

## **Parliamentary Agreement for the 9<sup>th</sup> Legislative Assembly for the Australian Capital Territory**

### **This agreement is between:**

Mr Andrew Barr MLA, Leader of the Australian Labor Party, ACT Branch

And

Mr Shane Rattenbury MLA, ACT Greens Member for Kurrajong, and  
Ms Caroline Le Couteur MLA, ACT Greens Member for Murrumbidgee.

### **Stable Government**

ACT Labor and the ACT Greens will continue to provide the ACT with stable and effective Government. Subject to this Agreement, the ACT Greens will:

1. Support Mr Andrew Barr as Chief Minister of the ACT
2. Guarantee support for the passage of Appropriation Bills for the ordinary annual services of Government
3. Not move any motions of no confidence, or support any other party's no-confidence motions, except in instances of proven corruption, gross negligence, or significant non-adherence to this agreement or the Ministerial Code of Conduct

Further details regarding the agreement to provide stable government are at **Appendix 1**.

### **Agreed priorities and outcomes**

Building on the positive outcomes for the Canberra community from the successful implementation of the Parliamentary Agreements for the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Assemblies, ACT Labor and the ACT Greens agree to the following key shared priorities and outcomes. This reflects our shared agenda and is not an exclusive set of priority actions for either party.

Labor's wider policy platform is set out at **Appendix 2**.

Agreed priorities for executive reform are outlined at **Appendix 3**.

#### **1. Action to improve Canberrans' health and access to healthcare**

ACT Labor and the ACT Greens agree to continue to focus on giving patients the best care, and deliver services when and where they need them, so that Canberra remains Australia's healthiest community. To achieve this goal, the parties agree to:

1. Design, construct and commence the operation of three nurse-led walk-in centres in Gungahlin, Weston Creek and the Inner North, based on the successful model currently operating in Belconnen and Tuggeranong; and assess the benefits of extending the centres' hours of operation;

2. Establish the Office for Mental Health to roll out and oversee mental health services and provider funding, develop a strategy that sets targets for suicide reduction, and provide more support for young people;
3. Reduce the incidence of heart disease, diabetes, obesity and other preventable health conditions, by expanding and refocussing the Healthy Weight Initiative, appointing a Preventative Health Coordinator and developing a comprehensive preventative health strategy;
4. Improve dental treatment for those who can't easily access it by operating two additional mobile dental clinics, and implement subsidy and opening hour policies to increase care for low income Canberrans;
5. Provide better healthcare for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders by building a new health clinic for Winnunga Nimityjah Aboriginal Health Service;
6. Increase frontline nursing staff to provide better healthcare services in hospitals and the community, by expanding Hospital in the Home, providing more outpatient nurses, reviewing current ACT Health outpatient and community based services, and implementing incentives to raise nurse qualifications and career development opportunities; and
7. Develop a Nurse Safety Strategy through forums with stakeholders, focussing on high risk areas.

## **2. Supporting our schools and higher education**

ACT Labor and the ACT Greens:

1. Will continue to strongly advocate for the Commonwealth Government to honour the original six year Gonski funding agreement, in full, because the Gonski model of needs-based schools funding is the best chance for every Canberra child, attending a public, independent or Catholic school, to reach their full potential;
2. Recognise that the Canberra Institute of Technology should remain the primary provider of high-quality vocational training in the ACT, and commit to maintain the CIT under public ownership. The Government will continue to directly fund CIT to a minimum of 70% of total ACT Government funding for VET;
3. Agree that the Government will employ an additional 20 school psychologists over the term to strengthen mental health and wellbeing support in our schools, strengthen community based counselling services for children and young people, and implement a streamlined referral process that can be utilised by all schools;
4. Continue social and emotional learning programs in schools to enhance the skills of children and young people to engage in respectful relationships, including to prevent violence and sexual assault;

5. Employ an additional four senior teachers with expertise in pedagogy, learning difficulties, and literacy and numeracy programming, to implement a coaching and mentoring model to build teaching capacity; and conduct a trial of innovative teaching methods; and
6. Implement measures to improve road safety around schools, including the development of individual traffic management plans for every school.

### **3. Building an integrated transport network**

ACT Labor and the ACT Greens recognise that Canberrans support an integrated transport network comprising buses, light rail, roads, rideshare, taxis, cycling and walking. To achieve this strong network, the parties agree to:

1. Immediately commence community consultation, scoping and design work of Stage 2 of the light rail network, to progress the Woden Stage 2 extension to the procurement stage and contract signing in this term;
2. Encourage bus patronage by implementing free bus travel for seniors and concession card holders (excluding students) on all routes, and two months' free bus travel on new Rapid routes for all travellers;
3. Expand the reach and accessibility of the flexible bus service to the Inner North;
4. Implement new ACTION Rapid routes to provide better services through town centres and major destinations, as announced by Government prior to the election period and funded in the pre-election update;
5. Develop an ACTION fleet management strategy, with new and replacement buses to be purchased following evaluation of the sustainable fuels bus trial, prioritising green technologies such as hybrid and electric, and considering criteria including value for money and operational cost, environmental performance, energy efficiency and sourcing, and disability accessibility compliance;
6. Conduct a strategic assessment of innovative transport options for Canberra, including autonomous and semi-autonomous vehicle trials and better utilisation and connection of taxis and buses in off-peak periods;
7. Raise the profile of the Active Travel Office, and through the Office coordinate the rollout of \$30 million in additional priority footpath maintenance, cycling and walking route upgrades, and age-friendly suburb improvements in our shopping centres and existing suburbs;
8. Adopt the World Health Organisation's HEAT model for Budget assessment of active travel projects; and

9. Facilitate the establishment of bike hubs by the private sector (such as those operating in Brisbane).

#### **4. Improving social housing and housing affordability**

ACT Labor and the ACT Greens agree that that improving housing affordability is essential to ensuring secure accommodation is available to all Canberrans, and home ownership remains a realistic goal. To meet these aspirations, the parties agree to:

