

Woden Valley Community Council Inc.

Record of Meeting in Aegean Room, Hellenic Club

Wednesday 5 March 2014

- 1 The Chair, Jenny Stewart, welcomed attendees to the meeting. Apologies were received from Nicole Lawder, Katy Gallagher and Shirley Lithgow.
- 2 Minutes of the last meeting, on 12 February 2014, were accepted.
- 3 Dorte Eklund, Director General of the Environment and Sustainable Development Directorate, presented a wide-ranging and informative summary of present activities and future commitments of the Directorate. The implications of population projections on the use of public and private transport and associated infrastructure projects, including the Capital Metro Light Rail Project, were explained and placed within a national context, as well. The policy framework encompassing transport, heritage issues, water resources, climate change, and planning strategies generally, were illustrated in detail. Her comprehensive survey of the Directorate's work concluded with a summary of current issues to do with variations to the Territory Plan, Court Management and a complexity of matters relating to local County Councils.
- 4 Ben Riches and Petra Oswald from ESDD described the new Woden Master Plan and the Mawson Plan in detail. Historical comparisons were illustrated, and discussed. Current issues being considered were outlined, and feedback on the published proposals were invited, with methods of providing this input given, including deadlines for additional submissions. A number of questions to do with building heights, free parking, as well as the Park and Ride facility (with Mawson's being described as the most popular), the Woden Library and the Mawson Group Centre were answered and dates for several 'meet the planners' sessions for both plans were provided: 8 and 12 March for the Woden Plan and 15 March for the Mawson plan.
- 5 No local member presented, on this occasion.
- 6 The Chair, Jenny Stewart, reported on her attendance at the Combined Community Councils meeting, held on 15 February last. The meeting was described as very valuable, with good networking outcomes. Two items were drawn to attention: the one, a paper recommending improvements to the granting of concessional leases, which is being circulated and for which a consensus is developing; the other the development of an inventory of recreational spaces in the A.C.T.
- 7 There being no other business, the meeting closed at 9:30pm, with next meeting of the Council scheduled for 7:30pm on Wednesday 2 April, 2014.

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Minutes Secretary 24 March, 2014