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From: Gill, Tony
Sent: Monday, 4 July 2011 2:03 PM
To: Guthrie, Marsha; Peters, Paul
Subject: RE: Infrastructure Australia Report to COAG [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

Thanks Marsha- the inclusion about the toll road is not a surprise but I think can be argued on the basis of the procurement options report prepared by E&Y- also no doubt Treasury would have a view on this as well.

Regards

Tony Gill

From: Guthrie, Marsha
Sent: Monday, 4 July 2011 10:31 AM
To: Peters, Paul; Gill, Tony
Subject: FW: Infrastructure Australia Report to COAG [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

Here is the briefing we did last week on the Majura Parkway Assessments (which we got to see prior to the release of the report).

I have also attached the EY Report that was done, which recommended that the road not be tolled.

Will review the report now for further briefing (please let me know if there is anything from your end).

Thanks

From: Guthrie, Marsha
Sent: Monday, 4 July 2011 10:26 AM
To: Purtill, Garrett; Smithies, Megan; Peters, Paul; Gill, Tony
Cc: Thompson, Kirsten
Subject: FW: Infrastructure Australia Report to COAG [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

FYI - see link to IA Report below.

Within the main report Pages 72, 78, 81, 97 and 102 provide references to the Majura Parkway (and yes, the recommendation that the road be tolled remains).
Only Page 76 has a reference to the Northbourne Transit way

Please also note that project assessments are attached (for Majura Parkway only - as per our previous brief),

Our actual submissions to IA have also been released for both projects (along with every other jurisdictions).

Marsha

From: Roe Paul [<mailto:Paul.Roe@infrastructure.gov.au>]
Sent: Monday, 4 July 2011 10:17 AM
Cc: White Victoria
Subject: Infrastructure Australia Report to COAG [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

Good morning

As discussed, the June 2011 report was publicly released at 10am this morning as well as relevant assessment information. The information is available through the what's new box on the IA website at www.infrastructureaustralia.gov.au

Thanks for assistance and cooperation. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Many thanks

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From: Stravens, Helen
Sent: Thursday, 7 July 2011 12:09 PM
To: Morrell, Sue; Peters, Paul; Dias, Carl; Lacey, Glenn
Cc: Gill, Tony
Subject: Majura Parkway - Media Statement
Attachments: Media.pdf

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For your reference.

Thanks
Helen



Anthony Albanese
Federal Minister for Infrastructure and Transport



Katy Gallagher
ACT Chief Minister

Joint Media Statement

FORTY YEAR MAJURA PARKWAY VISION SET TO BECOME A REALITY

More than 40 years after the first line appeared on a map, construction of the long awaited Majura Parkway will finally start next year and be completed in 2016.

Infrastructure and Transport Minister Anthony Albanese today said the project had secured the backing of the Gillard Labor Government and would receive \$144 million in Federal funding, matching the ACT Government's contribution dollar-for-dollar.

"Recommended by *Infrastructure Australia* and set to be built with monies from our Building Australia Fund, the Majura Parkway will make it easier for Canberrans to get around their city as well as taking trucks off local streets," said Mr Albanese.

"Construction of this new road is an investment in Canberra's future, with *Infrastructure Australia* putting its long term economic, social and environmental benefits at close to \$1 billion.

"Funding for the Majura Parkway builds on the record capital works program we initiated in our very first budget back in 2008. Together with the Gallagher Labor Government, we're building the modern, well planned transport infrastructure befitting Canberra's status as our nation's capital.

"This confirmation of funding for this project is the culmination of a persistent and passionate community campaign led by local MPs including Gai Brodtmann, Andrew Leigh, Mike Kelly and Senator Kate Lundy."

The Majura Parkway will be an 11.5 kilometre long duplicated road with seven bridges and three interchanges at the intersections with Fairbairn Avenue, Federal Highway and Monaro Highway.

ACT Chief Minister Katy Gallagher said the Majura Parkway upgrade means increased accessibility for motorists from Canberra's north into the city and southern suburbs.

"It will also play a key role in distributing freight in a safer way by diverting heavy vehicles around the city and avoiding populated areas and on major arterial roads like Northbourne Avenue," the Chief Minister said.

