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CONSULTATION REPORT

Draft Plan Amendment to the Territory Plan 10 – Expansion of Telopea Park School Facilities

Forrest Section 36 Blocks 4 and 5 and adjoining road reserve

June 2026

This consultation report was prepared
under division 5.2.5 of the Planning Act 2023

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1.0 INTRODUCTION

1.1 Purpose

This document, prepared under section 67 (3) of the *Planning Act 2023* (the Act), details the outcomes of entity and public consultation the Territory Planning Authority (the Authority) has undertaken for Draft Plan Amendment 10 (DPA-10).

This document should be read in conjunction with the DPA-10 document that has been given to the Minister which is available on the [ACT Planning website](#).

Key parts of this document are:

- section 2 – outlines comments received from government agencies
- section 3 – outlines comments received from the public
- section 4 – outlines summary of changes the Authority has made to DPA-10 in response to government agency and public comments received during the consultation period

1.2 Outline of process

The Authority has given the DPA to the Minister who must refer the recommended DPA to the relevant Standing Committee. The Standing Committee may choose to report on the DPA. The Minister cannot take action on the DPA, such as approving it, until any Standing Committee's report is finalised, unless they do not report in a timely manner.

Following this, the Minister may take action in relation to the DPA. Should the DPA be approved, the DPA becomes a Major Plan Amendment and the Minister must present it to the Legislative Assembly. If it is not rejected by the Legislative Assembly, the MPA will commence and become part of the Territory Plan.

2.0 CONSULTATION WITH GOVERNMENT ENTITIES

In accordance with section 62 of the Planning Act the Authority has consulted with each of the following in relation to this DPA:

- the National Capital Authority
- the Conservator of Flora and Fauna
- the Environment Protection Authority
- the Heritage Council
- each referral entity
- if unleased or leased public land, each custodian of the land likely to be affected.

A copy of the comments received from these entities is provided in Appendix 1 of this document.

Below is a summary of each of the entity's comments and the Authority's response to any matters raised.

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Entity	Entity comments	Authority's response
National Capital Authority	The proposed land use amendment is not inconsistent with the Plan and the NCA has no concerns.	Noted.
Conservator of Flora and Fauna	The Conservator advised that there are no substantive concerns, noting the subject blocks are highly modified with exotic-dominated, regularly mown grassed areas. While grassland values occur in the broader landscape, the site itself is unlikely to support threatened values, apart from very marginal foraging and connectivity potential for the Gang-gang Cockatoo and Superb Parrot. The Conservator recommended that the Biodiversity Sensitive Urban Design Guide be considered and its recommendations incorporated throughout the life of the expansion project.	Noted.
Environment Protection Authority (EPA)	EPA advice indicates the subject block lies within a precautionary PFAS buffer zone associated with a former fire station at Section 35 Block 12 Forrest, which is currently under audit and subject to a groundwater abstraction exclusion zone. EPA advises there is no evidence that contamination has affected the subject site. However, given the site's historic use as public playing fields and the potential for contamination from past activities, EPA requires a contamination assessment by a suitably qualified consultant to be undertaken and submitted for EPA review and endorsement prior to rezoning.	Noted. The Proponent has undertaken testing of the site for contamination. An assessment requirement has been added to the Inner South District Policy to require an environmental assessment report for the development to be endorsed by the EPA
ACT Heritage Council	The ACT Heritage Council advised that the proposed rezoning is unlikely to adversely affect local heritage character,	Noted.

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	as it would allow development of an appropriate bulk and scale in areas with sensitive heritage interfaces. The Council also noted that any future development applications should demonstrate how proposals respond to and respect local heritage character and context, consistent with the good planning principles under the Planning Act 2023.	
CED – City Presentation (land custodian)	The rezoning is generally supported, subject to conditions at the DA or detailed design stage (relating to traffic, active travel, waste and trees). CED – City Presentation, who is the land custodian of Block 4 Section 36 Forrest, requires the public pedestrian laneway to remain open at all times and does not support verge planting near the New South Wales Crescent crossing due to safety and visibility concerns.	Noted. Further consideration of traffic and parking impacts will be undertaken as part of future detailed design and planning approval processes.

3.0 CONSULTATION WITH THE PUBLIC

3.1 Consultation

In accordance with 63 of the Act, draft major plan amendments are required to be made available on the [ACT planning website](#) for public comment for a minimum period of 30 working days.

The public consultation period for DPA-10 commenced on 13 February 2026 and concluded on 30 March 2026. One late submission was received on 14 April 2026.

In addition to publishing the material on the ACT planning website, the following were also completed to inform the public about consultation on DPA-10:

- mailed letters to surrounding lessees
- placed a notification on the DA Finder mobile app
- sent emails to subscribed stakeholders, which includes local community groups and associations.

3.2 Comments

A total of 44 written comments were received during the public consultation period, and one late submission was received. Written comments received during the public consultation period included:

- 4 community organisations
- 40 from individuals, of which 1 was confidential and was requested to be completely excluded from the public register.

37 expressed support for the proposed rezoning, while 7 opposed it (including one confidential submission that has been excluded from the public register). One submission from a community organisation supported the proposed amendment in-principle but requested that existing traffic and parking issues affecting nearby residents be addressed before any expansion proceeds.

Copies of public submissions were made available on the [Planning website](#) after the completion of public consultation and have been provided at Appendix 2 of this document.

3.3 Summary of issues raised

Below is a summary of the issues raised in public comments during public consultation that are relevant to the planning system.

3.3.1 Support for the amendment

The majority of the comments expressed support for the rezoning.

The comments emphasised that the school is already operating at or near capacity, with enrolments projected to continue increasing, and that its existing

indoor facilities are outdated, undersized and unfit for a contemporary secondary school, making expansion essential to maintain education quality. The proposed rezoning and expansion were viewed as being in the clear public interest, supporting equitable access to high-quality public education for a large and diverse Inner South catchment, particularly for families unable to afford private schooling or travel outside the area.

Submitters also supported rezoning the subject block to Community Facility Zone for the flexibility it provides for community-serving uses, including new facilities such as a gymnasium and multi-purpose spaces that could be shared with the wider community outside school hours. Locating these facilities close to students was also seen as reducing the need for longer vehicle trips.

Response

Noted.

3.3.2 Loss of green open space, use of the oval for dog exercising and alternative site options

A small number of submitters suggested that additional capacity may not be required, arguing that existing facilities, nearby schools, or adaptations within the current school footprint could accommodate future demand. Others considered that expansion should occur on an alternative site rather than on adjoining land. Several submissions highlighted the value of the oval as informal open space used for dog walking or exercising and passive recreation, expressing concern that its redevelopment would reduce local green space and diminish community amenity. These submitters also raised concerns that public access to recreational space would be reduced and that future community use may be more limited than is currently experienced.

Response:

The subject block was identified as the most appropriate location for the expansion of Telopea Park School due to its immediate proximity to the existing school campus. As outlined in the supporting report and the community needs assessment (available under the background papers for DPA-10 on the Planning website), the school is projected to experience continued growth in enrolments in response to anticipated population increases across its Inner South catchment. The expansion is therefore required to satisfy future demand and maintain the provision of high-quality public education.

Expanding the school on an alternative site, separate from the existing campus, would likely result in greater adverse impacts, including increased traffic movements, reduced operational efficiency, and weaker integration between teaching, recreation, and support facilities. Further intensification within the existing school grounds was also considered but were found to be constrained due to existing built form, and limited available space.

Rezoning the subject block to Community Facility Zone (CFZ) enables the expansion of the school without impacting larger Parks and Recreation zoned land uses in the vicinity, such as Telopea Park (PRZ1 urban open space) and Manuka

Oval and Pool (PRZ2). The CFZ allows for a compatible mix of educational, recreation, and performing arts uses, providing an integrated arrangement of land uses while retaining opportunities for community access to new facilities outside school hours.

In relation to concerns regarding the loss of open space for dog exercising, an [ACT dog exercise area map](#) identifies locations available for dog exercise, including off-leash, on-leash, and prohibited areas. While the subject block can currently be used for dog exercise, it is designated as an on-leash area only, rather than an off-leash area as suggested in some submissions. Surrounding open spaces such as Telopea Park and the contingent Bowen Park and Lake Burley Griffin Foreshore continue to provide opportunities for both passive recreation and dog exercise.

3.3.3 Traffic and Parking

Some submissions expressed concerns that expansion will worsen already severe drop-off/pick-up congestion, illegal parking and pedestrian safety risks unless resolved prior to rezoning. The Kingston & Barton Residents Group (KBRG) in particular stressed that they have no objection to the proposed amendment, however, would like for these issues to be given urgent attention before expansion takes place.

Response:

This DPA proposes zoning changes only. Its purpose is to enable the site to be used for the potential expansion of Telopea Park School's educational facilities, as an *educational establishment* is not a permitted use within the current PRZ2 zone. If DPA-10 is approved, the sites would be rezoned to CFZ, which permits *educational establishment* as a use.

The DPA does not seek approval for any specific development. While indicative plans were provided with the DPA, this development proposal is not part of the policy change for the subject site and is not assessed at this time. Any future expansion of school facilities would be subject to the applicable approval pathway at the time a proposal is brought forward. This may involve a Development Application (DA), or in some cases exempt development under the *Planning (Exempt Development) Regulation 2023* (the Regulation) including section 1.4.8.2 for certain school-related works, depending on the nature and scale of the proposal. All DA exempt development is also required to comply with relevant general criteria contained in the Regulation, which includes the requirement to comply with other Territory law, such as the *Environment Protection Act 1997*.

As a development proposal can only be submitted to the Authority for consideration after the major amendment commences, the form and scale of any future works are not yet known, and detailed matters such as traffic, parking, pick-up and drop-off arrangements, illegal parking and pedestrian safety are not considered during the DPA process. Should the future proposed development require a DA, assessment of traffic and parking impacts will be undertaken in accordance with relevant planning requirements and be subject to further entity review / comment.