1. Continue the five year program of public housing renewal;
2. Develop a new Affordable Housing Strategy to deliver more affordable housing options;
3. Continue to cut stamp duty in every ACT Budget;
4. Create an innovation fund to support new approaches to affordable housing, starting with support to establish HomeGround Real Estate, Homeshare for older Canberrans, and the Nightingale Housing Model in Canberra;
5. Maintain a role for public sector land development with a board that includes independent members with skills from the social and affordable housing sector;
6. Set affordable housing targets across greenfield and urban renewal development projects, with structures to prevent resale windfall profits;
7. Work with community and business partners to construct purpose built accommodation for people experiencing mental health concerns and housing difficulties, utilising the 'MyHome for Canberra' project plan;
8. Grow and diversify the not for profit community housing sector, through a combination of capital investment, land transfer and other means;
9. Strengthen specialist homelessness and housing support services to make sure vulnerable groups (eg. older women, indigenous communities and women escaping violence) get the support they need; support people seeking housing who have a lived experience of trauma; fund professional development and training for the Specialist Housing and Homeless Service Providers; and support Uniting City Early Morning Centre provision of essential services;
10. Convene a homelessness summit in 2017 bringing together all key stakeholders to develop innovative proposals to combat homelessness; and
11. Expand after hours and weekend intake referrals to homelessness services utilising the existing 'OneLink' service for a one year pilot program, and evaluate for continuation.

## **5. Better planning processes, consultation and outcomes**

1. Establish an Assembly Committee Inquiry into planning, to recommend amendments to the Territory Plan, ways to improve the planning process, consultation requirements, design and sustainability outcomes, energy performance, and range of housing options;
2. Strengthen community consultation processes, including through the use of deliberative democracy strategies, so that diverse views are taken into account in major project proposals;
3. Conduct a review of the effectiveness of the Energy Efficiency Ratings Scheme;
4. Actively progress discussions with the NSW Government and Yass Valley Council regarding moving the ACT/NSW border in West Belconnen;
5. Encourage Universal Housing initiatives by:
  - a. Holding a roundtable to develop incentives that will encourage construction of new homes and apartments that meet the Liveable Housing Design Silver and Gold Levels;
  - b. Developing training programs for architects and builders;
  - c. Showcasing Universal Housing in demonstration housing projects; and
  - d. Playing an active role at COAG to push for genuine progress on the 2010 COAG agreement (in the National Disability Strategy), for new housing to meet Universal Design Standards; and
6. Establish a panel of independent auditors to conduct mandatory annual audits of building certifiers through a self-funding model.

## **6. Protecting the environment and mitigating climate change**

ACT Labor and the ACT Greens reconfirm their genuine commitment to protecting the local environment, and doing everything we can as a community and city to combat human-induced climate change. To meet these goals, the parties agree to:

1. Continue all necessary policy and contractual steps to achieve 100% renewable electricity by 2020;
2. Sign the 'Under 2 MOU' and set firm interim targets to reach zero net emissions by 2050 at the latest;
3. Fund the ACT Environmental Defenders Office for at least two years from November 2016, while working with the EDO to develop sustainable wider revenue streams;
4. Establish a container deposit scheme and install 100 recycling bins around the city, to increase recycling rates and improve the amenity and health of our waterways and parklands;

5. Roll out micro parks in urban areas and establish an 'adopt a park' scheme to increase amenity and usage of local open spaces, and work with the community and private sector to reduce the heat island effect in urban areas, expand the urban and street shade canopy, and replace ageing trees;
6. Conduct an assessment of a Sustainable Bonds scheme to fund sustainable infrastructure;
7. Undertake a regulatory impact statement into setting minimum EER standards for rental properties by the end of 2017, with a view to implementing measures to improve energy efficiency of rental properties;
8. Develop a four year program to deliver weed and pest animal control;
9. Undertake a feasibility study into establishing a new northern Canberra region National Park, including existing nature reserves around Mount Majura, Mount Ainslie and Mulligans Flat; and
10. Implement the key findings of the Waste Feasibility Study so that ACT waste management is national best practice.

## **7. Making our community even stronger and more inclusive**

ACT Labor and the ACT Greens understand that government has an active and positive role to play in making sure everyone in our community is supported, welcomed, and has the opportunity to reach their full potential. The parties therefore agree to:

1. Develop a carers strategy in close consultation with Carers ACT, disability groups and other affected community members;
2. Create a new policy unit to monitor and support the roll out of the National Disability Insurance Scheme, oversee grants to improve the ability of people with disabilities to participate in mainstream community groups, better support parents of children with disabilities; and a resourced Disability Reference Group to include people with disabilities and to address access issues for transport and new developments;
3. Establish an ongoing Multicultural Advisory Board to assist with the implementation of the ACT Multicultural Framework; and convene a multicultural summit;
4. Conduct a program to increase community access to government facilities, such as school halls;
5. Establish a Drug and Alcohol Court and associated support programs as part of a goal to reduce recidivism by 25% by 2025, continue existing funding of justice reinvestment programs and assess the need for any additional funding as part of the budget process;
6. Introduce an ACT Rights of Victims Charter; and

7. Continue existing funding for community legal services and assess the need for any additional funding as part of the Budget process.

## **8. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People**

ACT Labor and the ACT Greens are committed to supporting Canberra's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community, and the parties will continue to work with the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Elected Body and Indigenous organisations to ensure we deliver the best possible outcomes. This commitment includes:

1. Continuing funding support for dedicated culture and language programs in schools and after-school programs; and
2. Ensuring cultural connections are considered in planning and heritage assessments.

## **9. Reducing harm from gaming**

1. Reduce the number of electronic gaming machine licenses in the ACT to 4000 by 1 July 2020;
2. Explore further harm reduction measures, including mandatory pre-commitment systems and bet limits for electronic gaming machines;
3. Increase the Problem Gambling Assistance Fund levy from 0.6% of gross gaming machine revenue to 0.75%, and direct additional funds into addressing problem gambling; and
4. Review the current community contribution scheme, with a view to maximising the direct benefit to the community from the scheme.

## **10. Strengthening government, parliamentary and electoral integrity**

Canberrans are entitled to have confidence that their government is working in their best interests at all times. ACT Labor and the ACT Greens agree to implement a package of reforms that will build on measures previously implemented to improve probity, integrity and accountability in decision-making in the Territory:

1. Establish an Independent Integrity Commission, broadly structured on those operating in similarly sized jurisdictions, following a Parliamentary Committee inquiry into the most effective and efficient model for the ACT;
2. Effective immediately, neither party will accept donations from property developers, and the Government will bring to the Assembly a legislative ban on all such donations based on bans operating in other jurisdictions;
3. Establish a Select Committee to review the operation of the 2016 ACT election and Electoral Act, and make recommendations on lowering the voting age, improving

donation rules and reporting timeframes, and encouraging more people to enrol, vote and participate more widely in political activity;

4. Through the Assembly process, expand the scope of the lobbyist register to capture in-house government relations staff, industry associations, and project management liaison officers and companies, and conduct a review of its effectiveness after one year; and
5. Strengthen the Commissioner for Standards' role by streamlining the referrals process for complaints against MLAs.