"Some 2,800 commercial vehicles and 18,000 passenger vehicles currently use Majura Parkway and this figure is expected to double in the next 15 years.

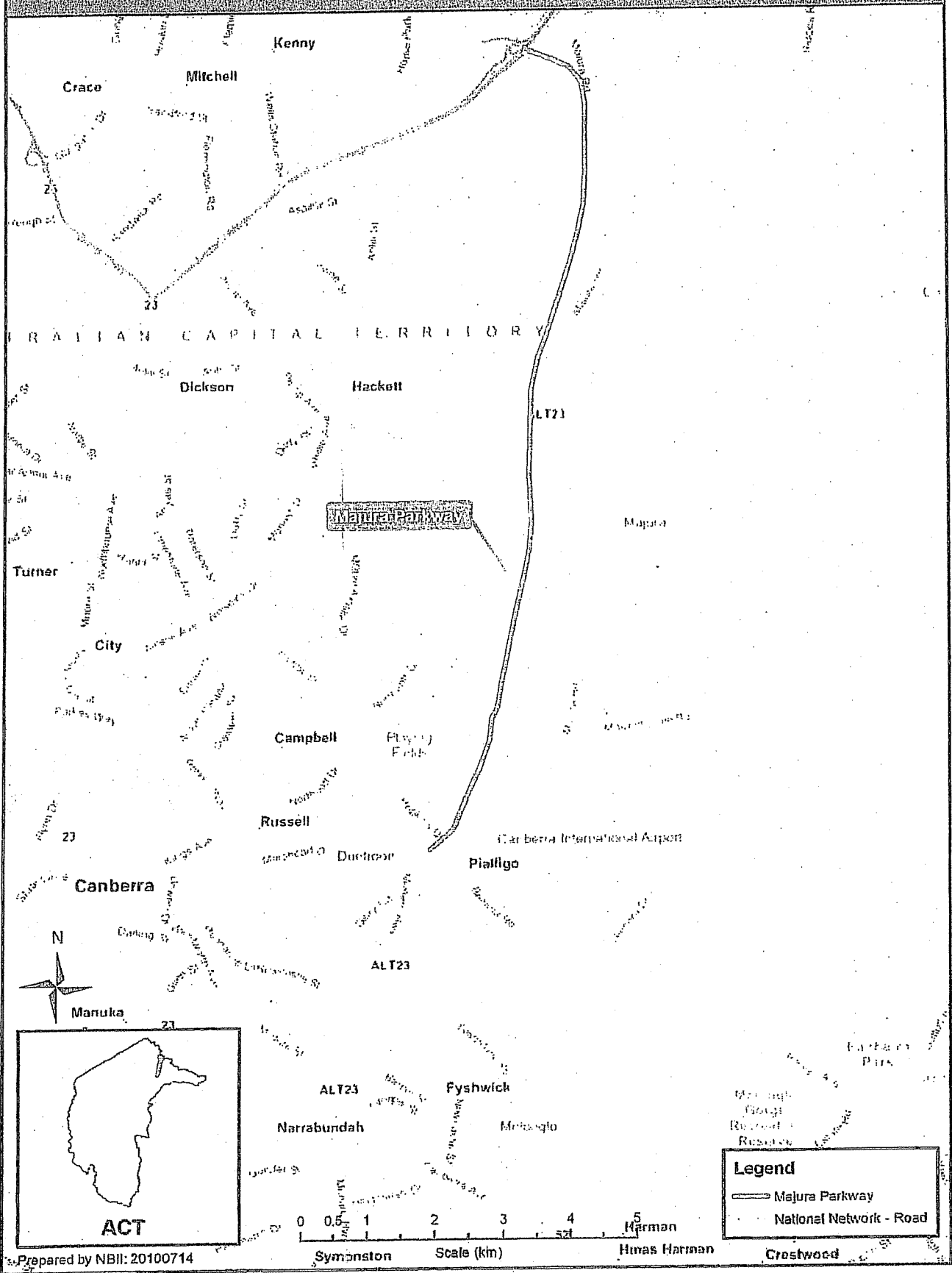
"There is no doubt Canberra is a growing city and the agreement between the ACT and Federal Labor Government's shows a strong and constructive working relationship that can deliver for all Canberrans to improve daily life.