CED Development Planning (Transport and City Services) provided comments on the proposed amendment and advised that further detailed information and justification would be required at the DA and/or detailed design stage. This would include a traffic impact assessment, intersection capacity analysis during school peak periods and event conditions, and the detailed design and justification of the new pedestrian crossing identified in the Concept Master Plan that formed part of the public consultation. The advice also stated that any future development would be required to provide fully connected footpaths along all relevant verges and rights-of-way, constructed in accordance with ACT Government standards. See Appendix 1 for detailed comments from City Presentation.

3.3.4 Loss of amenity, privacy, and sunlight to nearby residents and zoning expectations

Significant concerns were raised about loss of outlook, privacy, sunlight and sense of openness from residents of apartments directly overlooking the site, with perceived impacts on quality of life and property value.

One submission, from a resident in one of the adjoining apartments noted that they relied on the existing PRZ2 zoning of the subject block when purchasing their home and feel that rezoning undermines expectations of long-term land use certainty.

Response:

As noted within the response under section 3.3.3 of this report, this DPA proposes a change in land use zoning only and does not approve, authorise or design any specific development. Potential impacts on surrounding land uses, including privacy, sunlight, outlook and visual amenity are assessed at the DA stage when the scale, height, built form or layout of any future buildings is known.

In response to concerns regarding reliance on the existing PRZ2 zoning at the time of property purchase, it is noted that zoning under the Territory Plan does not guarantee the permanence of surrounding land uses nor prevent future development or change. Sections 57 and 60 of the *Planning Act 2023* (the Act) provides mechanisms for a private proponent or the Authority to propose changes to land use zoning through formal plan amendment processes. The Territory Plan operates as both a strategic and statutory instrument and is intended to be amended over time to respond to evolving community needs, strategic planning objectives and government priorities.

3.3.5 Construction impacts

Some submissions raised concerns about prolonged construction impacts on nearby residents, including noise, dust, and disruption over several years.

Response:

Potential construction impacts are managed and mitigated at the building construction stage through other legislation, including the *Environment Protection Act 1997*.

4.0 CHANGES MADE TO DPA-10 FOLLOWING CONSULTATION

Section 4.1 summarises changes made to DPA-10 as a result of comments received from government entities. Section 4.2 summarises changes made to DPA-10 as a result of comments received from the public.

DPA-10 was amended following public consultation.

The version of DPA-10 that was released for public consultation can be found on the [ACT Planning website](#) and is also attached as Appendix 3 to this document.

4.1 Government entities

One change has been made to DPA-10 following consultation with relevant government entities. An assessment requirement has been included the Inner South District Policy for Block 5 Section 36 Forrest requiring an environmental assessment report for the development to be endorsed by the Environment Protection Authority (EPA).

All other matters raised through entity consultation have been addressed in section 2 of this document.

Government entity comments are contained in Appendix 1 of this document.

4.2 Public

No changes have been made to DPA-10 following consultation with the public. The matters raised have either been addressed in section 3 of this document, are not a consideration of this process, or are more appropriately dealt with at the detailed design stage as part of a future development application for the site.

Further information about comments received from the public can be found in section 3 and Appendix 2 of this document.

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APPENDIX 1 - COMMENTS FROM GOVERNMENT ENTITIES

National Capital Authority (NCA)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, 19 February 2026 10:38 AM
To: Terrplan
Subject: RE: REQUEST FOR COMMENTS BY 6 MARCH 2026 - Mandatory Entity Consultation - Draft Major Plan Amendment 10 - Expansion to Telopea Park School Facilities (DPA-10) [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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OFFICIAL

Dear Territory Plan team.

Thank you for the request for comments for DPA-10 at Block 4 and 5 Section 36 Forrest. The site is zoned within the Urban Areas of the National Capital Plan (the Plan).

The proposed land use amendment is not inconsistent with the Plan and the NCA has no concerns.

Kind regards

[REDACTED] Planning Officer
National Capital Authority

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, 5 March 2026 9:01 AM
To: Terrplan
Subject: RE: REQUEST FOR COMMENTS BY 6 MARCH 2026 - Mandatory Entity Consultation - Draft Major Plan Amendment 10 - Expansion to Telopea Park School Facilities (DPA-10)

Good morning team

Thanks you for the opportunity to review the below draft MPA.

No substantive concerns – the subject blocks are highly modified and the grassed areas appear to be exotic-dominant and regularly mown short. Although there are grassland values throughout the broader landscape, the site itself is unlikely to support any threatened values, excluding very marginal foraging and connectivity values for Gang-gang and Superb Parrot. That said, we recommend the [Biodiversity Sensitive Urban Design Guide](#) is considered and recommendations incorporated throughout the life of the expansion project.

Cheers,

[REDACTED]
Senior Conservation Officer
Office of the Conservator of Flora and Fauna | City and Environment Directorate

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, 5 March 2026 5:33 PM
To: Terrplan
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: REQUEST FOR COMMENTS BY 6 MARCH 2026 - Mandatory Entity Consultation - Draft Major Plan Amendment 10 - Expansion to Telopea Park School Facilities (DPA-10)

[REDACTED]

Dear Territory Plan and Planning Reform Team,

Thank you for referring the below draft Major Plan Amendment 10 (DPA-10) for B4 B5 S36 Forrest - Expansion to Telopea Park School Facilities to the Office of the Environment Protection Authority (EPA) for review.

The EPA Geographic Information System layer indicates this block falls inside the buffer zone for PFAS contamination around Section 35 Block 12 Forrest, which is a former Fire Station that is now a Fire Museum.

On 03 August 2020, a Contaminated Land Notification was received concerning Forrest Fire Museum and Residence (Section 35 Block 6 Forrest) after soil testing had been carried out. No ground or surface water was tested in this investigation.

On 29 January 2024, a groundwater abstraction exclusion zone was put over the area of Section 35 Block 12 Forrest. The audit of this block is ongoing.

The buffer zone around Section 35 Block 12 is a precautionary area and no evidence has been found that the contamination from the former Fire Station has impacted Section 36 Block 5 Forrest

The site is currently occupied by public playing fields. Whilst there is no recorded information on potential site contamination, public playing fields have been associated in the past with site contamination due to the application of certain chemicals for the control of weeds and pests and the placement of uncontrolled fill during the establishment of the fields. The storage of herbicides/pesticides may also have been undertaken at the site for the above purpose.

Prior to the rezoning, an environmental assessment, in accordance with EPA endorsed guidelines, must be undertaken by a suitably qualified environmental consultant to determine whether past activities have impacted the site from a contamination perspective and to determine whether the site is suitable for the permitted uses of the proposed zoning

The consultant's assessment report and a letter of introduction from the land custodian and/or person/company responsible for commissioning the report detailing the purpose of the report and the action being requested must be submitted for review and endorsement, in accordance with [Contaminated Sites Information Sheet 11 – EPA Report Submission Requirements](#), prior to the site being rezoned.

- Reports and documents relating to contamination must be submitted to EPA via contaminatedsites@act.gov.au.
- The standard response time for reviewing documents is 15 business days from date of receipt; however, EPA endeavours to provide responses as soon as possible.

Regards, [REDACTED]

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Delegate, Environmental Protection Authority
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ACT Heritage Council

Heritage Reference: Forrest-S36-B5
Contact Officer: 
Received by Council: 19 February 2026
Due date: 6 March 2026

TO: Territory Plan Section
City and Environment Directorate
terrplan@act.gov.au

Block:	Section:	Division / District:	Heritage Place:
5	36	Forrest	None

Status of Place: No Registered Heritage Places
Description of Works: Advice on Draft Major Plan Amendment
Council Advice provided by: Manager (Approvals and Advice)

Pursuant to Part 10 of the *Heritage Act 2004*, the ACT Heritage Council advises that:

☒ The proposed Territory Plan Variation **will not diminish the heritage significance** of a registered place.

Background:

On 19 February 2026, the Territory Planning Authority (TPV) referred a draft Major Plan Amendment (MPA) for Block 5 Section 36 Forrest to the ACT Heritage Council (the Council) for entity advice.

The draft MPA seeks to:

- rezone Block 5 Section 36 Forrest from PRZ2 Restricted Access Recreation Zone to CFZ Community Facility Zone to enable the site to be used for the expansion of Telopea Park School's facilities including new indoor and outdoor spaces for performing arts and sport and recreation activities.
- rezone Block 4 (pedestrian pathway on unleased Territory Land) to CFZ to align with the proposed zoning of Block 5.
- rezone parts of the road reserve for New South Wales Circuit and Manuka Circle adjoining Blocks 4 and 5 to CFZ to align with the proposed zoning of Blocks 4 and 5.

Relevant submitted information, including the 'Needs Assessment' report prepared by Purdon Planning and the 'Master Plan' prepared by Arcadia, have been considered in this advice.

Advice:

Following review of the ACT Heritage Register, and a delegate of the Council, I advise that the subject block is not currently nominated to or registered on the ACT Heritage Register, and does not contain any recorded heritage places or objects.

However, the proposal area is located in the vicinity of the following properties which are registered places on the ACT Heritage Register (the Register):

- Telopea Park High School (Block 1, Section 29 Barton);
- Telopea Park (Block 1, Section 29 Barton);
- Forrest Fire Station Precinct (Blocks 2-10 and 12, Section 35 Forrest); and
- Manuka Oval and Caretakers Cottage (Blocks 2, 4, 6, 10, 11 14 and 15 and adjacent road verges, Section 15 Griffith).

Assessment:

These heritage places surround 10 New South Wales Crescent to the north-east, east and south-west. Works affecting these blocks are subject to *Heritage Act 2004* (Heritage Act) provisions, including the Heritage Guidelines applicable to the conservation of each heritage place.

