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CAPITAL TERRITORY**

**Report on Proposals for a Variation of
the Plan of Lay-out of the City of
Canberra and its Environs**

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JOINT COMMITTEE ON THE AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

The Joint Committee on the Australian Capital Territory was first appointed by resolution of both Houses of Parliament on 8 November 1956 and has been re-appointed in succeeding Parliaments. The present Committee was appointed for the life of the 30th Parliament by resolutions of the Senate and the House of Representatives in March 1976.

The duties of the Committee as specified in its Resolution of Appointment are to:

- (a) examine and report on all proposals for modification 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 Capital Territory, and
- (b) examine and report on such other matters relating to the Australian Capital Territory as may be referred to the committee -
 - (i) by the Minister for the Capital Territory, or
 - (ii) by resolution of either House of Parliament.

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JOINT COMMITTEE ON THE AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY
REPORT ON A PROPOSAL FOR A VARIATION OF THE PLAN OF
LAY-OUT OF THE CITY OF CANBERRA AND ITS ENVIRONS.

INTRODUCTION

1. In the Commonwealth of Australia Gazette for 11 October, 1977 the Minister for the Capital Territory the Hon. A.A. Staley M.P., pursuant to the powers conferred on him by Section 12A of the Seat of Government Administration Act 1909, notified his intention to vary the Plan of Lay-out of the City of Canberra and its Environs. Members of the public were invited by the notice (which was published also in the Canberra Times) to lodge objections in writing with the Secretary of the Department of the Capital Territory within 12 days of the publication of the notice, specifying the grounds of those objections. On 11 October, 1977 pursuant to paragraph 1(a) of the resolution of appointment of this Committee, one item additional to the 64th Series was formally referred by the Minister for examination and report by the Committee. The Minister's letter referring the proposal for the Committee's consideration is at Appendix I.
2. The proposal was explained to the Committee by officers of the Department of the Capital Territory (DCT) on 24 October, 1977.
3. This report is arranged in the following manner. The item constituting the 64A Series is described in Part I of the Report as it was notified in the Commonwealth of Australia Gazette No. 16137/77. Relevant maps and plans are attached to the Report at Appendix II. The Committee's comments, conclusions and recommendations comprise Part II of the Report.

PART I - 64A SERIES ITEM

VARIATION 1

Map M5 Item 1:

Boom-Gate Parking, Phillip

4. The purpose of the variation is to amend road reservations to provide access to boom gate parking areas.

The variation includes:-

- (i) the gazettal of a new road between Keltie Street and Corinna Street on the southern end of section 13 to give vehicular access;
- (ii) the degazettal of a section of Keltie Street to include additional space in the boom gate area thus narrowing the existing road;
- (iii) the degazettal of a section of Corinna Street currently within the road reservation which has no effect on the constructed carriageway.

5. In keeping with procedures adopted for the operation of boom gate areas in Canberra City¹, the Phillip installation will also be let to private enterprise control. It is therefore necessary to have an area defined in a lease, but the areas within the boom gate limits cannot include any section of a public road. Therefore the gazettal actions indicated above are required to provide access and the degazettal actions are needed where the proposed lease infringes on public roads.

6. Keltie Street will be reduced to 5.5 metres width (18') and will probably be subject to one way operation. This is

¹See Report on the 64th Series p.17 Variation 20 and p.19 Variation 24.

adequate to maintain the most direct access to the Plaza. There are alternatives available to the de-gazettal of Keltie Street but these involve extensive reconstruction of the carpark area and the ultimate loss of about 50 parking spaces. Parking in this area is at a premium and the maximum space should be maintained. The cost of installing boom-gates and associated civil works at Woden is approximately \$850,000.

PART II

7. In their briefing of the Committee, officers of the Department of the Capital Territory indicated that the proposal to install boom-gate parking was in keeping with the earlier proposals (see Report on the 64th Series) to introduce boom-gate parking in Civic which had been approved by the Committee.

8. One objection to the proposal was received by the Department, but after explanation by an officer of the Department the objection was withdrawn.

9. The transcript of evidence taken at the briefing will be made available to the public.

RECOMMENDATION

10. It is recommended by the Committee that this proposal be implemented. However, the Committee is firmly of the view that the public should not be inconvenienced by construction work being undertaken during the Christmas period and that work should not begin before 1 January, 1978. It is noted the project is planned for completion by March, 1978.