"This project of national significance will benefit Canberra as a freight hub and Australia's national capital, but will also improve commute times in and out of Canberra on a daily basis for thousands of people who live and work in the ACT."

Media contact: Jeff Singleton 0410 476 890

Thursday, 7 July 2011

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From: Bedford, Judith MRS [judith.bedford@defence.gov.au]
Sent: Tuesday, 19 July 2011 12:50 PM
To: Gill, Tony
Cc: Farrell, Anthony MR; Brinckley, Robert MR
Subject: RE: Defence Land [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

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Tony

Bob Brinckley, myself and a representative from RMC could get together to go over were we are at with the process and what has been agreed to date. This would be better than a larger meeting, because some staff may have changed and we may get drawn into a situation were we are going back over matters previously covered.

Could you advise of times and date that may suit you. The first week in August will not work for Defence reps because of other commitments in that week.

Judith Bedford
AD Zone/Master Planning
Directorate of Base Planning
Estate Planning Branch

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From: Gill, Tony [mailto:Tony.Gill@act.gov.au]
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To: Bedford, Judith MRS
Cc: Días, Carl
Subject: Defence Land

Judith

We will be preparing a formal application in the next few weeks regarding the land acquisition and associated offsetting works in Duntroon associated with the Majura Parkway project. I would welcome your advice as to whether it is worthwhile meeting with Defence prior to doing this or once it has been lodged.

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Regards

Tony Gill
Roads ACT
15/7/11

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Regards

Tony Gill
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Taylor, Ian

From: Biddle, Greg MR [Greg.Biddle@defence.gov.au]
Sent: Wednesday, 24 September 2003 18:11
To: 'Readshaw, Andrew'
Cc: Gray, Lauren MS; Tom Brimson (E-mail); Taylor, Ian; Gill, Tony; Warcaba, Roman MR
Subject: SEC: UNCLASSIFIED: UXO areas in the Majura Valley near the corner of Fairbairn Avenue and Northcote Drive.



Majura Parkway
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Andrew

As advised on a number of occasions during this process and covered in my response to Maunsells. If the ACT Government wishes to purchase Commonwealth land for this development then it should approach Defence as soon as possible. This not only applies to the Campbell Park land but also to ADF and RMC Duntroon if there is a requirement.

It would be my firm view that UXO decontamination of this area would be an activity associated with the road construction and would therefore be an ACT Government responsibility.

Attached for your information is a copy of my letter to Maunsells.

Regards
Greg

-----Original Message-----

From: Readshaw, Andrew [mailto:Andrew.Readshaw@act.gov.au]
Sent: Wednesday, 24 September 2003 9:26
To: Biddle, Greg MR
Cc: Tom Brimson (E-mail); Taylor, Ian; Gill, Tony
Subject: RE: UNCLASSIFIED: UXO areas in the Majura Valley near the corner of Fairbairn Avenue and Northcote Drive.

Greg,

We walked thru the site yesterday with Mark Imber and I now understand the nature of the issue.

It sounds like the whole Valley is a UXO.

Please provide advice on what processes need to take place to construct the Majura Parkway and link road without endangering construction workers lives.

We will need to do a risk management plan for this issue.

Regards

Andrew Readshaw

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-----Original Message-----

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To: 'Readshaw, Andrew'
Cc: Imber, Mark MR; Gray, Lauren MS
Subject: SEC: UNCLASSIFIED: UXO areas in the Majura Valley near the corner of Fairbairn Avenue and Northcote Drive.

Andrew

If you forwarded the information to the cc stakeholders as you say, you might explain why I had a phone call from Graeme at Canberra Nature Park asking why he had received a Fax from me. I have no concerns with the action you have proposed but at least send it as information from yourself. We are currently considering the appropriate action for this area and will formally notify stakeholders following that consideration.

