

The Government has consulted the community about changes proposed for the ACT planning system. These changes are intended to make the system simpler, faster and more effective. The main areas that are being addressed in the reform package are:

- development assessment and building approvals,
- leasehold administration,
- the Territory Plan,
- environmental impact assessments, and
- concessional leases.

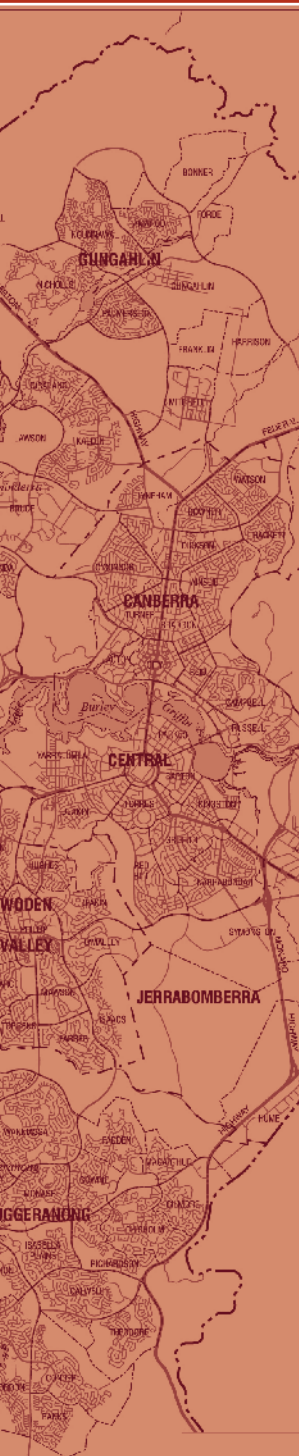
The Government has considered the community's comments in deciding what policies it wants implemented. Some further consultation will be undertaken before the policies take effect.

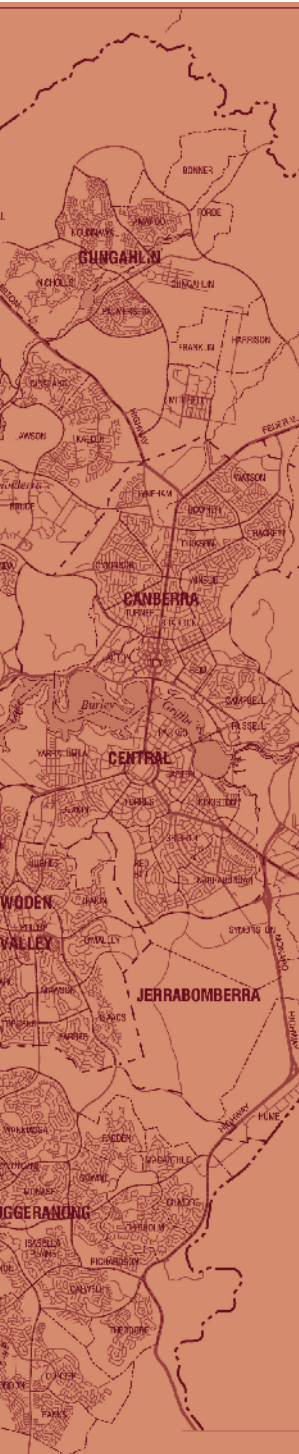
#### What has the Government decided to do after considering submissions made in relation to Territory Plan reforms?

- Zones will be created with zone development tables. These tables will identify the types of development and use that will be prohibited, exempt from development approval, or subject to code, merit or impact assessment.
- Terminology changes will be incorporated into a restructured Territory Plan.
- Codes will be created for development types, precincts and general matters (such as providing infrastructure). These codes will be used to regulate code and merit assessed development applications.
- The use of guidelines will be minimised.
- Precinct codes will deal with matters currently outlined in master plans and neighbourhood plans that are relevant to development assessment.
- There will be public consultation on new codes that will be dealt with in the same manner as a Territory Plan variation.
- New laws will allow the Minister for Planning to decide whether a draft Territory Plan variation will be referred to an ACT Legislative Assembly Committee. The ACT Legislative Assembly will continue to have the power to direct such a referral.
- The Territory Plan and the development assessment process will become the main way to regulate use and development for new, varied and renewed leases.

#### What do the changes mean for the community and for industry?

- Simpler planning system with the Territory Plan as the main instrument to regulate use and development.
- Faster development approval timeframes through the expansion of exempt development and the assessment of simpler development through concise codes.
- More flexible and responsive to changes in community need.
- Streamlined Territory Plan variation process.





## What further consultation is planned?

The next stage of consultation will occur early in 2006, with the scheduled release of an exposure draft of new legislation. A draft structure of the new Territory Plan will also be exhibited together with a sample development assessment code.

## When will the changes take effect?

The changes will be implemented with the commencement of the new legislation in 2007. Shorter-term reforms that do not require legislative change are being introduced earlier.

## Where do I get more information?

These proposed changes are detailed in the Government Response to Community Comment on the Planning System Reform Project. A copy of this paper is available from all ACT Government and ACT Planning and Land Authority customer service centres. A copy can also be accessed via our website [www.actpla.act.gov.au](http://www.actpla.act.gov.au), or by phoning (02) 6207 1923.

Inquiries can be made to the ACT Planning and Land Authority. You can:

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