The community needs assessment report notes that the proposed amendment enables the expansion of the adjoining Telopea school, strengthening its capacity to meet increasing enrolment pressures and supporting its role as the principal public secondary education provider in the Inner South.

The supporting documentation notes that projected population forecast shows an increased demand for primary and school places as growth is particularly evident in the 5–15-year-old demographic cohort. The draft MPA and associated development as outlined in the supported documentation, indicates that the future development within the block would be appropriate to cater to the increasing high-school demand that is currently projected to reach operational limit faster than capacity is currently planned to expand. It also indicates that the future scale of development within the block would be appropriate to the local character and context, and would involve no change to the registered heritage places in the vicinity.

However, of relevance to an assessment of the rezoning proposal, Part 2.2, Section 10(e) of the *Planning Act 2023* states:

“cultural heritage conservation principles means the following:

(a) planning and design should promote the unique cultural heritage of the ACT by acknowledging established heritage significance in design and placemaking;

(b) development should—

(i) respect local heritage; and

(ii) avoid direct impacts on heritage or, if a direct impact is unavoidable, ensure that the impact is justifiable and proportionate.”

These core planning principles encourage consideration of local heritage character and context in development to achieve good planning outcomes.

In this context, it is recommended that future development applications for the subject block describe how development proposals would respect local heritage with regards to bulk, scale and setting, noting the general low scale (one to two storey), park, and Garden City (City in the Landscape) heritage character of the area.

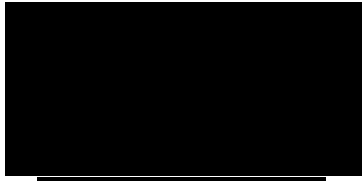
Advice:

Following a review of the submitted information, and as a Council delegate, I advise that:

1. Rezoning the site from Parks and Recreation (PRZ2) Restricted Access to Community Facility (CFZ) is unlikely to diminish the local heritage character and

context, as it would enable development of suitable bulk and scale in areas with sensitive local heritage interfaces; and

2. Future development applications for the subject blocks should describe how development proposals respect local heritage character and context, in accordance with the principles of good planning set out in the *Planning Act 2023*.



**Manager (Approvals and Advice) (as delegate for),
ACT Heritage Council**

06 March 2026

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, 5 March 2026 3:28 PM
To: Terrplan
Cc: CED, DC DevelopmentCoordination; [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: REQUEST FOR COMMENTS BY 6 MARCH 2026 - Entity Consultation - Draft Major Plan Amendment 10 - Expansion to Telopea Park School Facilities (DPA-10)

Dear Territory Planning and Planning Reform,

RE: REQUEST FOR COMMENTS BY 6 MARCH 2026 - Entity Consultation - Draft Major Plan Amendment 10 - Expansion to Telopea Park School Facilities (DPA-10)

Please find below the consolidated comments from the CED for your consideration.

TRAFFIC

From a traffic and transport perspective, the rezoning can be supported subject to the following requirements:

1. A detailed TIA must be required at DA stage, as traffic and parking around the school are already significantly constrained.
2. Intersection capacity assessments are required for during school peaks and event periods.
3. Design and justification for the proposed new pedestrian crossing is required.
4. Parking supply must be justified against staff numbers, community use, and after-hours demand, not only current patterns.
5. Active travel access must be prioritised, retaining/enhancing boundary footpaths and the existing mid-site pedestrian desire line.
6. Cycling access and end-of-trip facilities (bike parking for staff/students, connections to nearby routes) must be established.

ACT NoWASTE

- ACT NoWaste has no comments for this educational redevelopment.
- ACT Education Directorate are responsible for their own waste management and will have a commercial contract for this development.

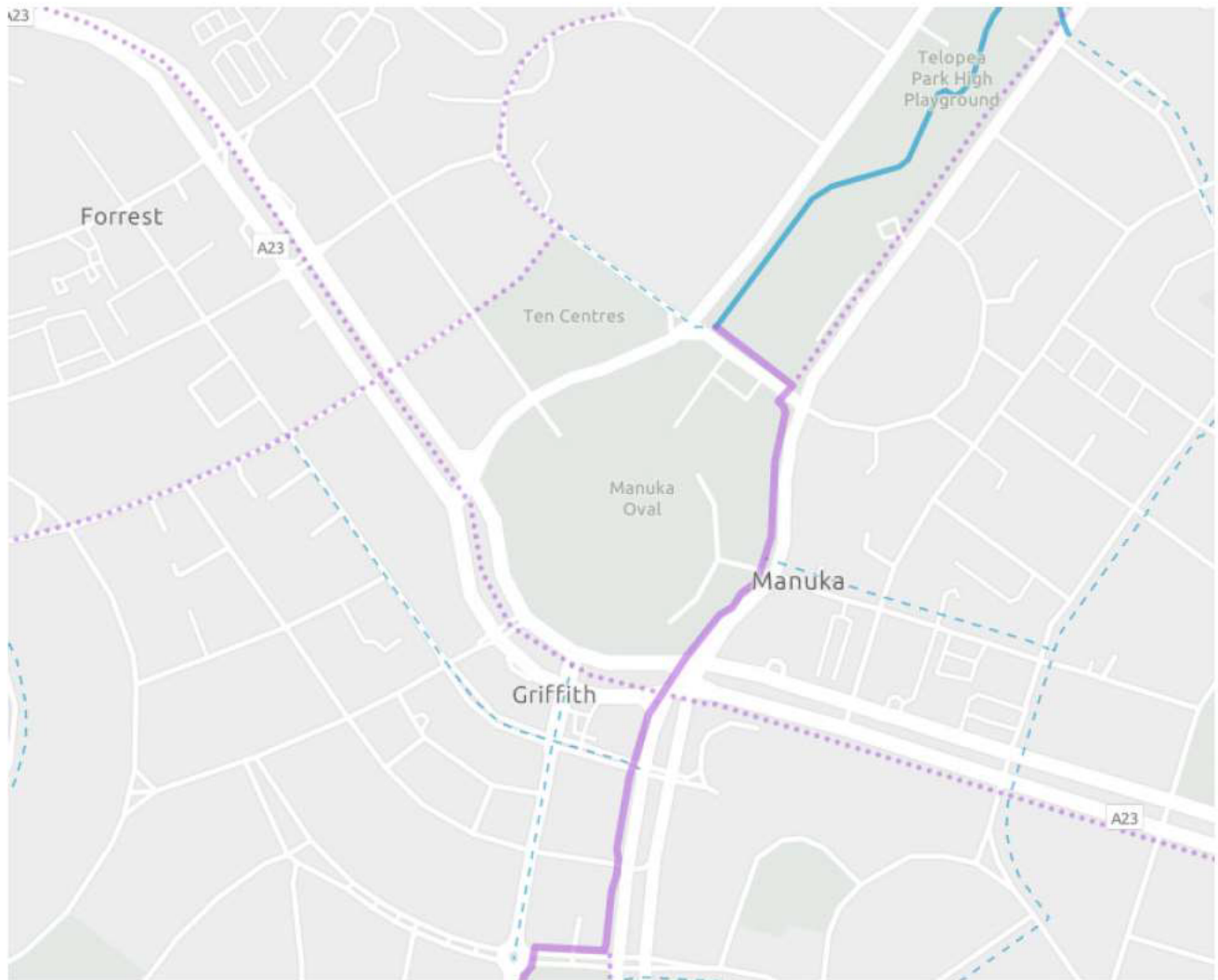
URBAN TREES

- No issues from UTS for the expansion. Urban Trees has already had a pre-app with the landscape consultant, Arcadia, and gave them direction regarding proposing more tree retentions, offset planting, new planting, CCA agreements, and protection of existing trees.

ACTIVE TRAVEL

Active Travel provides the following comments:

1. New South Wales Crescent and the right-of-way between this parcel and the adjacent parcel are a planned Main Active Travel Route and the applicant needs to maintain ensure their works don't impact this connection:
 - a. The existing active travel connection needs to be maintained
 - b. The priority crossing of New South Wales crescent should be maintained in the current location
2. The applicant should be aware that they will be requested to provide fully connected footpaths along all verges and the right-of-way to ACT Government standards in a future DA process.
3. The applicant can refer to the [Active Travel Planning Tool](#) for confirmation of the planned Network and an extract of the relevant area is provided below:



LAND CUSTODIAN – BLOCK 4 SECTION 36 FORREST

Please note that Block 4 Section 36 Forrest, which is adjacent to the subject site, is under the custodianship of CED-City Presentation.

The following comments are provided:

- No issues for Place Management generally.
- Pedestrian laneway between Fitzroy St and New South Wales Crescent must be kept open to the public at all times.
- Verge planting on New South Wales Crescent near the crossing are not supported as it will likely interfere with line of site and pedestrian safety and will likely not survive with pedestrian behaviour at this location.

Should you require further information or have questions please do not hesitate to contact us.

Thank you.

Kind regards,

Development Planning | [REDACTED]

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Private resident

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Provide the details of your representation*

Thankyou for the opportunity to comment on the project. Although I realise the need to expand the school recreational facilities, I believe such a large project will unreasonably impact my current living situation and that of many other residents along side the project e.g. my [REDACTED] directly looks over the current oval. It is also very difficult to comment when there are no architectural plans or diagrams of building structures that will be on the site to determine the full scope, height, density and design of the project. My concerns are: loss of privacy, reduction of light into the apartment and balcony, the visual impact i.e. height, size and closeness to the boundary of my existing apartment block, traffic is horrendous at pick-up and drop-off times currently so I have huge concerns around the congestion it will cause. The noise, dust and disruption to all residents in [REDACTED] for up to 3 or more years is unreasonable and the possible noise, lighting and people coming and going at all hours of the day and into the night is discouraging. I hope you will take these concerns into consideration to ensure that the lifestyle of all residents is not diminished in anyway as a result of this construction.

