



Public invited to consult on future Molonglo development

The ACT Planning and Land Authority has officially commenced its formal consultation on the future of Molonglo and North Weston, with the release today of a Variation to the Territory Plan and accompanying planning documentation, Chief Planning Executive Neil Savery announced today.

Mr Savery said interested members of the community have 12 weeks to submit their comments on the proposed new land uses, which are outlined in the draft Variation to the Territory Plan.

“Molonglo, located to the west of central Canberra, between Belconnen and Weston Creek, was identified for potential urban development in the 2004 *Canberra Spatial Plan*.

“Planning has now reached a stage when proposed land use policies need to be confirmed through changes to both the Territory Plan and the National Capital Plan

“If approved, changes to these plans will allow Molonglo and North Weston to eventually accommodate up to 73, 000 residents in approximately 33, 000 dwellings - although further studies will need to be completed to mitigate the effects of any urban development in the central Molonglo area before any development occurs,” Mr Savery said.

“The planning for Molonglo takes into account the future sustainability of the area, infrastructure, public transport, community facilities and has a strong emphasis on responding to the Government’s affordable housing agenda.

Molonglo has been planned in accordance with The Canberra Spatial Plan and it is anticipated it will be developed over a number of decades.

“The ACT Planning and Land Authority has been working closely with the National Capital Authority (NCA), and the NCA’s Draft Amendment to the National Capital Plan (DA 63) will also be open for consultation over the next three months.”

Mr Savery advised that during the consultation period information on the proposed future development will be available at the Authority’s Customer Service Centre, 16 Challis Street, Dickson, online at www.actpla.act.gov.au, and at Belconnen and Woden Libraries, Cooleman Court and Kippax Fair.

Members of the public are invited to attend one of two drop-in information sessions:

- Belconnen Library (upstairs) on Tuesday 9 October 2007 between 4pm – 8pm.
- Centre for Teaching and Learning in Stirling on Saturday 20 October 2007 between 10am – 2pm.

“We look forward to hearing the public’s views,” Mr Savery said.

Public consultation is open from 31 August until 26 November 2007.

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