to be closed and included in the University lease as provided for in the Agreement. Other interested parties were consulted and the Minister then agreed that in terms of the Agreement, the roads could now be formally closed and leased to the University.

(i) Item No. 8 - located in the area Parkes-Barton-Russell

(No. 8 on the attached Plan)

Modification to Parkes Way, Kings Avenue and Morshead Drive intersection to accommodate the first stage of an interchange and to relieve the traffic congestion at present being experienced at this intersection. It is proposed to ease the situation by providing a free turn on to Parkes Way and providing, in parallel with the reservation for mass transit which passes through the centre of the intersection, an over/under pass in the same place as a road that allows traffic to by-pass this roundabout.

(j) Item No. 9 and 9A - located in the Woden suburb of Phillip at Section 52 (No. 9 and 9A on the attached Plan)

The deletion of parts of already gazetted culs-de-sac at the Swinger Hill development to suit revised outlines in the design of residential units for leasing to the Australian National University. Consequent

upon this proposal, the road intended to serve as access to leases, requires modification enabling house types more suited to the topography to be introduced.

(k) Item No. 10 - located in the Woden suburb of Mawson at Sections 46 and 47 (No. 10 on the attached Plan)

A new road west of Heard Street, giving access to Mawson Place and frontages to Section 47, Mawson.

(1) Item No. 11 - located in the Weston Creek suburb of Chapman at Section 11 (No. 11 on the attached Plan)

Minor changes to some culs-de-sac required for engineering reasons.

(m) Item No. 12 - located in the Stromlo District(No. 12 on the attached Plan)

The first stage of a road proposed to be constructed between the Belconnen area and the recreation reserve at the Cotter to replace the existing Coppin's Crossing Road which is sub-standard.

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Approval is sought for the first stage of this construction intersecting with the Cotter Road.

3. The Committee has examined these proposals with the assistance of officers of the National Capital Development Commission and the Department of the Interior and recommends to the Senate and the House of Representatives that they approve these variations to the Gazetted Plan of lay-out of the City of Canberra.

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