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DPA-10

Provide the details of your representation*

Good evening

I am writing to ask for this project to be scrapped. It is unnecessary and a monumental waste of ratepayers' money. I have already written to the minister, and she stated that New South Wales Crescent and the area around the school needs more indoor facilities. That is nonsense. She also stated that people who use the dog park can go to other outdoor areas to walk their dogs.

This is an ignorant and tone-deaf response from a minister who has also ruined the sports portfolio. The minister also fails to understand the congestion situation that is already occurring in the street. Parents on a regular basis park illegally while dropping off their children. A third school hall and gym will create another bottle neck and will be a safety hazard for pedestrians.

The school already has two school halls and nearby public schools Narrabundah College, Forrest Primary, Red Hill Primary and Narrabundah Primary already have indoor facilities that the local community can use after school hours. I live next to Montgomery Oval, and the street does not have the capacity for more before and after school activities such as mixed martial arts in the school hall. The oval is also used during school hours for physical education lessons. After school hours it is a popular oval for people to walk their dogs or to kick the footy around.

This project is nothing more than a cynical attempt from an out of touch government trying to line union pockets. The area already has cut up roads and incessant dust from construction sites in nearby National Circuit. Brisbane Avenue also has dust blowing across the road from the National Security Precinct development project. Dust from this project will go into nearby apartment blocks and garages. This will have an effect on our quality of life as residents will not be able to open doors and windows for several years due to the flow of dust. Not only that it will reduce our property values. Dust will blow into our properties and could potentially cause life altering illnesses.

The government has been warned about overspending on unnecessary infrastructure projects, and this plan to ruin New South Wales Crescent should be the first on the list to be scrapped. Due to the government's mismanagement of the budget, they have had two credit rating downgrades which sees ratepayers contribute more of their rates towards higher interest payments on the government's debt.

Kind regards



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Dear Territory Planning team.

As a resident of the [REDACTED] and a dog owner, I am very concerned that local residents would lose the use of the current open space as an exercise and dog off leash area. It is currently heavily used before and after school, on weekends and on school holidays and is a much loved community gathering spot for local dog owners and others.

If the development goes ahead, it is vital that a new large fenced dog off leash area is provided close by. Existing alternative dog exercise areas are far away and across busy roads.

I am also concerned about the loss of green space and amenity in this very built up area and trust that green space will be made available nearby to compensate for the loss of this valuable community resource.

I am also concerned that the considerable amount of litter currently left on the surrounding roads and particularly New South Wales Crescent by Telopea Park students would only increase under this proposal. I trust that the Government and school community would ensure that the students do not drop litter and take their share of civic responsibility for keeping the premises and surrounding areas clean and litter free.

I am concerned about building noise if development goes ahead, given that it is directly next to apartment buildings. I would be keen to know what noise mitigation measures are proposed.

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]

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Submission on Draft Plan Amendment 10 – Expansion of Telopea Park School Facilities (Block 5 Section 36 Forrest)

As President of the Telopea Park School Parents and Citizens Association (P&C), I am pleased to make this submission in strong support of Draft Plan Amendment 10 – Expansion of Telopea Park School Facilities, including the proposed rezoning of Block 5 Section 36 Forrest and associated land to CFZ – Community Facility Zone.

Having reviewed the Major Plan Amendment documentation and supporting report, the P&C considers that the proposal makes a comprehensive and compelling case for the zoning change and the associated expansion of Telopea Park School's facilities.

Benefits to students, families and the wider community

The proposal would:

- **Deliver significant benefit to the local community and Telopea Park School** by enabling modern, fit-for-purpose facilities that support high-quality public education in the inner south.
- **Provide new indoor recreation and performing arts facilities**, which are currently lacking in the inner south and would be available for broader community use outside school hours.
- **Locate these facilities between two major group centres**, creating a prime location for community activation and shared use of infrastructure.

We note that there is **no other secondary school** serving the suburbs of Forrest, Red Hill, Griffith, Kingston, Symonston, Fyshwick, Narrabundah, Beard, Oaks Estate and part of Deakin that could be similarly expanded to meet growing demand.

Demand, capacity and demographic pressures

The needs assessment and supporting material indicate that:

- **High school demand in the catchment is projected to continue intensifying**, reaching operational limits faster than capacity is currently planned to expand.
- **Family households with children comprise approximately half of the population structure** in the feeder area, with a high proportion of young adult and middle-aged cohorts (25–44 years), indicating active family formation and ongoing demand for schooling.

- **Current capacity utilisation at Telopea Park School is already very high**, with utilisation above the commonly accepted optimal threshold for school operations, and trending towards critical levels without additional facilities and space.

In this context, the proposed rezoning and expansion are not simply desirable, they are necessary to maintain a viable, high-quality public secondary schooling option in the inner south.

Consequences if the amendment does not proceed

If the Major Plan Amendment does not proceed, we consider that:

- **It would be extremely difficult to identify a comparable alternative site** in the immediate vicinity that:
 - is suitably located, and
 - can be developed in a way that remains open and accessible to the community.
- **Developing equivalent facilities on the existing Telopea Park School site** (Block 5 Section 29) would likely:
 - adversely impact heritage values and established tree cover, and
 - further increase the ratio of student numbers to available land, which is already among the most constrained in the ACT.

Even if those constraints could be overcome, increasing student numbers on the existing site **without** the additional facilities proposed under this amendment would be educationally and operationally problematic. In practice, this would mean:

- Families within the catchment who cannot afford local private school fees may be forced to send their children out of area; and
- The inner south would risk losing one of its key public education anchors, undermining its attractiveness to families.

Equity, planning and long-term social outcomes

Without adequate public-school capacity, and the critical buildings and facilities required to deliver education at a competitive standard, it is difficult to see the inner south remaining genuinely accessible and attractive to families of diverse means.

This has:

- **Implications for the broader planning framework**, which seeks to encourage more development and density within existing suburbs; and
- **Long-term implications for social equity and cohesion**, as constrained public education options risk entrenching inequality and limiting opportunities for children whose families rely on the public system.

For these reasons, the Telopea Park School P&C:

- **Strongly supports Draft Plan Amendment 10** and the proposed rezoning of Block 5 Section 36 Forrest and associated land to CFZ – Community Facility Zone; and
- Encourages the Planning Authority and the Minister to give significant weight to the educational, community and equity benefits of this proposal in their consideration.

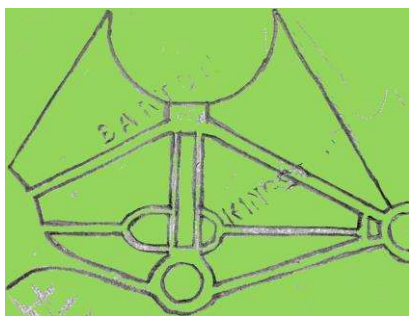
We urge the Planning Authority to advance Draft Plan Amendment 10 as a priority. Timely approval is essential to ensure that the inner south has the public education infrastructure required to meet current and projected demand. We ask that the Authority move forward with the amendment so that planning, design and delivery of these critical facilities can proceed without further delay.

[Redacted signature]

[Redacted signature]

President

Telopea Park School Parents and Citizens Association



Kingston & Barton Residents Group Inc.

Aims to ensure the Kingston and Barton area is a great place to live, by:

- o High quality planning, urban design and construction
- o Preservation and recognition of the area's unique heritage character
- o Provision of adequate green open spaces
- o Effective transport planning – for traffic, parking, pedestrians & cyclists
- o Strong community spirit and quality of life

To: terrplan@act.gov.au

Cc:

[Redacted email addresses]

DRAFT MAJOR PLAN AMENDMENT 10 – EXPANSION OF TELOPEA PARK SCHOOL FACILITIES (DPA-10)

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this Draft Major Plan Amendment. The Kingston and Barton Residents Group Inc. (KBRG) is an incorporated, voluntary, not for profit, non-political, community organisation that seeks to promote and protect the interests of our local community and the environment. Our Constitution says:

“The aim of the KBRG is to ensure the Kingston and Barton area is a great place to live, and to do this by promoting, inter alia:

- *The preservation and recognition of the area’s unique heritage character*
- *The provision of adequate green public open spaces*
- *Effective transport planning including traffic and parking management, & access for pedestrians & cyclists”*

We are very conscious that the Telopea Park School is a most important community asset, as the only public high school serving a large part of the Inner South District for over 100 years. As the population of the area increases clearly there will be pressure on the school to expand and provide additional facilities. We therefore have no objection to this proposal but ask that traffic and parking issues which have been impacting on nearby residents for a long while be given urgent attention, as far as possible before the proposed school expansion takes place.

In this regard the ‘Supporting report with DPA-10 states:

“4.6 Traffic and Parking

“it is noted that traffic and parking in the vicinity of the site is significantly impacted by school operations. Any further development of an Educational Establishment on the site, will likely be required to provide a detailed Traffic and Parking impact assessment, by a qualified professional.”

We ask that this work be expedited and that it specifically consider ‘drop-off, pick-up’ parking for the school and the need for parking for its users, the availability of off-street parking facilities generally in the area and the impacts of other significant traffic-generating activities such as Manuka Oval and the Kingston Hotel. The report should include feasible solutions, rather than just identifying the problems. We suspect this will show there is a need for a new, substantial, public carpark to be provided in the area. The needs of school children pedestrian and bicycle traffic in the area must also be considered, eg. requiring a marked crossing at Currie Crescent/ Telopea Park East/ Manuka Circle.

We are copying this representation to the relevant ACT Government Ministers, local MLAs and other interested community organisations, for their information.