PARLIAMENT OF AUSTRALIA

MINISTER FOR THE CAPITAL TERRITORY
PARLIAMENT HOUSE
CANBERRA, A.C.T. 2600

11 OCT 1977

Dear Senator Knight,

On 11 October 1977, notice of my intention to vary the plan of layout of the city of Canberra and its environs is to be published in the Gazette.

Wide publicity will be given to the proposals with a view to receiving comment or objections from the community. The relevant briefing notes and supporting documents will be supplied to the Committee on 12 October and objections received will be forwarded immediately upon receipt by this Department.

In accordance with the provisions of the instrument of appointment of the Committee, I now formally refer the proposals to the Committee for investigation and report.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'A.A. Staley'.

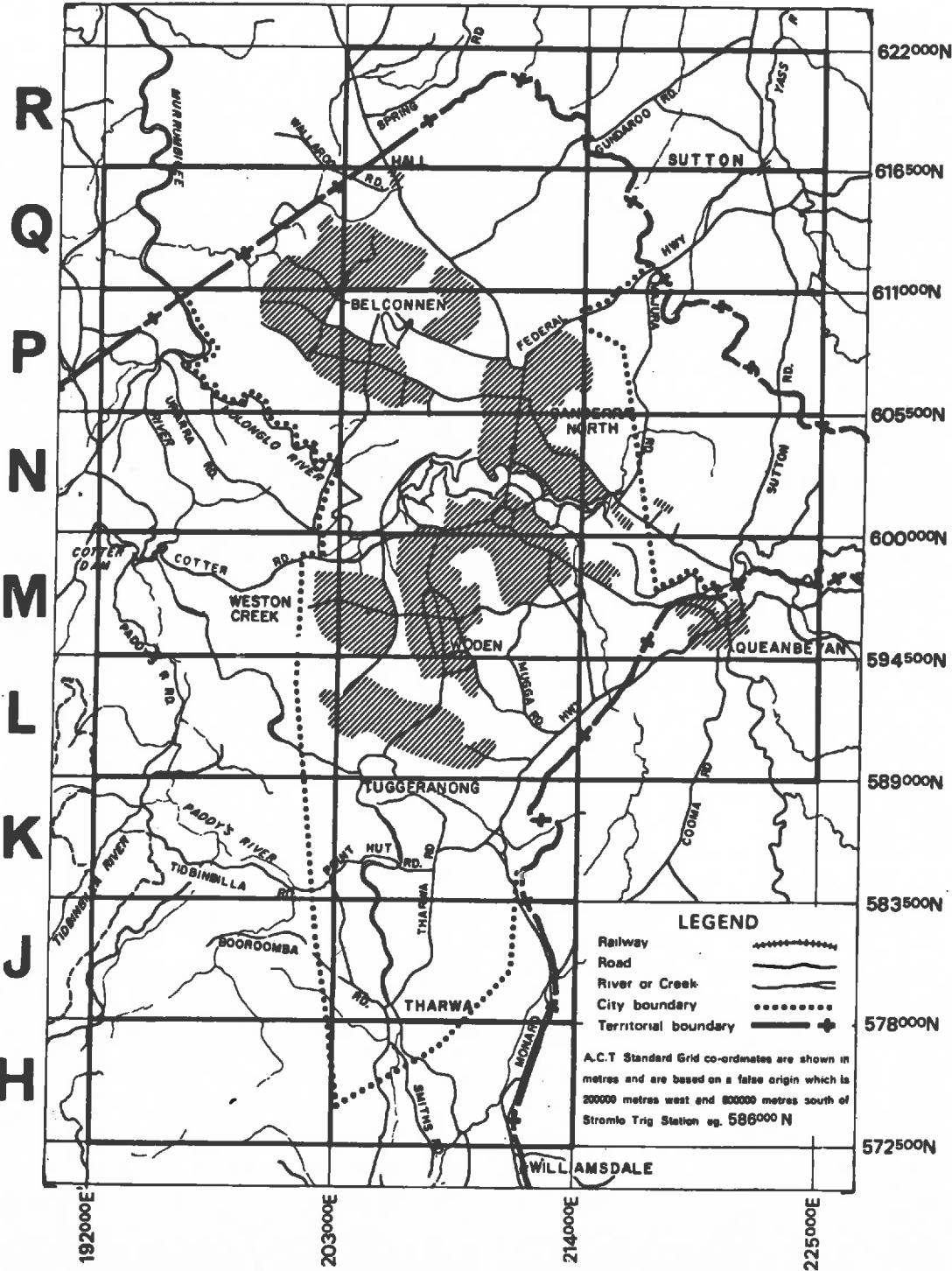
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Plan of Layout of City of Canberra and its Environs
Published in the Commonwealth of Australia Gazette
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16 November 1976