Further reforms of the Executive are set out at **Appendix 3**.

### **11. Emergency services and law reform**

1. Progress jointly-committed investment in fire-fighting equipment, personnel and facilities, and establish a rigorous ongoing consultation process, including through a roundtable meeting, to discuss wider resourcing, structural and organisational reform, and increasing diversity in the fire-fighting service;
2. Undertake legislative reforms to expand the definition of domestic violence in the Crimes Act to include emotional and social violence; and implement any outstanding ALRC recommendations on sexual assault;
3. Establish an ACT medicinal cannabis program in 2017, to allow sick and dying people timely and efficient access to medicinal cannabis products, on prescription; and establish appropriate regulations, administration and education and training to ensure the programme is effective; and
4. Bring forward a submission for Cabinet consideration to enact a 'right to appeal' law.

### **12. Public Infrastructure**

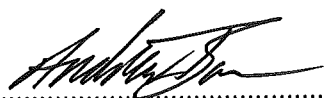
Social, city and economic infrastructure is essential to keep Canberra liveable and productive, and to strengthen its reputation as a leading international artistic and sporting city. ACT Labor and the ACT Greens agree to progress major infrastructure projects:

1. Complete Stage 1 of Light Rail from Gungahlin to the City;
2. Construct Stage 2 of the Belconnen Arts Centre, to allow a wider range of use by community, artistic and performance groups;
3. Progress feasibility and business case development work on the Australia Forum convention centre and a new Canberra Theatre; and
4. Undertake feasibility studies into the construction of two multi-purpose indoor sports centres in Woden and Gungahlin.



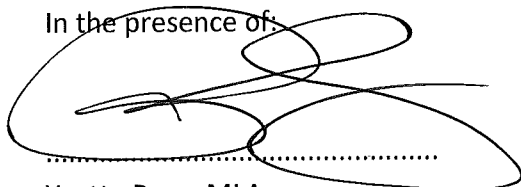
### 13. Animal welfare

1. End the ACT Government subsidy to the ACT greyhound racing industry at the conclusion of the current MOU, and actively support the transition steps required to end the operation of the greyhound racing industry, including animal welfare and training support; and
2. Expand and ensure the effectiveness of cat containment, and increase funding for cat de-sexing.

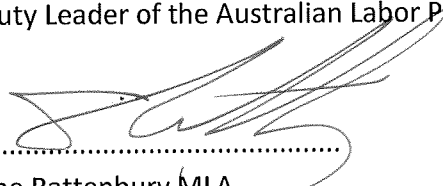


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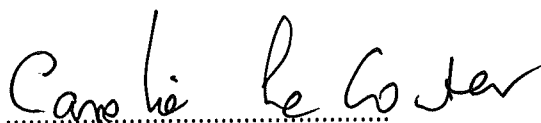


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## **Appendix 1:**

### **Commitments to deliver Stable Government**

This Appendix provides further details of the agreed position on providing stable and effective Government for the ACT through the 9<sup>th</sup> Assembly.

#### **I. Commitment to fiscal responsibility**

The parties confirm their commitment to fiscal responsibility and the maintenance of a balanced budget through the economic cycle.

#### **II. Commitment to Policy Program**

The parties agree to support or deliver the initiatives as they are described in this Agreement, unless a written agreement to vary the initiative is signed by both parties.

#### **III. Appointment of an ACT Greens Minister**

Once appointed as Chief Minister Andrew Barr will appoint Shane Rattenbury as a Minister.

A review of the Cabinet Handbook will be undertaken to support appropriate information sharing.

Any changes to Ministerial Portfolios to be undertaken with at least a week's notice, and with consultation on the draft Administrative Arrangements Orders.

#### **IV. Cabinet decision-making**

Based on the successful use of the process as outlined in Appendix 2 of the 2012 Agreement, the Greens Minister will vote with the Government in the Assembly on all matters that he has agreed to support in Cabinet.

Following Cabinet discussion of any matter of serious concern, the Greens Minister will either:

- a. Agree to support the proposal
- b. Agree to support the proposal in principle but reserve the right to move amendments or advocate a different position during the debate on the matter in the Assembly; or
- c. Vote against the proposal (other than for the ordinary annual services of government)

Once the Greens Minister advises that he reserves the right to move amendments, advocate a different position or vote against a proposal, he shall excuse himself from further Cabinet discussion on the proposal. The Greens Minister is entitled to explain his position publicly.

## **V. Executive Members Business**

The Standing Orders will continue to allocate time during each Assembly sitting week to allow Executive Members business that has not been submitted to Cabinet to be debated in the Assembly, as it currently operates.

## **VI. Parliamentary Staffing and Resources**

The ACT Greens will be provided with staffing resources sufficient to undertake Ministerial, and wider Assembly and Electorate duties.

## **VII. Provision of information**

Information and regular briefings and written responses to specific questions will be provided by directorate officials to the ACT Greens MLAs both about matters arising under this agreement and other matters as requested by the ACT Greens MLAs.

Greens MLAs will be invited to any roundtables and stakeholder forums outlined in this agreement.

## **VIII. Public communication of initiatives**

ACT Labor will provide notice to the ACT Greens MLAs before any public announcements involving items from this agreement, and will acknowledge the ACT Greens and this agreement in any public communications about items from this agreement. The ACT Greens Minister will provide equivalent notice to the ACT Labor Minister should they be responsible for delivering the agreement item.

## **IX. Speaker, Committees and Other Roles in the Assembly**

The ACT Greens will support ACT Labor's nomination for Speaker.

The parties agree to establish seven Standing Committees. As reflected in the Latimer House Principles, the Opposition will Chair three committees (including the JACS and Scrutiny of Bills Committee and the Public Accounts Committee), the ALP will Chair three committees, and the Greens will Chair one committee. Committees will comprise two Labor Members, two Liberal Members, and the Greens Member if she chooses to join the committee.

ACT Labor will support the ACT Greens' nomination for Chair of the Planning Committee.