President KBRG


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Representor details

Title

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Given name*

Family name*

Organisation name

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Application details

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Title

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Organisation name

Enter at least one phone number: *

Home phone

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Mobile

Email address*

Application details

Amendment number*

Amendment Number is DPA-10

Provide the details of your representation*

I support the proposed rezoning of Montgomery Oval to expand Telopea Park School.

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Title

Given name*

Family name*

Organisation name

Enter at least one phone number: *

Home phone

Work phone

Mobile

Email address*

Application details

Amendment number*

DPA-10

Provide the details of your representation*

This amendment is vital for the Telopea Park School community. The school is bursting at the seams and requires additional land to appropriately cater for existing numbers and future growth. Rezoning is required to allow for this much needed expansion and modernisation. As one of the oldest schools in Canberra current facilities do not match that of other schools in the ACT.

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Organisation name

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Home phone

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Mobile

Email address*

Application details

Amendment number*

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Representor details

Title

Given name*

Family name*

Organisation name

Resident

Enter at least one phone number: *

Home phone

Work phone

Mobile

Email address*

Application details

Amendment number*

Provide the details of your representation*

I support the proposed rezoning of Montgomery Oval to expand Telopea Park School.

The current facilities are insufficient to meet demands of students, and the number of students have been growing significantly each year.

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Representor details

Title

■ ▼

Given name*

■■■■■

Family name*

■■■■■

Organisation name

Enter at least one phone number: *

Home phone

Work phone

Mobile

Email address*

Application details

Amendment number*

Provide the details of your representation*

I am an ex student and now a parent of a Telopea Park school student, and I support the re zoning of Montgomery Oval for Telopea school use.

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Organisation name

Enter at least one phone number: *

Home phone

Work phone

Mobile

Email address*

Application details

Amendment number*

Provide the details of your representation*

I support the proposed rezoning of Montgomery Oval to expand Telopea Park School. It would greatly benefit future children at the school, and help maintain Canberra's reputation as having some of the best public schooling in the country to rival out of reach private schooling.

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Family name*

Organisation name

Enter at least one phone number: *

Home phone

Work phone

Mobile

Email address*

Application details

Amendment number*

DPA-10

Provide the details of your representation*

I support the re-zoning of the Montgomery Oval to expand Telopea Park School. It will benefit the students and is a good modernisation step, long awaited

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- (b) the publication of which would, or could reasonably be expected to
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Do you want to apply to have all or part of your representation excluded from the public register?*

☐ Yes ☒ No

Provide details of your exemption request*

No application

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Representor details

Title

Given name*

Family name*

Organisation name

Enter at least one phone number: *

Home phone

Work phone

Mobile

Email address*

Application details

Amendment number*

DPA-10

Provide the details of your representation*

I support the proposed rezoning of Montgomery Oval to expand Telopea Park School as this is vital for our school. At the moment, the oval is just be used by dog owners (some of them do not even pick up after their dogs).

Meanwhile, the school is overcrowded and requires urgent investment and additional facilities.

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Representor details

Title

Given name*

Family name*

Organisation name

Enter at least one phone number: *

Home phone

Work phone

Mobile

Email address*

Application details

Amendment number*

Provide the details of your representation*

I just wanted to say I think it's a great idea to expand Telopea school into this adjoining space. It's pretty much an unused space at the moment and yet the school is very crowded. I read the biodiversity report and note that it's already a highly modified landscape. We used to play in those tennis courts years ago. Let the kids have 'em.

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My wife and I bought into [REDACTED] at [REDACTED] with a view to retire there. It has a beautiful open view across the sports oval to Telopea Park and Manuka Oval. The existing oval outside our window allows us to see young adults enjoying themselves in school sports activities, and enjoy an off-lead walk with our dogs after school hours. We checked the zoning (PRZ2 – Restricted Access Recreation Zone) and were confident this outlook would never change. For a few years we lived in this apartment, and that confirmed our choice for our future.

DPA-10 changes all this. While we understand the need as explained in the supporting documents, it still affects us greatly. Will we be looking at an expanse of roofing sheets instead? Will we lose all feelings of openness with a wall maybe 20 metres away? Those on lower floors will lose that for sure. We are losing a significant home attribute, being the feeling of space, which is important in a relatively small unit. We are losing this when we thought zoning would guarantee that it will continue. It also significantly impacts the valuation of our property thus reducing our options to find something better.

We know this representation will not stop this development. We simply ask that the very significant impact to those on the [REDACTED] side of [REDACTED] be considered in the development. We have, despite checking zoning, lost out significantly and in a quality-of-life altering way.

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DPA-10

Provide the details of your representation*

I am a Canberra resident and a parent of a student at Telopea Park School. I am writing in support of the proposed rezoning of Montgomery Oval to facilitate the modernisation and expansion of the school's high school facilities.

Telopea Park School serves one of Canberra's most diverse and established communities, yet its facilities have not kept pace with the needs of a contemporary secondary school. The proposed gymnasium and multipurpose space would provide students with access to the kind of infrastructure that is standard elsewhere in the ACT school system. The absence of adequate indoor sports and performance facilities is a genuine disadvantage for students at the school.

The inner south presents few, if any, viable alternative sites for this expansion. The school's location within an established residential area means that the adjacent oval represents a rare and logical opportunity for consolidation of educational infrastructure in place, rather than dispersal across the suburb.

I recognise that some nearby residents have raised concerns. Those concerns deserve consideration, but they should be weighed against the broader public interest in maintaining high-quality, well-resourced public education in the inner south. The number of families whose children stand to benefit significantly outweighs the impact on a small number of adjacent properties.

I urge the authority to support the rezoning and allow this project to proceed.

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I support the proposal to rezone Montgomery oval and provide new facilities for Telopea Park school. There is a real need for modern facilities for the students and no alternative sites in the inner south. It's also crucial to maintain strong public education in our community

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Provide the details of your representation*

I support the proposed rezoning of Montgomery Oval to expand Telopea Park School. Modern facilities are needed for our students, and given the lack of alternative sites in the inner south, this development is important to maintain strong public education in our community.

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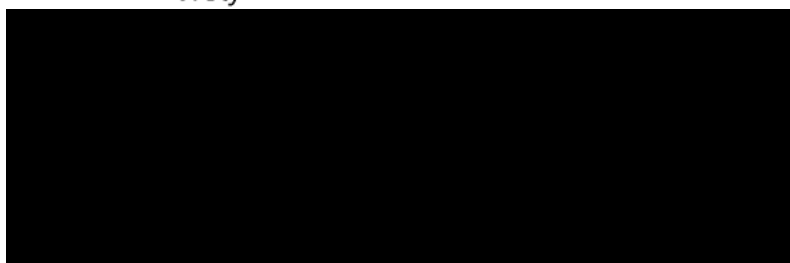
Major Plan Amendment 10: Expansion of Telopea Park School Facilities

On behalf of the Board of Telopea Park School I wish to record the support of the Board for the change proposed in Major Plan Amendment 10: Expansion of Telopea Park School Facilities.

We note in particular that:

- there is no other public secondary school service serving the suburbs of Forrest, Red Hill, Griffith, Kingston, Symonston, Fyshwick, Narrabundah, Beard, Oaks Estate and part of Deakin, which could be similarly expanded.
- current capacity utilization at Telopea Park School has reached 89%, surpassing the threshold for optimal operations, which sits at 85% and is now approaching critical levels.
- it would be difficult to build a similar facility on Block 5 Section 29, where the remainder of Telopea Park School is located without impacting both its heritage values and the tree cover currently available at that site.

Yours sincerely



Chair Telopea Park School Board

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I support the re-zoning of Montgomery field as part of the Telopea Park School modernisation for following reasons:

- the need for modern facilities for our students
- the lack of alternative sites in the inner south
- the importance of maintaining strong public education in our community

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Provide the details of your representation*

As an active member of the school community I strongly support the rezoning of the oval and expansion of Telopea Park facilities. As a large public school still relying on limited facilities, then opportunity to expand and modernise teaching facilities is critical for student outcomes. I believe we owe our children and the upcoming education the best opportunity to learn and grow - and I would be delighted to see new opportunities available, especially as part of public education. Additional , such facilities offer significant benefits to the broader community as potential venues and encouraging community participation. I am very hopeful about the future of the school and community should the rezoning be permitted.

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I want to write in support of this plan. The rezoning of Montgomery oval is strongly needed by the community in term of access to certain facilities in the area. Modern facilities for public school students are paramount to close the gap with private schools (noting the lack of alternative sites in the inner south). As part of an integral education (accounting beyond the purely academic activities is important for educational purposes and this project fulfills that goal). What is in the current proposal (new indoor and outdoor spaces for performing arts and sport and recreation activities) is commensurate with the needs of educating our children by utilising that space in a thoughtful and more efficient manner. As being a public school, the benefits for the catchment area are patent and will be shared with other residents in the community. This is an investment in our not so distant future beyond a school community, but impacting in a positive way the broader Canberra's Inner South neighbourhoods.

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I am a parent of a [REDACTED] child at Telopea Park School in 2026 and I support the proposed amendments as:

- there is a need for modern facilities for our students
- there is a lack of alternative sites in the inner south
- maintaining strong public education in our community is important to ensure our children have a fair go at accomplishing their goals.

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Provide the details of your representation*

I am a local resident in the Forrest area, living nearby to the Telopea Park School. I have concerns about the proposed building of a multipurpose hall, performing arts centre and carpark at the Montgomery oval near Telopea Park School. The enclosed grass overall is a very popular community space that would be a loss to the community should it be transitioned into a hall and car park. As an enclosed oval, it is a popular location for dog owners to allow their dogs to run around in a safe space. There are no walking distance options like this in the broader area.