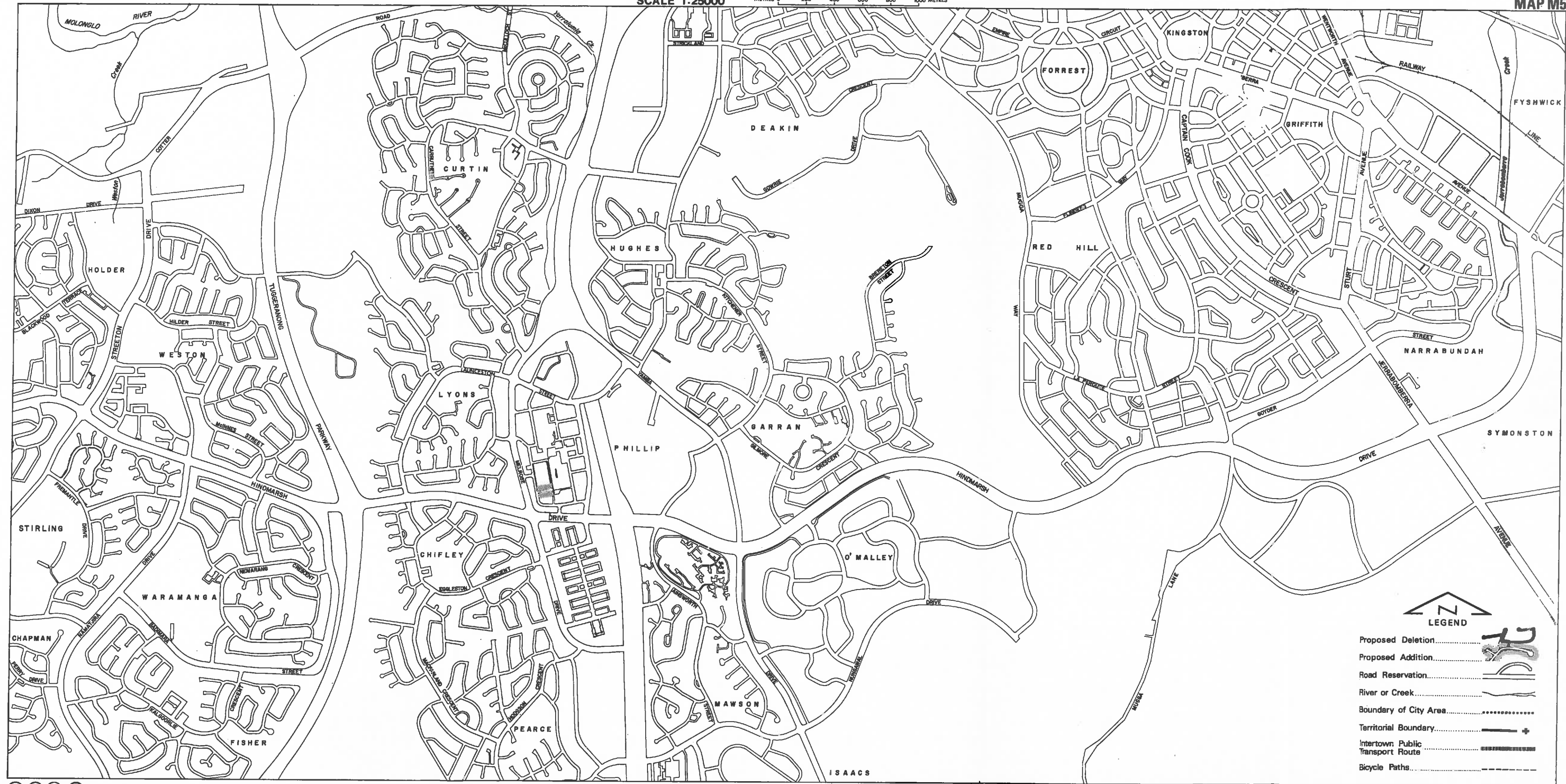
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INCORPORATING THE CITY PLAN

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MAP M5



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