

Portfolio/s: Chief Minister

ISSUE: COMMONWEALTH LAND MATTERS – WEST BASIN, NCA, CSIRO

Talking points:

- There is a range of historic land and property matters that have been subject to negotiation with the Commonwealth that remain unresolved.
- In addition, new matters have arisen to support the ACT and Commonwealth Governments' respective priorities, such as Light Rail Stage 2 through the Parliamentary Zone.
- Areas being negotiated cover a combination of urban and rural land including:
 - West Basin land reclamation;
 - Kingston Foreshore compensation claim;
 - Provision of additional diplomatic sites;
 - Consolidation of land holdings; and
 - License agreements for Light Rail Stage 2.
- To ensure consistency in the way both parties approach the land negotiations, we're refining an overarching MoU, initially developed in 2016, that includes a series of principles, particularly around agreed inclusions for the valuation calculations and agreement on whether the value reflects the land's:
 - current state;
 - an englobo release; or
 - final development potential after all infrastructure is in place.
- Some matters will be concluded in the short term while other matters will require more detailed work to enable a better understanding of the planning and financial implications for both governments.
- Agencies participating in the negotiations include the Department of Finance and the National Capital Authority, with the CMTEDD – Policy and Cabinet leading the officials' negotiations on behalf of the ACT Government.

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Background Information – may not be suitable for public disclosure

- Settling land ownership requires a complex series of negotiations with between the ACT Government and two Commonwealth agencies, both with varying perspectives on the outcomes to be achieved.
- The scope and inclusions of the negotiations have changed over time as new sites have come on line (ie CSIRO Ginninderra and AIS Bruce) along with emerging pressures for the provision of land to service diplomatic estates.
- Areas for negotiation include:
 - West Basin land reclamation
 - Approvals and license fees for Light Rail stage 2 through the Parliamentary Triangle
 - CSIRO Ginninderra site
 - Land supply for future diplomatic estates, Curtin and Hughes
 - Australian Institute of Sport, Bruce

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