

NORTH CANBERRA COMMUNITY COUNCIL
DRAFT AGENDA
Wednesday 21 November 2012
ACT Sport House
100 Maitland Street Hackett
7:30 – 9:30

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Our final North Canberra Community Council forum for this year will be held next week. We have invited a guest speaker from Telstra talk to us about the roll out of ADSL 2+ to North Lyneham, Downer and Watson residents.

Following on from this an ACTPLA representative will be briefing the meeting on Technical Amendment 2012-06. TA2012-06 seeks to amalgamate all of the commercial zone objectives and development codes into a single new Commercial Zones Development Code. More than 100 precinct plans for suburbs and designated centres have been added for clarification. We will also be briefed on TA2012-30. Both amendments require comments by Monday 3 December.

Other issues which we intend to consider are:

- implications of the Tralee development approval on aircraft noise for north Canberra residents;
- Health Care Consumers Association initiatives to improve public health services; and
- a review of the ACT election

**DRAFT MINUTES – PUBLIC FORUM
NORTH CANBERRA COMMUNITY COUNCIL
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1. Chairs Introduction

The meeting was opened by Leon Arundell at 7:40.

2. Attendance and Apologies

Committee:

Leon Arundell
Richard Larson
Mike Hettinger
Geoff Davidson
Greg Haughey
Marianne Albury-Colless

Members:

Caroline Le Couteur

Visitors:

Larissa Redmond – Telstra
Chris Taylor - Telstra
Brett Robinson - Telstra
Jim Corrigan – Economic and Sustainable Development Directorate (ESDD)

Garrick Calnan - ESDD
Bruce Frazer - ESDD
Richard Sinclair – Watson resident

3. Presentation by Telstra on the National Broadband Network (NBN) and roll out of ADSL 2+ in north Canberra

Representatives from Telstra set up a display panel to show how the NBN will function with fast internet connections and add on components. Larissa Redmond and Chris Taylor work in the retail stores section and Brett Robinson works in customer services. In north Canberra ADSL 2+ has been installed into dwellings in 'The Fair' Watson and West MacGregor in Belconnen. NBN infrastructure should be completed in 10 month's time in Gungahlin. ADSL 2+ is an interim measure to connect to fast internet before the NBN is rolled out. It will deliver 20Mb/sec of data compared to standard connections (2-6Mb/sec). NBN will use the existing in ground conduits to provide fibre to the node. Upon completion of the NBN network, apparently everyone will have to convert from copper to fibre. The old technology will be discontinued after 18 months of completion. What was made apparent is that a Telstra technician will have to install a device in the premises in order to connect to the NBN. Add-on's such as TV to internet and phone to internet connections and other applications will be available. Costs of conversion were not discussed. You will be able to choose a retail service provider.

4. Presentation by ESDD on Technical Amendment 2012-06 to the Territory Plan

Three representatives from ESDD took part in outlining the nature of TA2012-06 and to field questions afterwards.

The consultation came about because the NCCC committee had concerns about the scope of TA2012-06 and what it meant. There was an extraordinary amount of material in it and it didn't present as a minor amendment. We wanted to clarify our understanding of these changes.

Apparently, what interested parties will be advised to do when confronted with a need to understand what special provisions may apply to a block in their suburb is to:

- Identify the Precinct Plan Map for your suburb to determine if the site in question is subject to any special provisions.
- Identify any provisions in the relevant Precinct Development Code which apply.

The rest of the suburb will be covered by the Development Table for the Zone or Zones and any generic Development Codes which apply to it. For example, the Residential Zone 1 (RZ1) Development Table and Single Residential Development Code, Multi-Unit Residential Development Code etc. TA2012-06 amalgamates seven development codes applying to commercial zones into a single Commercial Zones Development Code. No changes to the underlying policies are proposed in TA2012-06. Any existing site-specific provisions will be directly translated from the existing Territory Plan to suburban Precinct Plans and Codes.

There will be additional Precinct Plan maps introduced in TA2012-06. NCCC has concerns that this will be done through a Technical Amendment process and not via a Draft Variation process. The precedent for the development of precinct plans in this way came about as a result of Variation 302 in relation to Community Facility Zoned land in suburbs.

A question was asked in relation to heritage provisions. The ACT Heritage Register is a separate entity and it doesn't apply to the Territory Plan. A new Heritage Act was written around 2005 and as a result heritage provisions were separated from the Territory Plan.

5. No other business was discussed.

6. Meeting close

The meeting was officially closed at 9:30

Richard Larson
NCCC Secretary
February 13 2013