

19/464 Direct Sale of Block 2 Section 60 Taylor to BAPS Australian Territories Ltd as Trustee for the BAPS Swaminarayan Sanstha (ACT) Trust

Summary of Impacts

- The direct sale to BAPS Australian Territories Ltd as Trustee for the BAPS Swaminarayan Sanstha (ACT) Trust will enable BAPS to build a facility for purposes of a place of worship; religious associated use, community activity centre and cultural centre to service a section of the Hindu community of the ACT and surrounds.

Key to impacts: Red – negative, Blue - neutral and Green - positive.

Social

Justice and rights

- The direct sale of land to BAPS will enable the organisation to construct a permanent place of worship, community activity centre and cultural centre.
- The direct sale will facilitate the free expression of the religious and cultural rights of a section of Canberra’s Hindu community.
- Access to the BAPS’ facilities will provide greater choice and variety within Canberra’s wider community.

Economic

ACT Government Budget

- The base sales price for the land will be \$73,387 as per the existing charging policy for the direct sale of Blocks in excess of 5,000 square metres to community organisations for use as a place of worship. This amount is forecast to be received by the Territory in 2019-2020.

Productivity

- Development of a currently vacant site.

Investment

- Job creation through development of the site.

Competition

- Encourage social diversity amongst the community and supporting a broader range of religious organisations.

Environmental

Energy

- Environmental items are addressed as part of the Development Application approval process.