

Woden Valley Community Council Inc.
Record of Meeting in Hellenic Club
Wednesday 2 September 2015

- 1 The Chair, **Martin Miller**, welcomed attendees.
- 2 Approval of Minutes of the meeting of 5 August 2015 was deferred to the 7 October meeting.
- 3 **Andrew Smith**, Chief Planner at the National Capital Authority, gave a presentation of proposed amendments to the National Capital Plan. To frame the presentation, it was noted that there were two planning regimes in place: the National Capital Plan and the Territory Plan. The legislative base for these plans was noted. The NCA's role is to focus on areas of national significance. Special attention was given to the proposed devolution of planning of large areas of the ACT from NCA to ACT authority; implications for the Metropolitan Policy Plan were discussed. Questions from the floor included proposed changes facilitating development west of the Murrumbidgee, water catchment concerns as well as transport and traffic management problems in areas of national significance.
- 4 **Tony Carmichael**, Executive Director of Strategic Planning, delivered a wide-ranging presentation on the ACT Active Travel Framework and Parking Strategy. Mr Carmichael noted that the ACT's strategic planning framework did not allow development west of the Murrumbidgee and that there were no plans to change this. Policies are being developed for an integrated approach to the various forms of travel, including walking, cycling, using buses, taxis and private cars. The challenges and benefits of active travel (environmental, economic and social), the mode-share targets (especially walking and cycling) and the active living goals (including weight-loss) were sketched in. The Active Travel vision is to make Canberra the nation's cycling capital and our most walkable city. On-road and off-road network plans are being developed and an Active Travel Office has been established. Current Active Travel plans include implementation of an integrated transport network as well as the inclusion of a bicycle parking code in the Territory Plan; the work of community organisations such as Pedal Power (who have made a significant research contribution) was noted.
Details of the government program to gradually replace free parking by pay parking were given along with the community benefits of encouraging people to make less use of their cars.
- 5 Lack of time forced the deferral of the four General Business items on the agenda.
- 6 It was noted that demolition plans for Mr Fluffy houses had been released.
The meeting closed at 9:50pm. The next meeting of the WVCC will be on Wednesday 7 October 2015 at 7:30pm in the Hellenic Club.

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Minutes Secretary