Regards
Greg

-----Original Message-----

From: Readshaw, Andrew [mailto:Andrew.Readshaw@act.gov.au]
Sent: Monday, 22 September 2003 15:34
To: Biddle, Greg MR
Cc: Taylor, Ian; Tom Brimson (E-mail); McKeown, Helen; Shorthouse, David; Sharp, Sarah; Wallis, Lynley; Klaver, Jan; Ormay, Peter; Price, Geoff; King, Geoff; 'n.mccann@canberraairport.com.au'; Isaks, Paul; Garrett, Rosemary; Aldwell, Lee-Anne
Subject: UXO areas in the Majura Valley near the corner of Fairbairn Avenue and Northcote Drive.

Greg,

Thank you for the fax on one of the UXO areas in the Majura Valley near the corner of Fairbairn Avenue and Northcote Drive.

Despite your advice on the facimililie relating to section 70 of the Crimes Act 1914, I believe it is appropriate to forward this information to the cc mentioned stakeholders in the interests of their personal safety.

I will also suggest to the stakeholders that this area be avoided and not walked through. The area is not signposted nor security fenced and the clearance requirements are currently unknown.

Regards

Andrew Readshaw

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Mr T Brimson
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Dear Tom

Majura Parkway – Preliminary Assessment

Thank you for arranging the separate briefing for Defence on the proposed Majura Parkway. It certainly provided the ideal forum for us to clarify issues we have and convey our initial concerns.

Defence is well aware of current and potential traffic issues in this area and supports efforts to improve traffic flows and minimise congestion. Having said that, our aim is to ensure that this is achieved with minimal impact on our property and operations. Summarised below are the major concerns raised with the Parkway proposal:

- In order for the Parkway to proceed acquisition of Commonwealth land will be required at the Australian Defence Force Academy (ADFA), Campbell Park Reserve and possibly the Royal Military College (RMC) adjacent to Morshead Drive, between Fairbairn Avenue and Pialligo Avenue. Defence wishes to see early and appropriate discussion on these acquisitions. There could also be the possible acquisition of National Land along the Majura Valley.
- It is apparent that the roadworks on Morshead Drive, between Fairbairn Avenue and Pialligo Avenue, will isolate RMC No. 1 Oval (oval to the east of Morshead Drive). This needs to be considered and appropriate access arrangements made to enable the continued use of No. 1 Oval.
- ~~Located on Northcott Drive is the main entrance to ADFA.~~ Development of the Northern Link Road between Majura Parkway and Northcott Drive will increase the volume of traffic on Northcott Drive. Impact on access to ADFA and possible noise attenuation measures will need to be taken into consideration and appropriate arrangements implemented.
- The Campbell Park Reserve has environmental constraints, with the area containing endangered species and communities protected under Commonwealth and Territory legislation. Planning and approvals will need to cover this issue. This same area was the site of a former military firing range and contains unexploded ordnance (UXO). Development will need to ensure that the area is cleared of UXO.

During the course of our discussion it was noted that access to the Majura Field Firing Range should not suffer any adverse impact as continued access will be available from the existing Majura Road which will become a lesser service road.

Not covered in the assessment is the impact on Russell Offices from the forecast increased traffic on Northcott Drive. The carrying capacity and traffic management related considerations for Northcott Drive, Constitution Avenue, Causeway Avenue and Kelliher Drive have not been addressed. The Majura Parkway proposal should not proceed in isolation of other proposed roadworks in the Russell precinct. Any proposed roadworks in the Russell precinct will also need to take consideration of the changed world security environment.

As discussed Defence is happy to provide copies of any environmental or other reports that may be of assistance in the preparation of this assessment.

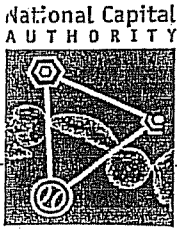
Once again, thank you for the opportunity to comment on this proposal, I look forward to continued engagement to deal with our concerns.

Yours sincerely

Greg Biddle
Manager Regional Planning and Development
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Fax: (02) 6266 8722

cc. Mr Tony Gill
Roads ACT

Mr David Wright
NCA



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 ② refer to Ian Taylor
 for initial comment to
 me on input of opt A & also the NCA letter
 attached.

