



Actions for the Next ACT Government

A *Actions applying throughout the ACT*

1. The Environment and a Sustainable Canberra

To deal with global warming, the government should **ensure planting space in all developments is increased and made mandatory**, so that 30 percent canopy cover is achieved by 2045. We need a sustainable environment and to reduce heat island effects.

Maximise use of renewable energy features such as, solar hot water, better insulation, photovoltaics for small groups or individual batteries; mandating optimal solar sensitive design using passive solar measures to minimise thermal stress and more EV charging stations.

Improve air quality monitoring network in Canberra. Clean air is critical for a healthy living environment. The main threats in the ACT are bush fires, pollen, diesel fumes and wood smoke. The three permanent station and the one pollen count monitoring station are not enough. We need three more stations in the ACT.

2. Planning reform

Australian Standards must be mandatory for building developments

Sometimes, buildings are constructed that do not comply with Australian Standards. This must be stopped. To have good planning outcomes, there must be compliance to Australia Standards.

Governance of the Planning System must be improved At present the governance is inadequate, particularly with respect to trees and green space. It takes too long for a complaint to be inspected and the developer invariably does not respond appropriately. It is the government's responsibility to ensure compliance.

Knock down rebuilds are almost control free under the present regime, leaving neighbours helpless to complain about lack of solar access, deep excavations on a common boundary or demolition of trees. Knock down rebuilds should require development applications and rights of appeal.

Keep RZ2 zones within the current boundaries, There has been no assessment of the effectiveness of the current RZ2 zoning. Do not vary zoning and other key planning documents that impact on residents, without community consultation. Before any changes to planning rules for RZ2 zones are made there should be an enquiry into RZ2 to determine how effective it has been.

Heritage areas need special protection, The move away from development application pathways into the unregulated world of exempt developments and private certification is now seriously eroding identified heritage values. Exempt developments must be disallowed in heritage precincts.

Review of new Planning Laws should be made public, After one year of the operation of the new planning laws the Government committed to a review of the system. This should be completed in 2025 and published.

Consult and listen The Planning Act requires a scheme to consult with the public. This has not been established yet. We need a process of consultation on all DAs to reduce the need for further review, social distress; and obtain better outcomes.

3. Miscellaneous

A cost-benefit analysis is undertaken for Stage 2B (City to Woden) to assess whether this proposal provides value for money.

In all large expensive projects, it is standard practice to undertake timely reviews. The light rail project should be reviewed now because it is so expensive.

ACAT Act amendment Amend the ACAT Act so that, if a DA under review at ACAT is modified after the lodgement of the review, and the Applicant is a not-for-profit applicant, the application fee will be reimbursed in recognition of the cost to them of seeking a correct and preferable decision.

B Policies applying specifically to Griffith Narrabundah area

Installation of CCTV Cameras at the Griffith Shops. Several burglaries have taken place at the Griffith Shops. Despite several approaches to the ACT government, nothing has happened. The nearby Manuka and Kingston shops are monitored by a CCTV network. There is no such protection at the Griffith shops. This situation must change.

The footpaths around the Griffith Shops are uneven and dangerous

Maintenance work is overdue and should be done now! Come and have a look.

We need an all-weather footpath in Wells Gardens. The footpath from Hodgkinson Street to Manuka, is an all-weather path, apart from the segment through Wells Gardens. This becomes muddy, slippery and dangerous after heavy rain. An all-weather foot path there should be constructed.

We need a rubbish bin near the bus stop outside the Renaissance

development The nearest bin is over 100m away and all the bus stops in the NCA area have them. It's time for action and flexibility from the ACT Government.

Street lighting Review street lighting to assess whether safety is ensured, particularly for elderly residents and students. Implement findings and report.

Reduce congestion on roads, Re-install left hand turning slip-lane from Hindmarsh Drive (approaching down the hill in a westerly direction into Dalrymple Street, when there is a green light from Dalrimple Street to Hindmarsh.

New Park in Manuka, Plant a lovely shrubbery, "One that looks nice... and not too expensive." around the historic, heritage *Electrical Sub Station* at Manuka.

Install more EV charging stations in Manuka and at Griffith shops

Comments or additions to the wish list

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