



ACT
Government

CITY ACTION PLAN

GOVERNMENT ACTIONS
& INVESTMENT IN THE CITY





Canberra's city centre is the prime address of our city. It is where our people live, work and meet. It is a city for everyone.

The City Action Plan outlines the Government's vision for Canberra's city centre and actions to get there. This is the start of the conversation, a living document which will continue to evolve as the Government takes on the community's hopes and vision for the city centre. We need your voice to move this project forward.

For our City we want:

- A 24 hour economy
- An active, diverse street life
- A city that inspires pride – a city to celebrate
- An attractive city
- A fun and lively city
- A safe and accessible city
- Easy connections for pedestrian, cyclists and commuters

ACTIVATE

Actions for 2016-17

- Conduct a city audit to determine how people use the city and identify opportunities for growth.
- Map available infrastructure for event organisers.
- Explore and where necessary improve traffic and rubbish arrangements in laneways.
- Engage with local stakeholders on place making.
- Understand and map our municipal services – green space, furniture, power, water and rubbish – to facilitate activation.
- Conduct activations to demonstrate how public space can be used for a range of small scale interventions.
- Seek ideas from the community, students and industry on opportunities to transform our city.
- Offer events for children in the heart of the city.
- Propose a model for matching people with spaces for the best outcomes.

Ideas for 2017-18

- Bring the city to life in keeping with Canberra's main festival and tourism events.
- Build strong partnerships with the private sector and develop the events sector in the ACT.

COMMUNICATE

Actions for 2016-17

- Work with In the City Canberra and other stakeholders to communicate what is happening, to better promote events to tourists, local residents and the wider community.
- Work with stakeholders to create marketing material and communications material to demonstrate “how to find the experience you’re looking for in the city”.

PARTNER

Actions for 2016-17

- Partnerships with In the City Canberra, Property Council, Canberra Business Chamber and other key stakeholders.
- Partnerships with the creative and cultural sectors.

REJUVENATE

Actions for 2016-17

- Construct a new integrated Courts Facility.
- Plan for the delivery of the Government Office Block.
- Continue to release sites to the market as part of the Asset Recycling Initiative.
- Investigate options for a new Civic Pool.

Ideas for 2017-18

- Construct a new City Ambulance and Fire and Rescue facility.
- Provide the right cultural infrastructure to support our existing sectors and provide opportunities for the emergence of new talent.
- Introduce and support buskers into Garema Place, City Walk and other key civic areas.



CONNECT

Actions for 2016-17

- Upgrade pedestrian and cycle path systems with private sector contributions where possible.
- Complete the upgrade to Constitution Avenue by the end of August 2016 (weather permitting).
- Design and construct a pedestrian, cycling and public transport friendly plaza between the Sydney and Melbourne Buildings linking the east and west of the city (City Gateway project).
- Upgrade paths and lighting in Haig Park.
- Commence Stage One of the Light Rail Network

Ideas for 2017-18

- Develop a City Parking Strategy to address concerns of industry and demand management of long term car parking in conjunction with active travel and public transport objectives.
- Redefine the hierarchy, role and function of streets in the city to reduce through-traffic on Northbourne Avenue
- Determine the possibility of a 'cool route' to connect key areas of day time and night time economy (e.g. Kingston Foreshore, New Acton, the city and Braddon).
- Provide increased community and cultural infrastructure in the laneways to boost opportunities for activation, drawing on feedback collected from consultation and previous events.

SIMPLIFY

Actions for 2016-17

- Review insurance requirements for events on ACT land and simplify the current requirements.
- Introduce Events that Pop! - a 24 hour approvals process for low risk events.
- Ideas for 2017-18
- Recommend simplifications planning, regulatory and economic environment.