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③ Also copy to
 Paul Deeks of ACT plan
 telephone #71720 for comment.

Dear Mr Gill

Majura Parkway Preliminary Assessment

Thank you for the information package dated 11 June 2003 summarising the outcome of the preliminary planning studies on the Majura Parkway and inviting comment on the proposal.

The Authority has reviewed the material and staff attended the information session held by Maunsell Australia Pty Ltd on 25 June 2003. As a consequence, the following comments are offered.

Of the four options presented for the provision of roads as part of the Majura Parkway connection from the Federal Highway to the Monaro Highway, the Authority considers Option A to be the best solution. While the consultant report indicates a preference for Option D, there are benefits in Option A that best contribute to National Capital significance. Option A is recommended for further development in proceeding with the design of related road works.

The benefits of Option A are that it:

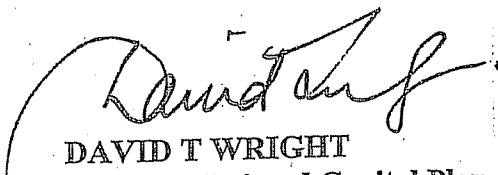
- provides the most direct arrangements for Northcott Drive to become a major future entry road to the Central National Area;
- maintains the preferred relationship with Fairbairn Avenue in performing its secondary role of access to the City rather than taking future high levels of traffic approaching the City from the east from Pialligo Avenue and from the south along Monaro Highway;
- avoids the possible need to duplicate Fairbairn Avenue (which would be a consequence of Option D).

In the letter to ACT Procurement Solutions dated 30 October 2002 (copy attached) the Authority sought consideration of the management of the interchange of Majura Parkway with Morshead Drive north of the Molonglo River and east of the Duntroon Oval. While consideration of this proposal may have been in the full Preliminary Assessment, the extract of material provided does not advise if this has in fact been considered. The Authority would wish to see this matter addressed in the PA as it would encourage a more direct way for southbound traffic on Majura Parkway to connect to the Morshead Drive/Parkes Way corridor.

The further point in the previous letter concerning the need for early consultation with the Australian Defence Forces Academy is reiterated. Discussion with ADFA about the outcomes that would affect their site at Campbell would need to be undertaken before detailed design work is proposed.

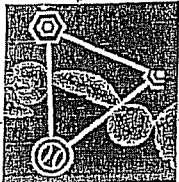
If there are any matters that you wish to discuss arising from the above comments please telephone Ted Schultheis on 6271 2832.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David T Wright". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "D" and "W".

DAVID T WRIGHT
Director National Capital Plan

16 July 2003



Building the National Capital in the hearts of all Australians

Ref 01/91
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Mr Andrew Readshaw
ACT Procurement Solutions
Department of Urban Services
GPO Box 818
DICKSON ACT 2602

Dear Mr Readshaw

Majura Parkway – Concept Design and Preliminary Sketch Plans

Thank you for your letter of 2 October 2002 and the opportunity to comment on the package of information on the proposed Majura Parkway.

The previous comments to you from the Authority by e-mail of 6 June 2002 on support for the concept proposal are reiterated. In relation to those areas that are within the Designated Areas of the National Capital Plan there will need to be an application for works approval from the Authority at the appropriate time. Delineation of those areas on the Sketch Plans at this stage would be advisable to ensure that the particular areas for this requirement are identified in advance of the preparation of working drawings.

The following comments are offered on the detail in the PSP Report.

Page 33. In 2.12 the terminology needs to be changed. There are some areas adjacent to, and including parts of, the road corridor that are within a Designated Area of the National Capital Plan. Other areas, as defined in the Plan, are Approach Routes where Development Control Plans would be required for land “generally within 200 metres of the centre line of the road” (page 76). The Detailed Drawings may be adopted by the Authority as the Development Control Plans. In this regard the Authority would wish to discuss the landscape design when these are being prepared for the road corridor as this would represent an important part of the design outcomes of the approaches to the Central National Area.

