

*Protecting, promoting and enhancing the economic, cultural, social and environmental well-being of the residents of North Canberra*

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## Minutes: Committee meeting 7pm 19 July 2023 Held online via Zoom

### **Minute taker for the meeting: Ernestine Kirsch**

**Attendance:** Ian Hubbard (Acting Chair for July 2023 meeting), Marcus Hipkins, Ernestine Kirsch, Margaret Dudley, Marianne Albury-Colless, Leon Arundell, Simon Clarke, Bruce Smith, John Elliffe, Margaret-Ann Henderson.

**Apologies:** Jane Goffman, Chris Mobbs, Chris Finnigan

**Guest presenters:** Amy Blain and Mel Gregory from Suburb Zero; Murray May.

### **1. Guest presentations**

Two presentations were given:

- Amy Blain and Mel Gregory from Suburb Zero.
- Murray May on wood heaters and the recent report released by the Office for the Commissioner for Sustainability and the Environment.

**Action item:** NCCC to draft a response letter addressing the recommendations of the report. Leon to draft the letter and distribute to the committee for endorsement.

- Margaret Henderson noted the concerns raised by a number of Campbell residents that rely on wood heaters for their heating needs and the cost implications of replacing wood heaters. It was agreed that this equity issue should be incorporated into the NCCC letter.
- Marianne Albury-Colless noted the issues with removing heaters from heritage properties and issues around installation of reverse-cycle air conditioners in double brick homes.

### **2. Confirmation of previous committee meeting minutes**

- The May 2023 minutes were confirmed. Proposed by Ian and seconded by Marianne.

### 3. Acting Chair's Update

- Sara Garrity from the Canberra Times had been in touch regarding the removal of Monash Drive from the Territory Plan. Chris Mobbs has agreed to talk to Sara on behalf of the NCCC.
- The NCCC has received a number of requests for presentations including consultation for the Canberra Theatre Centre re-development, greening of ACT Waterways, pre-DA consultation for Block 4 Section 57 Turner and plans for Watson Section 76. Ian to send requests around to committee members for feedback.

### 4. Treasurer's Update

- Bruce distributed the most recent bank statement and noted that there is \$5,294.01 in the account.
- Funding proposals from residents' associations for 2023/24 are due on 11 August 2023.

### 5. Other business

- **NCCC Statement of Principles:** Leon proposed that the NCCC Principles be endorsed. Ernestine seconded.

**Action item:** the Principles to be uploaded to the NCCC website.

- **Technical amendment to remove Pi overlay – Braddon and Ainslie ovals:** Marcus gave an overview of the technical amendment and the implications of removing the Public Land overlay. Members agreed that the issue should be brought to the attention of the CCC and to the relevant MLAs as this potentially has implications for public land across Canberra

**Action items:** (1) the CCC be alerted to this technical amendment at the next CCC meeting; (2) letter to be sent to the relevant MLAs to express the NCCC's concerns about the technical amendment (Marcus/Ian/Ernestine to draft and send a letter to MLAs).

### Close of meeting

Committee meetings and general meetings are held on alternative months. The next General meeting will be held on 13 September.