I also have concerns about the proposal reducing the outdoor space for the Telopea Par School students. In 2015 there was a similar proposal to sell the tennis courts next to Montgomery Oval and build a childcare centre. This proposal did not go ahead as there was significant disagreement from the local community. The concerns about this proposal at that time were that there was not enough outdoor space for the students of the Telopea Park School and to replace the tennis courts with a childcare centre would worsen this. With higher numbers of students in 2026 than in 2015, it is concerning that there is another proposal to remove outdoor space for the students.

Additionally, as a resident nearby to the Manuka Oval, it is disappointing to see the proposal removal of such a significant parking space for attendees of sporting events at the Manuka Oval. Sporting events at the oval have an incredibly positive impact on the Canberra community and it is already very challenging to park nearby to the oval as it is. Removing this oval could reduce the number of Canberran's attending sporting events which would be a huge loss to families and the community.

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Comment on Draft Plan Amendment 10

Greater Canberra Inc, 30 March 2025



Introduction

Greater Canberra is a community organisation that advocates for urbanism, density, and an abundance of housing in Canberra. We believe that a Canberra that welcomes growth and densification along urbanist principles will be a better and more affordable place to live.

With respect to DPA-10, we write in support of the amendment. We see this as an obvious and straightforward move: rezoning under-utilised inner-suburban land so that a public school can expand to meet demand where it actually is, rather than needlessly pushing growth and families outward to the suburban fringe.

As we advocate for more homes and more density across Canberra, we often hear concerns that housing infill is happening faster than growth in the associated infrastructure needed to support it. School capacity is a major example of this. Telopea Park School is already operating at 89% capacity and enrolments are forecast to keep rising through to 2035. We can't build more homes without addressing this constraint. DPA-10 will do this, and unlock enabling infrastructure that will one day help to build more homes in the Inner South.

This amendment is a sensible and well-thought-out proposal, fitting in well with the ACT Planning Strategy, the Inner South District Strategy, and community expectations around school capacity. We see no reason why this should not be passed.

The Details

DPA-10 is presented as a rezoning to support expansion of Telopea Park High School facilities. Specifically, the amendment proposes three map changes:

- Block 5 Section 36 Forrest: PRZ2→CFZ, to enable expanded school facilities,
- Block 4 (a pedestrian pathway on unleased Territory land): rezoned to CFZ to align with Block 5, and
- Parts of adjoining road reserve (for New South Wales Crescent / Manuka Circle): rezoned to CFZ to align with adjoining zoning.

The area currently functions as tennis courts and informal playing fields, with intermittent informal event parking, consistent with its current zoning as PRZ2 (Restricted Access Recreation Zone). Under a change to CFZ (Community Facilities Zone), permitted use would expand to include all sorts of community-serving social infrastructure - in this case, so that *educational establishment* uses would now be a permitted use. This is explicitly intended for the benefit of Telopea Park School, so they can expand and build more facilities on this adjacent land.

DPA-10 is not a development proposal, but is accompanied by concept plans that provide some context for Telopea Park School's intended use of the site. It is important to note that outdoor recreation facilities and tennis courts would continue to exist on the site, even after the change, abating concerns that this amendment represents a contest of "schools vs parks".

The case for change

As the ACT pursues more development within its established footprint, school capacity becomes a binding constraint on whether that growth is feasible and politically durable. The supporting report is explicit that Inner South densification (necessary to meet the ACT's housing and infill targets) increases the need for CFZ land and increased school capacity.

Telopea Park School is one of only two public secondary schools in the Inner South, and is the only such school serving Kingston, Red Hill, Griffith, Forrest, Barton, and Narrabundah. Their expansion is inevitable, and there is no viable alternative to it.

The wider evidence base is clear that increasing housing supply, especially in high-demand areas, reduces price and rent pressures over time, but this cannot be done without supporting infrastructure. Compact development tends to use land and infrastructure more efficiently than sprawl, and families benefit from living closer to daily needs, such as schools and community facilities, rather than having to drive across the city.

Enabling the school to grow in this way not only relieves a growing pressure on capacity; it also unlocks more land for a better use, and helps to make the Inner South a better place to live and raise a family.

Rebuttals to potential concerns

- "Traffic/parking will be unbearable"

DPA-10 doesn't approve a design, it enables expansion through a zoning change. Project-level approval would almost certainly require a traffic and parking assessment at the DA stage. The supporting report explicitly notes that traffic and parking in the vicinity is impacted by school operations already.

Moreover, traffic will increase no matter what, but the alternative to DPA-10 is worse. By refusing to allow the school to expand, we are shifting future students into other facilities further away. This will create far more traffic than simply allowing the infrastructure to be built where it is most in demand.

- "This removes scarce recreation space"

The proposal exists in the context of being adjacent to Telopea Park itself, as well as several other nearby parks. In addition, tennis courts are intended to be retained, with community access supported through the Education Directorate's community-use policy outside school hours. The impact on recreational amenity is negligible to none, and pales in comparison to the wider benefit to the community of this change.

- "This will damage the neighbourhood's character"

Telopea Park School is Canberra's oldest public school, opened in 1923. The school celebrated its centenary in 2023. It has been in operation longer than most of the neighbourhood around it. Rather than damaging the neighbourhood's character, a thriving and functional Telopea Park School defines the neighbourhood's character. We should not deprive the school of the land it needs to continue to grow and serve the community.

Summary

Greater Canberra supports DPA-10 because it is a practical amendment that aligns public infrastructure with growth in the Inner South. Rezoning this under-utilised land from PRZ2 to CFZ will allow Telopea Park School to expand where demand already exists, supporting enrolment growth and making future urban infill more workable for families.

For an organisation that advocates for density, it would be incoherent for us to support more homes without supporting the schools that make those homes liveable. As such, we recommend that the amendment be approved.

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I am a resident of [REDACTED] Griffith, and I live around [REDACTED] metres away from the site of the proposed zoning changes. I regularly walk past the site, and for several years the footpath in the New South Wales Crescent road reserve that is being rezoned as part of these changes was part of my daily commute to work.

The Inner South is a growing area, with a lot of Canberra's higher-density development taking place in areas like Kingston, and we can expect further growth as more Missing Middle housing arrives. Children in our district must have facilities that provide appropriately for their educational needs. Telopea Park School is a critical piece of social infrastructure for our community, and it needs the freedom to expand its facilities as appropriate.

I agree with the supporting report that the Inner South has a number of other tennis clubs, playing fields and other outdoor recreational spaces, while there is a comparative shortage of both public schools and indoor recreational spaces. Rezoning to CFZ provides the most flexibility to allow the development of facilities that are necessary to adapt to the growing population's educational needs.

The school has been there since the earliest days of Canberra, and I hope this zoning change will enable it to continue serving the children of the Inner South just as effectively in a city that will soon have over half a million people as it did when it opened in a brand new city that had only a couple of thousand.

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- We require modern facilities for our students
- There are a lack of alternative sites in the inner south
- We support the importance of maintaining strong public education in our community

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MAJOR PLAN AMENDMENT

to the

TERRITORY PLAN 10

Expansion of Telopea Park School facilities

**Rezoning from PRZ2 Restricted Access Recreation
Zone to CFZ Community Facility Zone**

Forrest Section 36 Blocks 4 and 5 and adjoining road reserve

February 2026

This draft major plan amendment was prepared
under division 5.2.3 of the Planning Act 2023

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1.0 INTRODUCTION

1.1 Purpose

This document is Draft Major Plan Amendment to the Territory Plan 10 – Expansion of Telopea Park School facilities (DPA-10).

Under section 63 of the *Planning Act 2023* (the Planning Act) the Territory Planning Authority (the Authority) is making DPA-10 available to the public for comment.

Key parts of this document are:

- section 2 – summarises the proposal, including amendments this DPA proposes to make to the Territory Plan and details on interim effect
- section 3 – discussion on the need for the draft major plan amendment
- section 4 – summary of entity and public consultation and where further information can be obtained

1.2 Outline of the process

A major plan amendment (MPA) is a statutory process under the Planning Act that enables the Territory Plan to be amended. The three types of MPAs are:

- Proponent-initiated
- Authority-initiated
- Minister-initiated

DPA-10 is an Authority-initiated MPA.

For more information about the content of the [Territory Plan](#) and the [major plan amendment](#) processes please refer to the ACT Planning website.

2.0 PROPOSAL

2.1 Site description

The subject site, as shown in Figure 1, consists of Forrest Section 36 Blocks 4 and 5 and parts of the road reserve for New South Wales Crescent and Manuka Circle.

The subject site, as shown in Figure 2, is currently zoned PRZ2. Block 5 currently accommodates a range of informal community uses, functioning as open space for outdoor recreation, providing occasional parking, and containing tennis courts. These facilities are used intermittently by local residents, Telopea Park School, and workers associated with certain Manuka Oval events.

Block 4 is a pedestrian path, located along the north-western boundary of Block 5 and separates Block 5 from a Commercial CZ5 – Mixed Use zoned area consisting of offices and multi-unit residential development.

Directly to the north of the site is the Telopea Park School, which is zoned CFZ. To the south-west is Fitzroy Street and more CZ5 zoned land which includes a mix of professional offices, physiotherapy services, multi-unit residential developments and the Fire Brigade Historical Society. To the south of the site is the Corroboree Group Oval (Manuka Oval) zoned PRZ2, separated from the subject site by Manuka Circle.

Block 5 is currently utilised as open space with a cluster of four tennis courts located in the eastern corner, available for use by the public. These tennis courts are proposed to be retained within the site.

A more detailed site description can be found in the supporting report provided along with this DPA.