Page 48. The Concept Design does not indicate a need for an Amendment to the National Capital Plan. (See also 6.5.2 on page 99). However, the final design may result in an amendment to the Plan to show the “proposed” arterial road system as an “existing” road. That amendment could be considered at the time of any proposed Variation of the Territory Plan.

Page 54. The proposed “link road” will in part provide access to the employment areas on the east side of the City. However, the main traffic loads are expected to

focus on Morshead Drive and Parkes Way. Advice is requested on the scope for retaining the roundabout solution for the Parkway interchange with Morshead Drive/Pialligo Avenue in the ultimate design rather than the partial clover leaf solution proposed south of the Molonglo River as referred to at pages 69/70 in 4.9.9 and 4.9.11.

Page 70. As mentioned above the future duplication of roadworks on Fairbairn Avenue is yet to be determined and the word "when" in 4.9.12 should read "if".

Given the limited space available for accommodating a full interchange solution north of the Molonglo River on the alignment proposed, can consideration be given to a new bridge near Woolshed Creek further to the east of the existing intersection? This would appear to allow for an interchange that would overcome the need for the partial cloverleaf to accommodate future growth in traffic loads from the Parkway to the City. An alternative may be to relocate the Fairbairn Avenue connection to Pialligo Avenue west of Woolshed Creek to act as the east-off lane from the Parkway providing for west turns to access Morshead Drive under the Parkway.

Page 58. The Medium to Long Term diagram (Figure 4.3) shows possible duplication of Fairbairn Avenue. While the road reserve could allow for such to occur the proposal to duplicate would depend on further investigation of the issues involved in that work. A note to this effect is recommended.

Page 61. 4.3.4 reference is made to the carriageway being able to pass between the ADFA paying fields and the future road. There is no reference in the Consultation section of the report that there have been discussions with ADFA about the concept and this would need to be undertaken before detailed design work is carried out.

Page 66. The proposed stormwater run-off controls are supported.

If there are any questions in relation to the above comments please contact me on 6271 2832

Yours sincerely



Ted Schultheis
Principal Planner
National Capital Plan

30 October 2002



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Mr Trevor Van Dam
Chief Operating Officer
Australian Federal Police
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Dear Mr Van Dam

Thank you for your letter of 30 June 2003 to Mr Gordon Davidson, Acting Chief Executive, regarding the Majura Parkway Proposals.

Urban Services acknowledge that you have a significant interest in the development of the proposed Majura Parkway, and that you have already provided some input into an earlier study on Majura Road commissioned by the Department. Although this project is still in the very early planning stages and detailed design is unlikely to be completed in the next five years, your input into the process at this time would be valuable.

I understand that Mr Tony Gill, Acting Director Roads ACT, has contacted Mr Chris Whyte and arranged a meeting for 21 July to discuss the current proposals for the Majura Parkway and how your organisation can contribute to the preliminary assessment process currently underway.

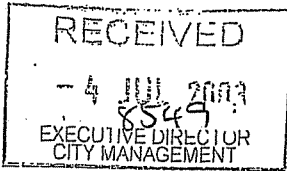
Should you have any further queries regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Mr Gill on phone (02) 6207.6588.

Yours sincerely

Alan Thompson
Chief Executive

16 July 2003

→ Please see 20/2/03 reply



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30 June 2003

Gordon Davidson
Acting Chief Executive
Department of Urban Services
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Canberra City ACT 2601

Handwritten notes:
Important that this gets resolved -
Perhaps meeting scheduled
4 weeks from the CE
canberra zone

Dear Mr Davidson

RE: MAJURA PARKWAY PROPOSALS

The Australian Federal Police has become aware of a "Consultation Information Package" dated June 2003 relating to the proposed development of a new Majura parkway. We would be grateful for the opportunity to discuss matters related to the proposed parkway as soon as possible.

The AFP occupies Commonwealth land comprising Block 622 Majura. This site has been selected for substantial development and investment over the next five years as the AFP consolidates our support services centre, to include a wide range of operational, operations support, administrative, training and related functions. The site is already used for a range of operational and training purposes.

