

Need to reference two things:

1. Intent to preserve areas of conservation value.

2. Want to build network of trails that can be used by many

- bikers, runners, walkers, equestrians...



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## MEDIA RELEASE

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### Community feedback invited on proposed upgrade of Isaacs Ridge trails

Members of the community are invited to have their say on the proposed upgrade of the mountain bike trail network at Isaacs Ridge, Minister for Territory and Municipal Services, Shane Rattenbury, announced today.

"Isaacs Ridge in Canberra's south, has become a popular venue for downhill mountain biking, trail running, walking, and other recreational pursuits," Mr Rattenbury said.

"The area includes approximately 23 hectares of ACT Government commercial pine plantation and over time numerous unofficial downhill mountain bike trails have been established. The ACT Parks and Conservation Service is seeking to work with the community to formalise the existing trails and make them safe for all users.

"While mountain bike riding is permitted on most formed trails within nature reserves, there is a shortage of purpose built downhill mountain bike trails in the ACT. Community feedback suggests a strong need for more designated places to follow this pursuit.

"To ensure the best possible outcome for Isaacs Ridge, I'm inviting feedback from the community to ensure the upgraded trail network meets the needs of all recreation users of the area, while providing purpose-built formal mountain bike trails which are easy to access.

"The Isaacs Ridge trail network project will also seek to establish a working group who will help maintain the integrity of the Isaacs Ridge recreational area through volunteer activities – similar to the role played by ACT Park Care groups."

A drop-in information session about the project will be held at xx on xx between xx and xx.

Alternatively, you can complete an online survey available at [timetotalk.act.gov.au](http://timetotalk.act.gov.au) or pick up a hardcopy survey from the Woden and Erindale public libraries. Consultation closes 5 pm Monday 27 August 2015.

"This is a great opportunity for members of the community to become directly involved in the future of Isaacs Ridge. I strongly encourage anyone interested to get involved and contribute their ideas and feedback," Mr Rattenbury concluded.

For more information or to get involved with the consultation visit [www.timetotalk.gov.au](http://www.timetotalk.gov.au)

Statement ends

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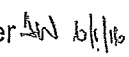
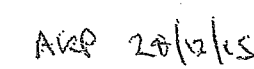

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**BRIEF**

TRIM: B15/281

Date 22 December 2015

To Minister for Territory and Municipal Services

- A/g Director-General  8/1/16
- Director-General's Executive Officer  16/1/16
- Director, Finance  20/12/15
- Executive Director, Roads, Transport and Public Transport 

22-12-15

From Manager, Urban Places and Reserves

Subject Isaacs Ridge Mountain Bike Trail Network Upgrade

**Recommendation**

That you:

- note the information contained in this brief; and **NOTED/PLEASE DISCUSS**
- agree to the Isaacs Ridge Trails Plan 2015 being released to the community;

**AGREED/NOT AGREED/PLEASE DISCUSS**

**Shane Rattenbury MLA**  16/1/16

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**Purpose**

To provide you with an update on the Isaacs Ridge Mountain Bike trail network upgrade project, including the outcomes of the consultation and to seek your agreement to release the Isaacs Ridge Trails Plan to the community.

**Background**

A consultant was engaged in July 2015 to undertake public consultation on the upgrade of the Isaacs Ridge mountain bike trail network in the context of all recreational user needs. The Isaacs Ridge Trails Plan was then commissioned by TAMS in August 2015 to make recommendations on the proposed trail upgrade based on the stakeholder and community consultation feedback.

## **Issues**

The community consultation indicated wide support for the ongoing use of Isaacs Ridge pines for a variety of recreational activities including walking, running, horse riding and bike riding, for informal use and organised events.

There was sufficient support among the community to pursue the proposed upgrade to the downhill mountain bike trails to support club level events and for a limited number of cross country style trails, but not a full mountain bike park.

Refer Consultation Report – Isaacs Ridge Mountain Bike Trail Upgrade Project at Attachment A.

Based on the consultation the Trails Plan recommended the following trails and facilities could be provided at Isaacs Ridge within the area of the pines:

- Two dedicated downhill trail corridors generally following existing alignments;
- A multi-use spine - cross country style mountain bike trail that caters for walkers and runners and can become a new link/section of the Canberra Centenary Trail;
- Active user trails – more challenging cross country style mountain bike trails that cater for more advanced runners and walkers;
- Day to day user car parking facilities at Shepherdson Place and event car parking on the closed section of road behind Shepherdson Place;
- Information signage with details on access, appropriate reserve behaviour and user interaction: and
- Informal rest areas.

Refer Isaacs Ridge Trails Plan 2015 prepared by Anthony Burton & Associates at Attachment B.

It is recommended the priority one and two elements identified in the plan be constructed by a combination of a specialist trail builder and the volunteer group.

## **Consultation**

The consultation process for the development of the Trails Management Plan included interviews with key stakeholders including Parks and Conservation Service, an online survey, letter box drop to all Isaacs's residents, written submissions and a community information session. Meetings were held with key stakeholders to review and seek feedback on the draft Trails Management Plan prior to finalising the document. Comments were incorporated where appropriate.

The final Trails Management Plan will be circulated to the key stakeholder groups and published on the TAMS website following your approval.

The Trails Management Plan recommended the formation of a cooperative volunteer trail maintenance group similar to the Bruce Ridge and Majura Pines models using the Parkcare volunteer group framework.

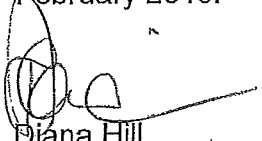
## **Financial**

\$185,000 capital upgrade funding has been allocated to the upgrade of the mountain bike trail network at Isaacs Ridge pines. The following priority one and two works to be delivered include:

1. Construction of the two key downhill trails (one way down hill trails).
2. Construction of part of the multiuser trail spine (shared user walking, running and bike riding trail, bi-directional).
3. Construction of several informal rest areas.
4. Directional and information signage for all recreational users and fencing / gates.

## **Media**

A Media Release will be sent out to announce commencement of construction in February 2016.



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