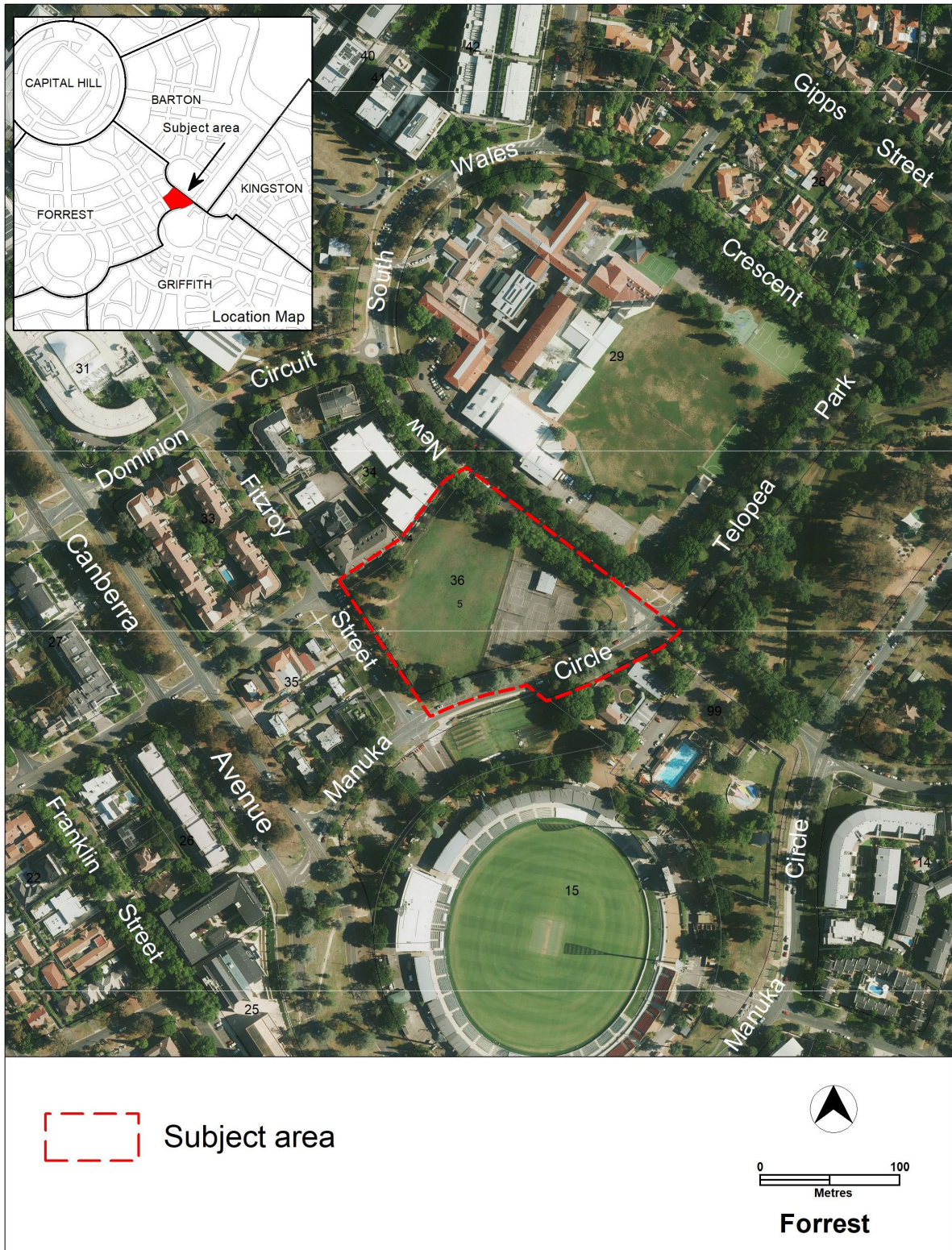


Figure 1 – Locality Map

2.2 The proposed amendments and their need

Telopea Park School is a binational French Australian school and is one of the few schools within the ACT public education system which offers continuous education from Kindergarten through Year 10. The school's study catchment area includes the suburbs of Kingston, Red Hill, Griffith, Forrest, Barton, Narrabundah, Fyshwick, Beard, Symonston and Oaks Estate. Within this catchment, the school is the designated public high school provider for Years 7 to 10. Expansion of the school is necessary to accommodate the growing school-aged population in the Inner South district.

DPA-10 proposes to amend the Territory Plan map to rezone Blocks 4 and 5 Section 36 Forrest and parts of the road reserve for New South Wales Crescent and Manuka Circle adjoining Blocks 4 and 5 from PRZ2 Restricted Access Recreation Zone to Community Facility Zone (CFZ).

Block 5 Section 36 Forrest

A rezoning to CFZ is required for Block 5 Section 36 Forrest to permit *educational establishment* uses (as defined in the Territory Plan) on the block to permit the expansion of Telopea Park School's educational facilities. *Educational establishment* is not a permitted use on PRZ2 zoned land.

The proposed zoning change will allow Telopea Park School to expand and deliver improved facilities, including proposed indoor and outdoor spaces for performing arts, sporting activities and recreational uses. Concept plans highlight the intention to retain the existing tennis courts on site.

This expansion is required to accommodate growing enrolment demand driven by the increasing population in the Inner South community. These new facilities will also be available for public use outside school hours, providing valuable community amenities for the Inner South district.

Block 4 Section 36 Forrest and adjacent road reserves

Block 4 Section 36 is a pedestrian path that provides cross-section pedestrian access, including to the school and its grounds. Block 4 is under the custodianship of City Presentation and is managed to provide pedestrian access. There is no immediate intention to change or develop this block.

The rezoning of parts of the road reserve for New South Wales Crescent and Manuka Circle is proposed to ensure consistency with the standard practice for the zoning road reserves (where not zoned TSZ1 Transport Zone) to align with the zoning of adjoining parcels of land.

Rezoning Block 4 and the road reserves will avoid leaving residual slivers of unusable PRZ2 land.

The existing Territory Plan zoning for Blocks 4 and 5 Section 36 Forrest and parts of the road reserve for New South Wales Crescent and Manuka Circle adjoining Blocks 4 and 5 is shown in Figure 2.

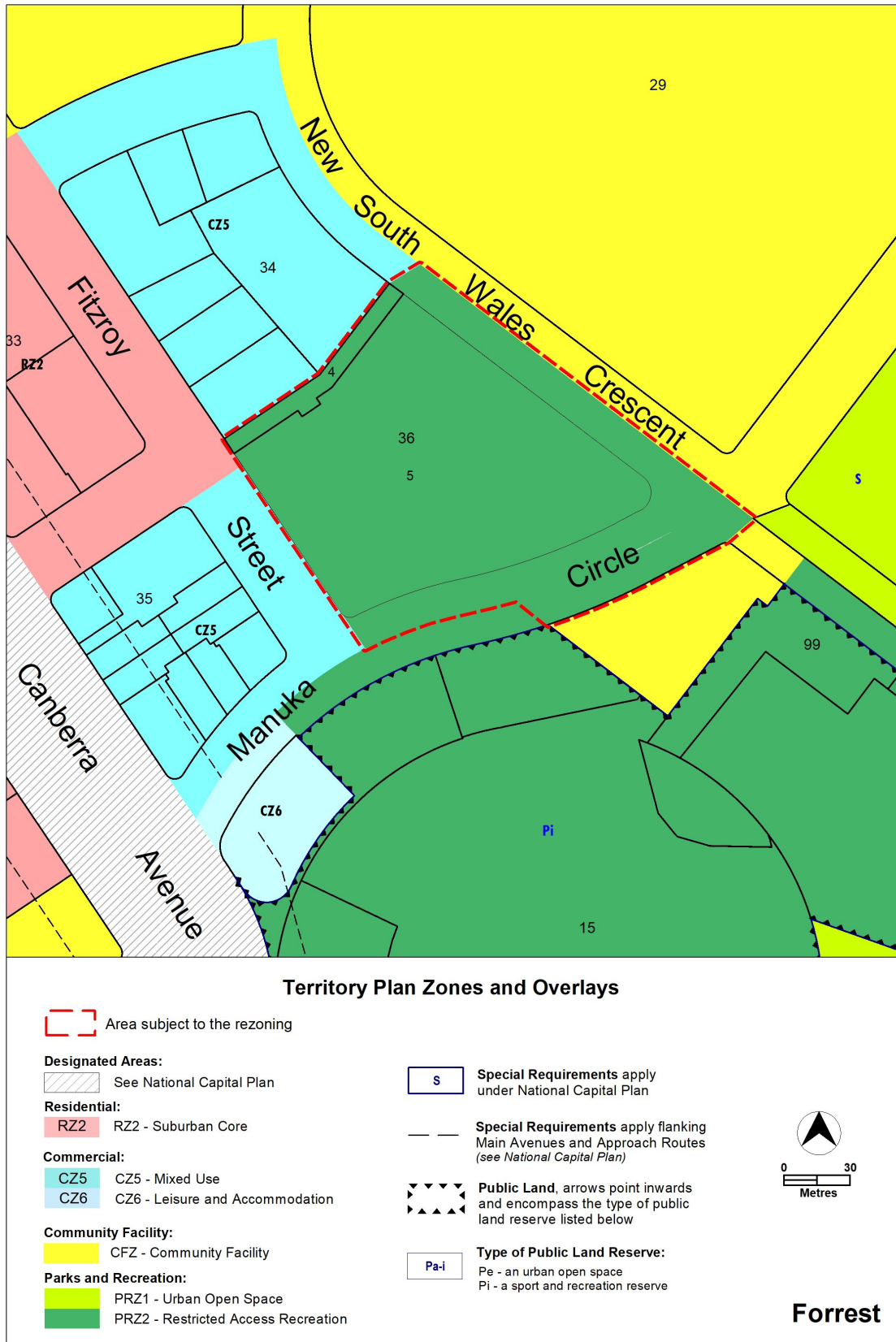


Figure 2 – Existing Territory Plan Map zoning

The proposed rezoning is shown in Figure 3.