Given that the AFP has not yet been consulted in relation to the proposed parkway, we wish to indicate two principal concerns. Firstly, that alignment option 2 for the parkway cuts directly across Block 622 and would have fundamental impacts on existing and proposed developments. Secondly, if and when the parkway is constructed, and assuming it is not along alignment option 2, the AFP believes there is a strong case to provide access directly onto the parkway from Block 622. While acknowledging the principle that minor accesses to the parkway from adjacent land will generally be prohibited, the AFP would raise for consideration the potential volume of traffic to and from Block 622 (which may accommodate some 500 staff) and the desirability that emergency services components be able to utilise the most expedient means of transit when required.

The AFP's contact in this matter is Mr Chris Whyte, General Manager Policy and Commercial, telephone 6275 7661.

Yours sincerely,

Trevor Van Dam
Chief Operating Officer

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Australian Government

Department of the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts

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Director
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LYNEHAM ACT 2602

Date: 25 August 2009
EPBC Ref: 2009/5057
EPBC contact: Mr Chris Murphy
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Chris.Murphy@environment.gov.au

Dear Mr Gill

**Receipt of referral
Construction of a four lane dual carriageway road, Monaro Highway to Federal Highway, Majura, ACT**

Thank you for referring your proposal for construction of a four lane dual carriageway road, Monaro Highway to Federal Highway, Majura, Australian Capital Territory for consideration under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act).

Information about this proposed action has been published on the Department's website for public consultation. The period of consultation will extend for 10 business days.

At the end of the consultation period, the information included in the referral, along with any comments received, will be used to help decide whether this proposed action:

- is a controlled action (one that is likely to have a significant impact on matters protected under the EPBC Act and therefore needs to be assessed and approved by the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and the Arts before it can proceed), or
- is not a controlled action and may be undertaken but only as described in the referral, or
- does not require approval under the EPBC Act.

Alternatively, it may be decided, on the basis of the information in the referral that the action is clearly unacceptable (the referred action would have unacceptable impacts on matters protected under the EPBC Act and cannot proceed).

Before making a decision, we may contact you to clarify any details or to ask you for further information. By 23 September 2009 you should receive advice about your referral.

An electronic version of your referral can be viewed on the Department's website at www.environment.gov.au/epbc. This website also includes a range of other information about the process of assessment and decision-making under the EPBC Act.

Your referral has been allocated a unique reference number, EPBC 2009/5057. Please use this number in any communications with the Department as it will help ensure timely and efficient service. You can also use this number to locate any information about your project on the Department's website.

We will make every effort to ensure that the assessment of your proposed action is handled in a professional and helpful manner. A project manager for the next stage of the process has been appointed and will be happy to answer any questions you might have. You can contact Mr Chris Murphy by telephone (02) 6274 1821 or by email Chris.Murphy@environment.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

Rochelle Tomkins
A/g Director
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Cc: Foulds Alex; Horton-Crouch Sharleen; Stravens, Helen
Subject: Draft-Airport precinct roads.doc [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

Tony

Alex is away but he has asked to pass on the following comments in relation to your draft letter to you for consideration.

Paragraph 5 - could you please summarise in 3-4 dot points on what the major difficulties are.

Paragraph 11 - could you please begin the paragraph with these words: "Roads ACT considers this election commitment is best delivered by progressing the Majura Parkway project....."

Once the Department receives a formal request, a brief will be provided to Minister Albanese for decision.

Regards

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From: Foulds Alex
Sent: Wednesday, 21 October 2009 9:02 PM
To: 'Stravens, Helen'
Cc: Gill Tony; Qian Yin; Horton-Crouch Sharleen
Subject: RE: Draft-Airport precinct roads.doc [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

Hi Tony,

Yin will be getting back to you tomorrow with a couple of very minor suggestions which you might like to consider. As discussed, once we have received your letter and all the supporting attachments, the Department will consider the ACT Government's request and provide a brief to Minister Albanese for his consideration and decision. The Department will respond to TAMS as soon as possible after that consideration.

Please contact me if you have any questions. I will be on leave from tonight until 4th November.