ACT Labor will support the ACT Greens' nomination for Chair of the Select Committee to establish an Independent Integrity Commission.

The ACT Greens will support ACT Labor's nomination for Chair of the Select Committee on the 2016 ACT election and Electoral Act.

#### **X. Review of this Agreement**

The Head of Service will provide a quarterly report on progress of the Agreement to Greens and Labor MLAs.

The parties will review the implementation of this Agreement every six months, and make a public statement on progress every year.

#### **XI. Amendment**

This agreement may be amended by agreement between the parties. Any proposed amendments shall be put in writing by the party making the proposal. The parties will undertake discussions of amendment in good faith.

#### **XII. Dispute Resolution**

The parties will, in the event of a perceived non-adherence of this agreement, notify the other party in writing immediately. Following written notification the parties will meet as soon as practicable and act in good faith to resolve the dispute.

## **Appendix 2:**

### **ACT Labor Policy Platform for the 9<sup>th</sup> Assembly**

ACT Labor took a clear and comprehensive policy platform to the 2016 election, focussing on delivering better healthcare services, improving education facilities and outcomes, creating and supporting secure and wellpaid jobs, and building essential transport infrastructure for a growing city.

Along with the policies outlined in the Parliamentary Agreement, ACT Labor will implement the following policy priorities through the 9<sup>th</sup> Term of the Legislative Assembly:

#### **1. Healthcare**

ACT Labor has released a comprehensive 10-year health plan to improve healthcare for every Canberran, with the key components:

- Commencing construction of a Surgical Procedures, Interventional Radiology and Emergency (SPIRE) Centre on the Canberra Hospital campus
- Expanding the size and services within the Centenary Hospital for Women and Children
- Undertake a scoping and design study for longer-term new and expanded Northside hospital facilities.
- Upgrade Calvary Public Hospital, starting with an expansion to the Emergency Department.
- Establishing a capital grant program to construct three new bulk billing medical practices
- Boosting frontline nursing staff and healthcare services in the community
- Setting an ambitious 90% organ donation rate by making it as easy as possible for Canberrans to donate organs.

#### **2. School Education, Tertiary and Vocational Education**

Key elements of our 2016 education policy platform include a \$100 million investment in school facilities, new and expanded schools in the growing communities of Molonglo and Gungahlin, electronic tablet/notebook devices for every public high school and college student, and a \$6.9 million investment in new psychologists to strengthen our support for mental health and wellbeing in our schools.

A re-elected ACT Labor government will immediately continue the task of advocating that the Commonwealth government honour the original six year Gonski funding agreement, in full.

Having grown the ACT's higher education economy to \$2.7 billion per year and employing 16,000 people, Labor will also build on Canberra's reputation as an international higher education and research hub.

### **3. Strong economy and job creation**

ACT Labor will continue to strengthen and diversify the local economy by investing in encouraging more direct international flights, tourism events, encourage innovative new enterprises, and boost capability in areas of Canberra's competitive advantages like research and higher education.

ACT Labor will maintain the size of the ACT Public Service, and public servants will continue to see their wages increase at a rate equivalent to CPI – real wages will be maintained.

### **4. Better transport network and suburbs**

Labor's plan for an integrated transport network and better suburbs includes:

- Completion of Stage 1 of light rail, to commence operation in early 2019, and commencement of design and scoping of Stage 2 to Woden.
- \$141 million for key road duplications, upgraded intersections and additional road resurfacing across Canberra to keep our city moving.
- A cycling tourism strategy and new Belconnen Bikeway to promote cycling and make riding a bike easier around the Belconnen town centre.
- Improved road safety around schools, including employment of lollipop officers at 20 of our busiest school crossings.
- The rollout of green bins for garden waste to every suburb.
- A free bulky waste pick-up service once a year for every household.
- More vital city services like mowing, weeding, footpath upgrades, graffiti management and rubbish collection.

### **5. Reducing homelessness and creating better housing options**

ACT Labor is continuing to grow social housing to better cater to Canberrans in need and those at risk of homelessness, as well as providing housing options and realistic home ownership avenues. This term, Labor will continue this work by:

- Building Common Ground 2 at Dickson to provide secure accommodation for homeless people and those unable to access the Canberra housing market
- Restructuring the Land Development Agency to focus exclusively on greenfields development and meet affordable housing targets.
- Responding to the needs of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community with a second dedicated, culturally appropriate older persons housing complex.

### **6. Social inclusion and participation in community life**

Labor will keep Canberra the world's most liveable city by supporting our vibrant, welcoming, multicultural, cohesive and inclusive community. Canberra is and must remain a

place where all people feel valued, where differences are respected, and where people genuinely connect with each other.

Labor's goal is to make sure our agenda of active social inclusion is shared across all areas of government, and deliver support programs that make a real difference for those in need.

ACT Labor supports an active, healthy local community and we have a strong track record of making the right investments in suburbs across Canberra to support local sporting groups. We will implement measures to foster participation, especially by women and girls, and make sure our growing suburbs continue to have access to high quality sporting facilities.

In addition to existing community levies, the Labor Government will establish an independent charitable fund to distribute nominated community funds to charitable and community causes levied on venues operating electronic gaming machines in the ACT.

ACT Labor will deliver the largest single increase in arts funding since self-government, to reflect the value art and artists provide to our local community.

We will establish an office of LGBTI Affairs within the Chief Minister's Directorate to provide whole of government advice on LGBTI issues.

And Labor will maintain Canberra's reputation as inclusive and welcoming for everyone, by funding refugee support programs, and services for our LGBTIQ communities.

## **Appendix 3:**

### **Executive Reform**

1. Conduct a review in 2017 of the Budget process, to improve community input to Budget decision-making in future years;
2. Significant Bills will be presented to Cabinet and the Assembly with full Human Rights compatibility statements and a summary of community and stakeholder consultation;

All explanatory statements will be drafted in consultation with Parliamentary Counsel Office and produced in a consistent format as outlined in the "Guide to writing an explanatory statement", Standing Committee on Justice and Community Safety Scrutiny Committee, March 2011, which is due for review;

3. Allow all Members to seek independent formal advice from the Human Rights Commission, including human rights assessment of non-executive bills, without the requirement to receive permission from, or provide notification to the Attorney-General;
4. Undertake disability and gender impact analysis as part of the triple bottom line framework, and ensure that all relevant staff are trained in TBL analysis;
5. Amend the Planning Legislation to require that Territory Plan variations are referred to the planning committee, with a decision by the Committee within 15 working days as to whether it will conduct an inquiry; and
6. Require that reports received by the Minister from the Environment Commissioner are tabled in the Assembly within three months of the Minister receiving the report.



