



East Lake Urban Renewal Update

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We recently wrote to you about the next stages of the planning for the East Lake urban renewal, including the Causeway area. This letter is to keep you updated on the environmental, engineering and planning studies currently underway.

Soil samples will be collected for testing as part of the environmental assessments of the Causeway. This testing will take around four to five weeks during April and May. Before excavation begins for the testing we will need to locate underground services and this will take around four to five days. The testing works will be completed by a small excavator, truck and mobile drill rig to install groundwater monitoring wells near Newcastle House on Eyre Street. Drilling work is likely to be completed within two days. Temporary traffic management will be in place during this time.

The engineering site investigation is also underway for the land between the Jerrabomberra Wetlands and the railway corridor, including the Causeway. Over the next three to four weeks you may see surveyors working in the area updating a topographic survey and assessing trees. A drone will be used to collect this information in the railway and former landfill area (the drone will not be used over residential areas). The estimated timeframes for this work are:

- Surveyor (physical survey, drone, walkovers): Next three to four weeks
- Tree Assessor (walkovers and photos): Next three to four weeks
- Engineering Services Assessment (walkovers and photos): Mid-April
- Geotechnical (site walkover): Mid-April

A map showing the area of the environmental and engineering investigations is attached for your information (see [Map 1 attached](#)).

The Suburban Land Agency is also progressing with their planning and engineering work in Kingston, to inform ACT Government and Evoenergy about future electrical infrastructure in this area.

In the next few months we also intend to:

- lodge development applications to enable buildings on government land located behind Blueberry Street in the Causeway to be removed (Blocks 2 and 3, Section 38 Fyshwick – see Map 2 attached); and
- engage consultants to prepare a planning report that will be used to inform a future variation to the Territory Plan for the East Lake urban renewal precinct.

The consultants undertaking this work will also take care to manage community health, safety and minimise any disruption to residents or other stakeholders. A health and safety plan is being developed that will consider the safety of all users of the area. We thank you for your patience during this works. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Project Director, Franco Frino, on 6205 0751 or email franco.frino@act.gov.au.

The next information session for residents of the Causeway was scheduled for May 2020. Please note that due to COVID-19 precautions, all face-to-face community meetings have been cancelled and the May meeting will not go ahead at this stage.

We will continue to keep you informed about planning updates by letter and you can contact Franco Frino on the above number. We anticipate there will be further opportunities for you to be involved in the planning for the East Lake urban renewal later in 2020. You can also keep up to date with the project by visiting our website at https://www.planning.act.gov.au/urban-renewal/other-projects/eastlake_urban_renewal.

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Map 1:

The Current engineering site investigations area (orange) includes the area bounded by The Causeway, Eyre St, the open space to the west of Jerrabomberra Creek, the railway line, corner of Mildura and Leeton Streets, Mildura St, Wentworth Avenue and Cunningham St.

The environmental investigations site area (black) will be in the block bounded by The Causeway, Eyre St, Geijera Place and Cunningham St.

The area where drone will be used for surveying (red) drone will be used for surveying in the engineering site investigation area, excluding the environmental investigations area.



Map 2: Blocks 2 and 3, Section 38 Fyshwick where proposed development applications for removal of buildings and structures will be lodged (areas shaded in blue).