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Proposal to modify planning restrictions in Canberra's inner north

A proposal to modify planning restrictions in O'Connor, Lyneham, Dickson and Turner has been released today in a draft variation to the Territory Plan.

ACTPLA Chief Planning Executive, Neil Savery, said draft variation 310 responds to the findings of the Legislative Assembly's Standing Committee on Planning, Public Works and Territory and Municipal Services.

"In 2009, Minister for Planning, Mr Andrew Barr MLA asked the committee to consider whether current planning policies affecting Canberra's Inner North remain appropriate in light of issues such as climate change and population growth.

"In February 2011 the standing committee recommended the removal of the current additional building height and plot ratio restrictions applying to the RZ4 zones north of Macarthur Avenue and Wakefield Avenue.

"The committee also recommended the lifting of the current prohibition on redevelopment affecting Section 47 and Section 63 Blocks 12-21 in Turner.

The committee report said that by removing the restrictions housing supply will increase close to the Dickson shops and Northbourne Avenue which should assist in reducing car use.

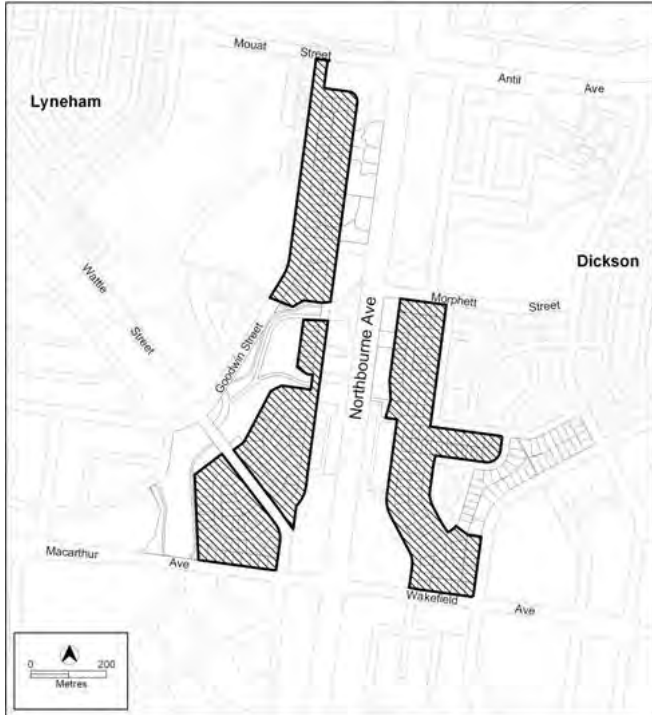
Draft variation 310 proposes to lift the current additional restrictions which limit building heights to two storeys and plot ratios to 65% applying to the RZ4 zones north of Wakefield and Macarthur Avenues (see map 1 below). These restrictions were originally intended to focus redevelopment in RZ4 zones closer to Canberra City. This means buildings in these areas could be up to three storeys and have a plot ratio of 80%, the same as other RZ4 zones. DV 310 also removes prohibitions applying to redevelopment in Turner Section 47 and part of Section 63 (see map 2 below).

Draft variation 310 and an explanatory fact sheet are available for public comment on the ACTPLA website until COB Tuesday 21 June 2011.

More information phone 6205 3146 or 0402 780 981



Map 1, RZ4 North of Macarthur Ave



Map 2, RZ3 Turner (Section 47 and part Section 63)