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Nicole's response to my earlier question Pam – fyi in case reporting on the parliamentary agreement is now with your team!

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**From:** Engele, Sam  
**Sent:** Monday, 31 October 2016 9:15 AM  
**To:** #CMTEDD, Cabinet and Policy  
**Cc:** Dixon, Brook; Rutledge, Geoffrey; Perkins, Anita  
**Subject:** FOR ACTION: Parliamentary agreement for the 9th Assembly [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

Colleagues

The [Parliamentary agreement](#) for the 9<sup>th</sup> Assembly has been released.

Please familiarise yourself with it, and the Labor policy platform. The Chief will be giving a speech to the Assembly this morning, we will get the TV set up near south 6.

Team leaders please coordinate three tasks covering your team's portfolio areas.

1. Identify any items that require immediate action (e.g. Assembly committees, changes to cabinet handbook). There should only be a few. **Please email Alissa a listing this morning.**
2. Check that you have election commitment briefs (for ALP or Greens) that cover the initiatives listed in the agreement and ALP platform for your workstreams. **For discussion at tomorrow's policy + leadership meeting.**
3. Identify any items that we will have (a) primary/supporting responsibility for (E.g. Moving the border) or (b) a strong interest (e.g. committee enquiry into planning). **For discussion at tomorrow's policy + leadership meeting.**

Regards,

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**From:** Crennan, Melissa  
**Sent:** Monday, 7 November 2016 3:52 PM  
**To:** 'WCHM Executive Director'; 'Mirjana Wilson (Mirjana.Wilson@dvcs.org.au)'; Martin, Victor; Rutledge, Geoffrey; 'greg.aldridge@everyman.org.au'; Khazaeli, Maryam; 'Robyn Martin (robyn.mar@bigpond.com)'; 'Sue Packer'; 'arnecam@gmail.com'; 'erosenman@womenslegalact.org'; Hinchey, John; 'chrystina@crcc.org.au'; 'Susan.ball@afp.gov.au'  
**Subject:** Parliamentary Agreement - Ninth Assembly [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]  
**Attachments:** Parliament Agreement30-10-16.docx

Good afternoon members

I write regarding the ACT Labor/ACT Greens Parliamentary Agreement for the Ninth ACT Legislative Assembly. Please find attached a copy of the agreement.

A number of the commitments made in the agreement relate to family violence, including the agreement to:

- continue social and emotional learning programs in schools to enhance the skills of children and young people to engage in respectful relationships, including to prevent violence and sexual assault;
- strengthen specialist homelessness and housing support services to make sure vulnerable groups (e.g. older women, indigenous communities and women escaping violence) get the support they need; support people seeking housing who have a lived experience of trauma; fund professional development and training for the Specialist Housing and Homeless Service Providers; and support Uniting City Early Morning Centre's provision of essential services;
- introduce an ACT Rights of Victims Charter;
- continue existing funding for community legal services and assess the need for any additional funding as a part of the budget process; and
- undertake legislative reforms to expand the definition of domestic violence in the Crimes Act to include emotional and social violence; and implement any outstanding ALRC recommendations on sexual assault;

Labor's wider policy platform (Appendix 2 of the agreement) provides that in addition to existing community levies, the Labor Government will establish an independent charitable fund to distribute nominated community funds to charitable and community causes levied on venues operating electronic gaming machines in the ACT. Community organisations working to support victims of family violence may be interested in the distribution of funds, given the link between gambling and violence in some circumstances of family violence.

Kind regards

Melissa

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**From:** Schofield, Karen  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 8 November 2016 9:53 AM  
**To:** Darville, Pam  
**Subject:** FW: Confirmation required - Parliamentary Agreement - Electoral Act [DLM=Sensitive: Cabinet]

Hi Pam,

Please see below re: Electoral Act and Assembly Committee.

Cheers Karen

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**From:** Beddoe, Julie  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 8 November 2016 9:47 AM  
**To:** Schofield, Karen; Field, Julie  
**Subject:** RE: Confirmation required - Parliamentary Agreement - Electoral Act [DLM=Sensitive: Cabinet]

Hi Karen

Confirming that JACS/AG has responsibility for the Electoral Act.

It is our understanding that the Select Committee is being run out of the Assembly and that JACS would respond to that review rather than conducting it.

Kind regards

Julie B

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**From:** Darville, Pam  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 8 November 2016 9:12 AM  
**To:** Schofield, Karen  
**Subject:** Parliamentary Agreement [DLM=Sensitive: Cabinet]

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3. Establish a Select Committee to review the operation of the 2016 ACT election and Electoral Act, and make recommendations on lowering the voting age, improving donation rules and reporting timeframes and encouraging more people to enrol, vote and participate more widely in political activity.

Amendments would be required to the Electoral Act ? responsibility of the Attorney-General (JACS)

Thanks for your help.

Cheers Pam

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**To:** Darville, Pam  
**Subject:** RE: Parliamentary Agreement [DLM=Sensitive: Cabinet]

Can you email me a copy of the Key Issues Brief that CMTEDD did on this. I will provide the key issues brief and your email to LPP and get confirmation ASAP back to you.

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**From:** Overton-Clarke, Bronwen  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 9 November 2016 9:15 AM  
**To:** Darville, Pam  
**Cc:** Childs, Judi  
**Subject:** RE: Re Help.....Parliamentary Agreement [DLM=Sensitive: Cabinet]

It will definitely be legislation.....I'll get Judi to discuss with you and also find out your timeline.

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**From:** Darville, Pam  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 9 November 2016 8:58 AM  
**To:** Overton-Clarke, Bronwen  
**Subject:** Re Help.....Parliamentary Agreement [DLM=Sensitive: Cabinet]

Hi Bron, help ! need your advice.....see below text from the Parliamentary Agreement – establish an Independent Integrity Commission.

I have been asked to provide a snapshot of what the process would be to have this happen in the Assembly. See below..... first the Assembly would need to set up a Select Committee to consider this...but my question is after the Assembly committee reports....is the commission set up in legislation ? would it require drafting, Cabinet agreement, then presentation in the Assembly ? or is it established in another way ? Instrument ?

