

GUEST PRESENTATIONS

Introduction: Jacob Ingram, Adviser, Office of Chief Minister.

Mr Ingram explained his community engagement role.

There was a discussion of the requirements for pre-DA consultation. This could be put on the agenda for a future meeting.

Canberra airport: Noel McCann, Director Planning.

Mr McCann discussed:

- international air routes
- Noise Abatement Areas as an effective tool for reducing noise impacts on residential areas, since about 1996
- the instrument landing system which currently operates only on the southern approach and reduces the number of aborted landings that result in planes needing to fly around again.
- A proposed “Constitution Place” development at 2 Constitution Avenue, which will have ≥ 550 car parking spaces underground, mostly available for public after-hours parking. One building will be all ACT Govt. the other will include a plant room directly above a 4 level 130 bed hotel and below several stories of offices.
- A land subdivision Denman Prospect at Molonglo. 377 blocks. ~270 sold so far. Plus another piece of land for 2400 dwelling units of mixed types, with a mix of tree species. Houses will be required to have solar cells. 0.1% of sale price goes to [homes for homes](#) affordable and social housing.
- The Snow Foundation, which has been operating for more than 25 years and will offer about \$2 million in funding this year.
- The recently-commences ACTION bus service to the airport, which gained impetus through [Mr McCann’s previous presentation to the North Canberra Community Council in April 2015](#).

GENERAL BUSINESS

Inquiry into an an Independent Integrity Commission

The Committee agreed convene a meeting to discuss issues that might form the basis of a submission.

Committee decisions since the previous General Meeting

The Committee accepted membership applications from Steve Skitmore, Wendy Dodd, Graham and Helen Scully and Zoe McGlynn.

Appeal against proposed Dickson supermarket/residential development

Progress was discussed. Final submissions start on the afternoon of 22 March and are scheduled to finish on the afternoon of 23 March.

National Park Feasibility Reference Group

The first meeting on 7 March agreed on the following are key questions in considering the environmental, economic and social benefits/costs of establishing a lowland grassy woodlands national park:

- a. Does the proposal improve the management of lowland grassy woodland above current management and how?
- b. Does the proposal facilitate inclusion of additional areas of lowland grassy woodland into the protected area estate?
- c. What would a new lowland grassy woodland national park cost?
- d. Would other stakeholders be affected by the proposal e.g. landholders, Wetlands and Woodlands Trust, ParkCare?

At this stage there is no clear evidence that the proposal would improve the management, connectivity and protection of Canberra Nature Park.

Residents' associations reports

Watson Watson Community Association has had contact with Jacob Ingram, the newly appointed link with the community associations and the Chief Minister's Office, who has facilitated a meeting with the WCA and the Environment, Planning and Sustainable Development Directorate last week. The WCA raised numerous issues principally around the lack of an overall plan for the whole suburb as North Watson continues to expand the established suburb immensely, and we expect to hear back within a couple of weeks. We also believe we have the opportunity of continued interaction and support."

So without giving a great screed we felt well satisfied to have an open discussion, and hope the door is open for further action.