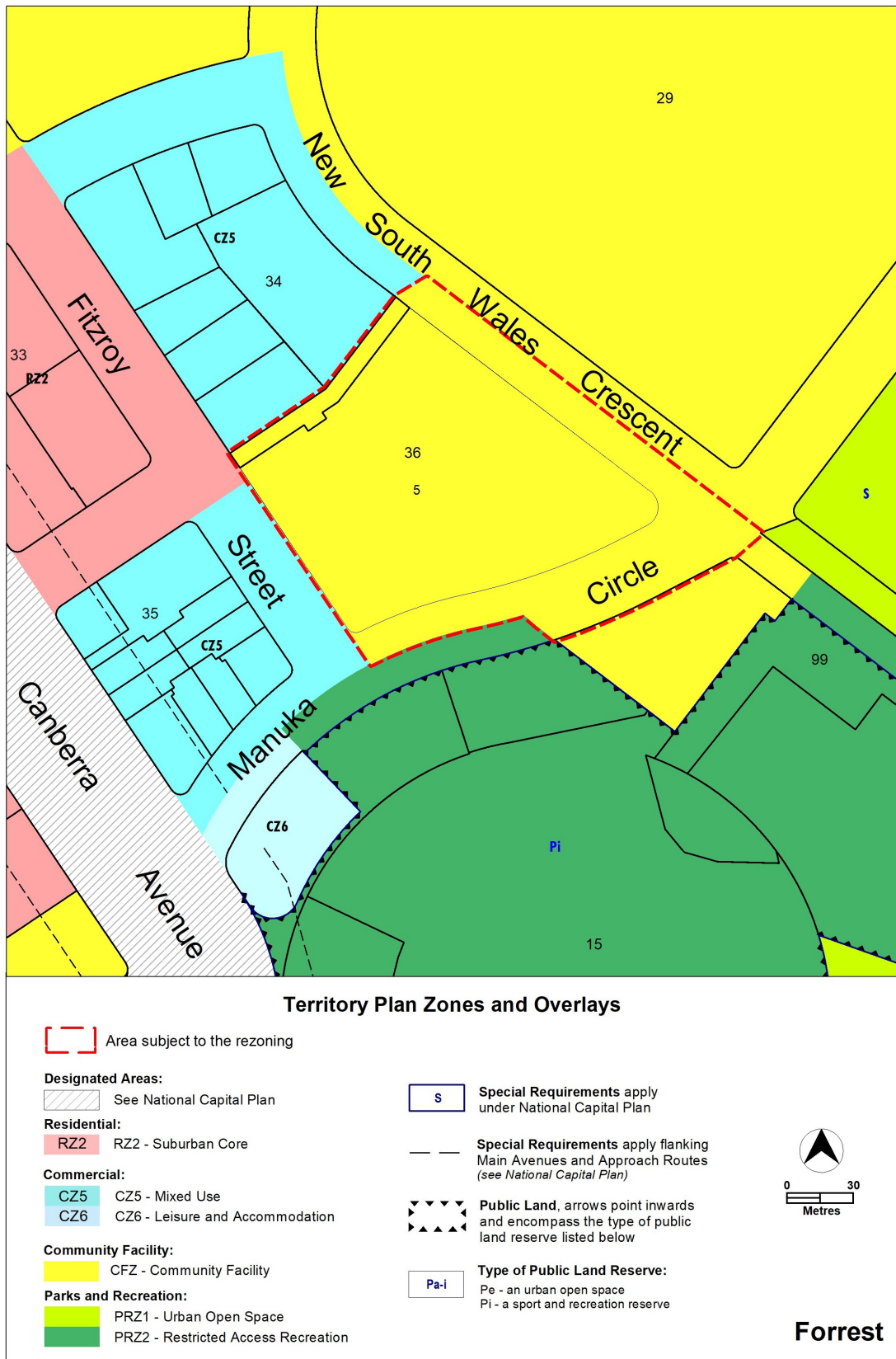


Figure 3 – Proposed Territory Plan Map zoning

2.3 Summary of consequential amendments to other documents

Documents, such as the technical specifications and development controls are not part of the Territory Plan. Therefore, they cannot be amended as part of an MPA and must be amended separately when/if the DPA commences.

DPA-10 does not propose to consequentially amend any other documents.

For general information about other documents, such as the Technical Specifications or Development Controls, see the [Planning website](#).

2.4 Interim effect

DPA-10 does not have interim effect as section 64 of the Planning Act does not apply to it. Therefore, the current provisions of the Territory Plan will continue to apply to development applications while the DPA remains in draft form.

More information about interim effect is available the [Planning website](#).

3.0 NEED FOR THE DRAFT PLAN AMENDMENT

3.1 Justification against the Act

A supporting report has been prepared for DPA-10 and is available on the [Planning website](#).

The supporting report outlines:

- the need for the proposed amendment.
- the positive and negative impacts of the proposed amendment.
- how the proposed amendment would give effect to the planning strategy and any relevant district strategy.
- how the proposed amendment would be consistent or inconsistent with relevant planning outcomes contained in other government strategies and policies.
- any consultation undertaken including with required entities who may have an interest in the proposed amendment.

The planning strategy

The ACT Planning Strategy (the Planning Strategy) builds off the original vision of Walter and Marion Mahoney Griffin of a city within a landscape that celebrates its bushland setting. The Planning Strategy seeks to manage the growth and change of Canberra to not only retain this original vision but to also ensure a city that is compact and efficient, diverse, sustainable and resilient, liveable and accessible.

The proposed changes are not inconsistent with the ACT Planning Strategy. Specifically this DPA gives effect to:

- Strategic Direction One - Compact and Efficient
- Strategic Direction Two – Diverse Canberra
- Strategic Direction Four – Liveable Canberra

This DPA gives effect to Strategic Direction One by supporting the provision of community infrastructure and expanding opportunities for community access within the existing urban footprint in response to population growth.

This DPA will give effect to Strategic Directions Two and Four by providing a greater range of community uses that can be utilised by the local community in the Inner South.

The relevant district strategy

The district strategies seek to capture and protect the valued character and attributes of the nine districts of Canberra. The district strategies deliver the ACT Planning Strategy by providing more specific and targeted directions for each district. The district strategies guide the strategic management of growth and change on a district scale in the context of green and blue spaces, good travel connections, housing, employment growth and support for commercial areas.

The relevant district strategy for this application is the Inner South District Strategy (the District Strategy).

For a major plan amendment to be approved it cannot be inconsistent with the relevant district strategy. The Inner South District Strategy sets out a 2050 vision in which the district develops into a more vibrant, well connected, and sustainable urban district, balancing new housing with improved access to open space, education, jobs, and cultural amenities.

In the Inner South District Strategy, Inclusive centres and communities is listed as one of the 5 big drivers that guide planning policy and direction across Canberra. The direction for achieving this driver in the Inner South is to deliver new community infrastructure to meet district demand for facilities. Although the district has a reasonable range of community facilities, the Inner South District Strategy notes that many are limited by poor accessibility, a fit-for-purpose status, and a lack of available land. There is also a shortage of indoor recreational community facilities.

The supporting report provides further details of how the proposal is aligned with the five big drivers in the district strategy.

Any current or proposed amendments of, or of policies in, the Territory Plan

Policies within the Territory Plan are key to shaping places and communities in the ACT, implementing strategic planning objectives, protecting and minimising the impacts on our environment, and establishing future urban form and development patterns. The policies outline the desired policy outcomes that are important to a district or zone and include assessment outcomes and key assessment requirements that must be met by proposed development.

The proposal is consistent with the relevant policy outcomes in the Inner South District Policy and Community Facility Zone Policy.

The statement of planning priorities

The relevant minister responsible for planning can set a statement of planning priorities. These planning priorities must arise from the planning strategy and contain actions to be taken in the short to medium term to achieve the priorities.

The current [Statement of Planning Priorities 2025-2028](#) was released in November 2025 by Minister for Planning and Sustainable Development Chris Steel MLA. The statement contains ten priorities for the City and Environment Directorate to pursue in the short to medium term.

The proposal directly supports Priority 7 by providing new community infrastructure that meets Canberra's growing need for accessible recreational, social and cultural spaces. The proposal to establish an indoor recreation/performing arts facility would strengthen community connections, accommodate

a diverse range of indoor sports and activities, and ensure that essential services and infrastructure keep pace with population growth.

The proposal is not inconsistent with the 2025-2028 Statement of Planning Priorities.

Anything else the territory planning authority considers relevant to the amendment

There are no further matters the Territory Planning Authority deem relevant to this DPA.

4.0 CONSULTATION

4.1 Consultation with entities

Consultation with government entities, including mandatory referral entities under Section 62 of the Act, will be undertaken simultaneously with public consultation.

In accordance with section 62 of the Planning Act the Authority must consult with each of the following in relation to this DPA:

- the National Capital Authority
- the Conservator of Flora and Fauna
- the Environment Protection Authority
- the Heritage Council
- each referral entity
- if unleased or leased public land, each custodian of the land likely to be affected.

Comments received from these entities will be included in the consultation report. The consultation report summarises:

- mandatory referral entity comments
- public comments
- amendments made to this DPA as a result of the above two dot points.

The Authority will prepare the consultation report after the conclusion of the public consultation period. If this DPA is not withdrawn the consultation report will be made available to the public when the DPA is given to the Minister.

4.2 Consultation with the public

Written comments are invited from the public on DPA-10 from **13 February 2026 to 30 March 2026**.

The [Planning website](#) contains information about:

- what information written comments must include.
- how written comments can be submitted.
- the publication of submitted comments on the Authority's website and how personal information is managed.

5.0 DRAFT MAJOR PLAN AMENDMENT 10

DPA-10 is proposing to amend the Territory Plan in the following ways:

5.1 Amendments to the Territory Plan map

The relevant parts of the Territory Plan map will be varied in accordance with Figure 3.

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