As you can see I have no idea about how this happens !

### **Strengthening government, parliamentary and electoral integrity**

*Establish an Independent Integrity Commission, broadly structured on those operating in similarly sized jurisdictions, follow a parliamentary Committee inquiry into the most effective and efficient model for the ACT.*

A motion would be moved in the Assembly to establish a Select Committee and terms of reference to perform the inquiry. Through the Parliamentary Agreement ACT Labor has agreed to support the ACT Greens' nomination for Chair of the Select Committee to establish an Independent Integrity Commission. Following the committee report the Commission would be established.

Cheers Pam

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**From:** McEvoy, Justin  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 9 November 2016 11:55 AM  
**To:** Yates, Ellie; Darville, Pam  
**Cc:** Round, Jessica; Kalatzis, Chris; Kalleske, Mark  
**Subject:** RE: Re Parliamentary Agreement - Appendix 3 [DLM=Sensitive: Cabinet]

Thanks Pam / Ellie

I have sought advice from Minister Rattenbury's Chief of Staff as responsibility for this act falls under his portfolio. Will get back to you with advice as soon as practicable.

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**From:** Yates, Ellie  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 8 November 2016 4:18 PM  
**To:** Darville, Pam  
**Cc:** Round, Jessica; Kalatzis, Chris; McEvoy, Justin; Kalleske, Mark  
**Subject:** RE: Re Parliamentary Agreement - Appendix 3 [DLM=Sensitive: Cabinet]

Not as of yet, Justin is away today and he is taking lead on this from an EPSD understanding point.

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**From:** Darville, Pam  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 8 November 2016 2:45 PM  
**To:** Yates, Ellie  
**Cc:** Round, Jessica; Kalatzis, Chris; McEvoy, Justin; Kalleske, Mark  
**Subject:** FW: Re Parliamentary Agreement - Appendix 3 [DLM=Sensitive: Cabinet]

Hi Elli, just checking if you were able to find some clarity on the below text from the Parliamentary Agreement ?

Cheers Pam

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**Sent:** Monday, 7 November 2016 12:55 PM  
**To:** Yates, Ellie  
**Cc:** McEvoy, Justin; Kalleske, Mark  
**Subject:** Re Parliamentary Agreement - Appendix 3 [DLM=Sensitive: Cabinet]

**Hi Ellie as discussed this morning re Parliamentary Agreement - Appendix 3 Executive Reform**

Item 6 – Require that reports received by the Minister from the Environment Commissioner are tabled in the Assembly within three months of the Minister receiving the report.

It is not clear exactly what section is to be amended in the Act

## **Part 4 Reports**

### **19 State of the environment report**

- (1) The commissioner must, no later than the reporting day, give a state of the environment report to the Minister for each reporting period.
- (2) A state of the environment report must include—
  - (a) an assessment of the condition of the environment, including an assessment of any of the following matters that the commissioner considers necessary:
    - (i) the components of the earth, including soil, the atmosphere and water;
    - (ii) any organic or inorganic matter and any living organism;
    - (iii) human made or modified structures and areas;
    - (iv) ecosystems and their constituent parts, including people and communities;
    - (v) the qualities and characteristics of places and areas that contribute to their biological diversity and ecological integrity, scientific value and amenity;
    - (vi) the interactions and interdependencies within and between the things mentioned in subparagraphs (i) to (v);
    - (vii) the social, aesthetic, cultural and economic conditions that affect, or are affected by, the things mentioned in subparagraphs (i) to (v);
  - (b) an evaluation of the adequacy and effectiveness of environmental management, including an assessment about the degree of compliance with national environment protection measures made by the National Environment Protection Council; and
  - (c) an assessment of pressures and sustainability trends; and
  - (d) an evaluation of the effectiveness of sustainability plans; and
  - (e) any other matters, whether or not occurring within the triennium to which the report relates, that—
    - (i) the Minister states in written notice given to the commissioner; or
    - (ii) the commissioner considers relevant.
- (3) The Minister must, within 6 months after the day of receiving a state of the environment report, present to the Legislative Assembly a statement that sets out the response of the government to

**the report.** This section talks about the minister presenting a statement - Is the change to 3 months for this section ?

- (4) The commissioner must, within 12 months after the day the Minister presents a state of the environment report to the Legislative Assembly under section 22, give the Minister a recommendation about—
  - (a) the day on which the period to be covered by the next state of the environment report should end; and
  - (b) the reporting day, for that period, by which the next state of the environment report should be given to the Minister.
- (5) The Minister must, after considering the commissioner's recommendation, determine—
  - (a) a reporting period that must—
    - (i) begin on the day after the end of the period covered by the previous state of the environment report; and
    - (ii) be not more than 4 years; and
  - (b) a reporting day for the period that must be no less than 3 and no more than 6 months after the end of the reporting period.
- (6) A determination under subsection (5) is a disallowable instrument.

*Note* A disallowable instrument must be notified, and presented to the Legislative Assembly, under the [Legislation Act](#).

- (7) In this section:

**reporting day**, for a reporting period, means the day determined by the Minister under subsection (5) for that period.

**reporting period** means the period determined by the Minister under subsection (5).

**sustainability plan** means a plan that—

- (a) includes a sustainability goal; and
- (b) is a disallowable instrument.

*Note* A disallowable instrument must be notified, and presented to the Legislative Assembly, under the [Legislation Act](#).

## 20 Information to be included in commissioner's annual report

A report prepared by the commissioner under the [Annual Reports \(Government Agencies\) Act 2004](#) for a financial year must include details of—

- (a) any special factor that the commissioner believes had a significant impact on the environment during the year; and
- (b) measures taken during the year by or for the Territory in relation to the implementation of any recommendation in a state of the environment report under section 19 or special report under section 21; and
- (c) any recommendation in a report mentioned in paragraph (b) that the commissioner believes is still to be implemented or fully implemented.

*Note* **Financial year** has an extended meaning in the [Annual Reports \(Government Agencies\) Act 2004](#).



## 21 Special reports

(1) If—

- (a) the Minister has directed the commissioner to conduct an investigation; or
- (b) the commissioner has initiated and conducted an investigation into an issue of environmental significance to the Territory;

the commissioner must—

- (c) prepare a special report on the investigation; and
  - (d) within 28 days after the day of completion of the report, give the report to the Minister.
- (2) The Minister must, within 6 months after the day of receiving a special report required by the Minister under subsection (1) (a), present to the Legislative Assembly a statement that sets out the response of the government to the report. This section talks about the minister presenting a Government Response in 6 months - Is the change to 3 months for this section ?