Regards

Alex

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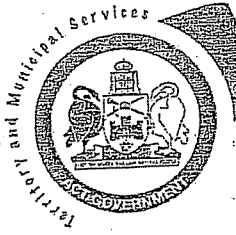
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Hi Alex

Please find attached a draft letter prepared by Tony Gill, seeking any comments/suggestions from you before we officially post it to you. We will not be sending the attachments electronically, only the draft letter is attached.

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Dear Alex

I refer to our meeting of 8 October 2009 regarding a number of issues associated with roads at the Airport precinct covered by the Federal Government's Nation Building program.

The key element of the Federal Government's election commitment was to improve roads in the Airport precinct and as such the focus to date has been the planning and design issues associated with the Majura Parkway (the Parkway).

The environmental impact assessment for this project is well advanced and a formal request has been submitted to the Department of Defence to acquire land necessary to progress the Parkway.

A recent review of the economic and environmental issues associated with the Majura Parkway has confirmed it to be a very robust project with a strong economic benefit/cost ratio in excess of 3.0.

The review and subsequent environmental assessment has highlighted the difficulty in staging the project. Some of the major difficulties include:

- 1) Given the high ecological values in the Majura Valley Corridor and the presence of a number of endangered species such as the legless lizard and earless dragon, it is not possible to stage the work and link back across to Majura Road without having a significant impact on the habitat of these endangered species.
- 2) The transport benefits of staged works are very marginal with individual stages not cost effective in their own right.
- 3) The negotiations with the Department of Defence regarding land acquisition has progressed more slowly than anticipated which has impacted on the program and staging options that could be considered in the short term.

Copies of the relevant consultant reports underpinning these views are included as Attachments 1 and 2 with this letter.

On the basis of this advice, Roads ACT has explored a number of options to best utilise the \$30 million available and deliver on the Federal Government's election commitments under the Building Australia Program (2009-14).

These options have included the construction of the Majura Parkway over a number of stages; progressing the Majura Parkway in one stage only; and the option of completing associated work along the Monaro Highway in the first instance.

On balance, Roads ACT consider the following is the best strategy to deliver on the Federal Government's election commitments:

- (1) complete the environmental assessment, planning and design work for the full Majura Parkway project;
- (2) complete the land acquisition from the Department of Defence to enable the Majura Parkway to be progressed;
- (3) for the ACT and Federal Government to commence negotiations on the funding of the Majura Parkway to enable it to be constructed in one stage;

- (4) for the balance of available funds to be used to complete the duplication of the Monaro Highway through Fyshwick and on works on Fairbairn Avenue, Morshead Drive and Majura Road that would be necessary as part of the Majura Parkway.

A copy of a report confirming the economic case to duplicate the section of Monaro Highway in Fyshwick is included with this letter at Attachment 3.

In summary, the above proposal is consistent with the Federal Government's election commitment is to fund roads in the vicinity of the Canberra Airport precinct.

Roads ACT consider this election commitment is best delivered by progressing the Majura Parkway project in the longer term and in the short term, progressing all the necessary planning; environmental and land acquisition requirements that will enable this to happen when a project funding arrangement has been finalised between the ACT and Federal Government.

In the interim, as well as completing the pre-construction activities for the Majura Parkway, the completion of the duplication of the Monaro Highway is consistent with improving the Majura Parkway/Monaro Highway as an important freight route and is a good investment of public funds. A copy of a plan showing the links between the Federal Highway; Majura Parkway and Monaro Highway is included at Attachment 4 to assist your understanding on this matter. Roads ACT will be in a position to deliver works forming part of this proposal with the ACT funding approved under the BAP (2009-14).

I also seek your advice on the administrative requirements to modify the current funding agreement and any views you may have on how best to deliver on the election commitments by the Federal Government in this instance.

Yours sincerely

Tony Gill
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October 2009

LEGEND:

- EXISTING 4xLANE MONARO HWY
- PROPOSED 4xLANE MONARO HWY
- PROPOSED MAJURA PARKWAY

FEDERAL HWY

MOLONGLO RIVER

MAJURA ROAD

AIRPORT

FYSHWICK

CANBERRA AVE

APPROX 25KM TO
NSW BOUNDARY