## 22 Minister to table reports and recommendations

The Minister must, within 6 sitting days after the day of receiving a report under section 19 or 21 or a recommendation under section 19 (4), present the report or recommendation to the Legislative Assembly. Or does it mean this section..... from Minister must within 6 sitting days present the report. So change from 6 sitting days to 3 Months ????



Let me know when you have some clarity .....as EPD will need to start amendments to the Act..

Cheers Pam

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**To:** Darville, Pam  
**Cc:** Markham, Luke  
**Subject:** FW: Issues identified in the Parliamentary-Agreement-for-the-9th-Legislative [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

Hi Pam,

See JACS response to issues raised yesterday re: Parliamentary Agreement. This advice has been provided by the Executive Director, Legislation, Policy & Programs and cleared by the DDG Justice.

Overarching response:

In relation to issue 2, we recommend that the Government not commit to immediate action.

There are a range of options that would benefit from being explored in consultation with the Minister and with affected agencies, depending on what the intention behind the commitment is.

More particular issues:

The key threshold question is what constitutes a 'significant' bill and who determines this.

There may be resourcing implications if the centralised scrutiny process is retained while the more detailed analysis and documentation currently performed internally is required to be made public for more Bills. There is also the issue of duplication of human rights analysis between the Explanatory Statement, Cabinet Submission and the Compatibility Statement, and those areas responsible for each (eg policy area, human rights unit, Human Rights Commission and scrutiny committee).

Depending on the Minister and Government's preference about the process for determining significance of a Bill, the whole scrutiny process could be re-assessed and revised.

For example this could take the form of a hybrid compatibility assessment where the policy area takes the analysis currently provided in the explanatory statement and uses that in the compatibility statement which would then be reviewed and assessed by the human rights unit in JACS.

This would tie in with work to review the template for explanatory statements under issue 2.

There is scope for changing the process because s 37 of the HRA is silent on the form of the Human Rights Compatibility statement and does not provide detailed guidance on the substance of an assessment.

This aspect of the agreement provides a good impetus to review the scrutiny process to achieve a better quality of analysis for the Assembly to rely on, while being more streamlined and efficient.

While noting that the Victorian model has always been different (eg de-centralised) recent reviews there have also looked at this issue.

Kind Regards

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**From:** Wahren, Lee-Anne  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 8 November 2016 12:11 PM  
**To:** Field, Julie; Beddoe, Julie; Jorgensen, Alex  
**Cc:** Schofield, Karen  
**Subject:** Issues identified in the Parliamentary-Agreement-for-the-9th-Legislative [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

Hi All –

I have been contacted by Pam Darville regarding some aspects of the Parliamentary Agreement for the 9<sup>th</sup> Legislative Assembly. (Copy attached. Note, it was converted from a PDF and that has made the formatting all squiffy.)

Pam has raised with me the following points from the final page (Appendix 3) of the Agreement.

She is after advice on the following:

1. ~~Conduct a review in 2017 of the Budget process, to improve community input to Budget decision making in future years;~~
2. Significant Bills will be presented to Cabinet and the Assembly with full Human Rights compatibility statements and a summary of community and stakeholder consultation;  
  
All explanatory statements will be drafted in consultation with Parliamentary Counsel Office and produced in a consistent format as outlined in the "Guide to writing an explanatory statement", Standing Committee on Justice and Community Safety Scrutiny Committee, March 2011, which is due for review;
3. Allow all Members to seek independent formal advice from the Human Rights Commission, including human rights assessment of non-executive bills, without the requirement to receive permission from, or provide notification to the Attorney General;

The questions raised are:

1. In relation to matter 2 above: What is a 'full' HR Comp statement?; and:  
You are happy that this is a responsibility of JACS?
2. In relation to matter 2 above: (Matter for PCO – I will email them separately), [Commentary from CLO: This will significantly impact on the work of PCO if they are required to draft the Bills and be consulted over the ES].
3. In relation to matter 3 above: (Matter for HRC – I will email them separately). [Commentary from CLO: The Agreement and the Administrative Arrangements do not align. The Attorney-General has nothing to do with the HRC now and it should be amended to reflect that it is the Minister for Justice and Consumer Affairs that will not require to provide permission for a member to seek independent formal advice from the HRC. Identified to Pam.]

If you could please consider Matter 2 above and provide a response to me in relation to the questions raised in Question 1 by 3:30 today I would appreciate it.

Kind regards

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**From:** Markham, Luke  
**Sent:** Monday, 14 November 2016 1:28 PM  
**To:** Darville, Pam; Schofield, Karen  
**Subject:** RE: A question re Parliamentary Agreement [DLM=Sensitive: Cabinet]

Hi Pam

As Karen indicated, no.

Options will be explored and the Minister will be briefed.

Cheers

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Re Parliamentary Agreement - amendments to Electoral Act – donations from developers....

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**Sent:** Monday, 14 November 2016 1:22 PM  
**To:** Darville, Pam  
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Absolutely not. The amendments will need to be considered and are a bit too detailed to include in a JACS Bill.

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**From:** Schofield, Karen  
**Sent:** Monday, 14 November 2016 1:56 PM  
**To:** Darville, Pam; Markham, Luke  
**Subject:** RE: A question re Parliamentary Agreement [DLM=Sensitive: Cabinet]

No. It may not require legislative amendments. Can you not say – options will be considered and the Minister will be briefed.

Karen

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**Subject:** RE: A question re Parliamentary Agreement [DLM=Sensitive: Cabinet]

Would everyone be happy if i said – Amendments will be required to the Electoral Act - JACS will brief the AG

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**From:** Brodie, Lawrence  
**Sent:** Thursday, 17 November 2016 3:20 PM  
**To:** Williams, Rebecca; Kefford, Nicole  
**Subject:** parliamentary agreement - ECBs [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

Hi Rebecca and Nicole,

Michael was asking this morning if we had a document with the PA commitments overlaid with election commitments, so I thought it might be worth finishing off a clean document that does this that can be shared (rather than just my notes) in case we need it in future. It can be found at <G:\IGB 2016\2016 election> , filename "Parliamentary agreement mapped to election commitment briefs".

Lawrence

**Kalatzis, Chris**

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**From:** Dakin, Michael  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 22 November 2016 2:57 PM  
**To:** Blume, Kristin; Readshaw, Sally; Ambler, Chris  
**Subject:** Election Commitments - Parliamentary Agreement Overlay [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
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All, as discussed, here is the EC/PA overlay document prepared by Nicole's team: <G:\IGB 2016\2016 election\Parliamentary agreement mapped to election commitment briefs.xlsx>

Thanks

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*I leave work at 3pm Tuesday to Friday*

**Kalatzis, Chris**

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**From:** Kefford, Nicole  
**Sent:** Monday, 5 December 2016 9:49 AM  
**To:** Ambler, Chris  
**Subject:** RE: Parliamentary and election commitments by directorate [DLM=For-Official-Use-Only]  
**Attachments:** Government commitments Master Index A3.doc; Commitment Index by Directorate.doc

Hi Chris

Here you go – one is a big A3 with everything and the other is the IGB Index by Directorate.

Nicole

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**From:** Ambler, Chris  
**Sent:** Monday, 5 December 2016 9:44 AM  
**To:** Kefford, Nicole  
**Subject:** Parliamentary and election commitments by directorate [DLM=For-Official-Use-Only]

Hi Nicole,

Just wondering whether there is a list of parliamentary and election commitments by directorate - if yes can I please get a link to it.

Thanks,

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**From:** Philbrick, Bernard  
**Sent:** Thursday, 10 November 2016 12:29 PM  
**To:** Engele, Sam  
**Cc:** Cook, Michael; Miners, Stephen  
**Subject:** RE: FYI - consolidated list of election commitments and parliamentary agreement items [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]  
**Attachments:** Copy of 1031 9 - 11 - 2016 - consolidated list (2).xlsx

Hi Sam,

Thanks for this. I agree re the easiest way to put it to Cabinet, and I'll discuss mechanics with Stephen this afternoon.

Attached are some thoughts on some items which could either be completed within the first hundred days or on which would have at least commenced within that timeframe. Open to advice where this might not be feasible, but I think this gives a pretty reasonable idea of what we're after.

It should have limited additional budget cost except where we are seeking to pay some grants to specific organisations where we made those commitment. Any issues on funding, my view would be that agencies can either cash manage these items (and if necessary seek additional funding through a TA) or seek additional funding through supplementary appropriation. The former course would be the preferred, I suspect.

Happy to discuss.

Thanks, Bernard

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**From:** Engele, Sam  
**Sent:** Thursday, 10 November 2016 9:42 AM  
**To:** Philbrick, Bernard  
**Cc:** Cook, Michael; Miners, Stephen  
**Subject:** FYI - consolidated list of election commitments and parliamentary agreement items [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

Bernard

#### **Consolidated list of election commitments / parliamentary agreement**

Attached is our consolidated list of election commitments and parliamentary agreement items based on the information you have provided. Let me know if there are any that you feel we have incorrectly included or missed – we will provide an incoming government brief to the Chief on each commitment in the near future.

#### **100 day plan**

We are working with Treasury to pull together the 100 day plan. Below is the email that went out to Directors-General seeking their views on what could be achieved by February. The easiest approach will be to provide the recommended 100 day list to Cabinet as an attachment to the Treasury Budget Review submission – Stephen Miners can discuss with you your preferred approach – I understand he is meeting with you today.

The Commissioning letters could then follow with specific instructions for each Minister.

#### **Longer-term programming of EC / PA**

On the spreadsheet if you unhide the columns you will see the intention is to provide advice to Cabinet on recommended long term programming of each commitment – aim is for this advice to go to the Strategic Cabinet on 6 December.

Regards.

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**From:** Rutledge, Geoffrey  
**Sent:** Thursday, 10 November 2016 8:20 AM  
**To:** #CMTEDD, Strategic Board Members  
**Cc:** Engele, Sam  
**Subject:** Seeking input 100 day plan - by Noon Monday [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

Strategic Board,

**100 Day Plan**

As mentioned at DG Hookup I am seeking your views on government election commitments that are suitable to include in the 100 day plan (up to 7 February 2017). Attached is the working list of election commitments and parliamentary agreement items.

I seek your views on those initiatives that could be:

- completed within 100 days; or
- meaningfully commenced within 100 days (such as undertake community consultation for a policy based commitment, or release tender documents for a capital initiative).

CMTEDD has provided some preliminary comments in the table (see green highlighted sections) for those that we felt a 100 day action would be achievable – your response to these comments would be appreciated.

Feel free to suggest other initiatives that are not specifically an election commitment but that align with the government's stated policy objectives which can be completed within the 100 days.

Once we have your input we will work with Treasury on a shortlist of possible initiatives for the 100 day plan. This shortlist will be provided to the Chief Minister and a paper brought to Cabinet on 17 November for input from Ministers and endorsement.

Please provide your comments/input to [sam.engele@act.gov.au](mailto:sam.engele@act.gov.au) by **noon Monday 14 November**.

**Longer term programming of election commitments**

Looking past the 100 day plan, a paper will be provided to Cabinet seeking their views on longer term programming of election commitments/parliamentary agreement items which we expect to be the subject of discussion at the upcoming strategic Cabinet meeting on 6 December. I will send a separate email early next week seeking your views.

Regards,

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**From:** Engele, Sam  
**Sent:** Monday, 14 November 2016 4:27 PM  
**To:** Power, Leanne  
**Subject:** Election Commitments and Parliamentary Agreement Initiatives [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]  
**Attachments:** Copy of 1031 9 - 11 - 2016 - consolidated list (2) (2).xlsx

Leanne

As discussed, the consolidated list of election commitments. There may be a few items reassigned to different directorates before the list is finalised.

Current activities are:

- CMO are confirming for me that they did not make any commitments to individual groups that were not published on the web/captured in media releases.
- DG's were to provide to me by noon today their comments on the 100 day plan – only two received at this stage (CSD and Treasury).
- PCD are working through the commitment text to specify the individual deliverables (see the Package for Small and Medium Clubs as an example where the large chunk of commitment text has been broken into individual deliverables).
- PCD are working through the commitments to determine whether the commitment text specified a delivery date, and if so plotting this date on the implementation table.

Strategic Cabinet will discuss scheduling of election commitments on 6 December.

Just put something in my diary when you want to discuss further.

Sam