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CONSULTATION SUMMARY
REPORT

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report outlines the consultation process that the Environment, Planning and Sustainable Development Directorate (the Directorate) carried out regarding the Draft ACT Native Woodland Conservation Strategy, which was released in 2019.

A community consultation period commenced on 5 April 2019 and concluded on 24 May 2019. This summary report provides an overview of the consultation data and a summary of the issues identified.

CONSULTATION AND PROMOTIONAL ACTIVITIES

The consultation and promotional methods used were designed to meet the Directorate's objective to ensure all stakeholder's views, concerns and ideas were both heard and captured.

The following opportunities were implemented to allow people to present their views:

MEDIA RELEASE

A media release was circulated to promote the consultation period for the Draft ACT Native Woodland Strategy and to inform the public of how to get involved.

YOURSAY WEBSITE AND ONLINE SURVEY

The consultation period was promoted on the ACT Government's engagement website, YourSay. The page included links to the Draft Strategy and associated Action Plans, photographs, and instructions on how submissions could be made. An online survey allowed members of the public to comment on aspects of woodland conservation they find most critical.

SOCIAL MEDIA

Posts were placed on the ACT Parks and Conservation Service and the Directorate's social media webpages. These informed the public of the Draft Strategy consultation and how to get involved.

STAKEHOLDER NOTIFICATION

Relevant stakeholders were notified of the consultation via email and provided a link to YourSay.

PARTICIPATION AND RESPONSE RATE

The YourSay site was viewed 1 030 times by 599 visitors during the consultation period; 15 submission were received.

SUMMARY OF SUBMISSIONS

Submissions were supportive of the need for an updated Strategy that outlines the ACT Government's priorities for conserving subalpine and lowland native woodlands.

ISSUES RAISED

Topics raised in the submissions and survey responses include:

- The importance of meaningful collaboration with rural landholders, Traditional Custodians and other community members
- The direct and indirect impacts of urban development and appropriate mitigation measures (including Offsets)
- Resourcing and implementation requirements
- Robust objectives and measurable indicators of success
- The impacts and management of invasive (or overabundant) plants and animals
- Fire as both a critical component of a functioning woodland and a potential threat
- Recreation in woodlands in the ACT
- Communicating an overall vision for native woodland conservation for the next 10 years.

ACTION TAKEN

Submissions and survey responses have been passed to the Conservation Research area within the Environment, Planning and Sustainable Development Directorate for consideration.

WHERE TO NEXT

All submissions and survey responses will be considered in the finalisation of the Draft ACT Native Woodland Conservation Strategy. Publication of the final Strategy is anticipated by the end of 2019.

SOCIAL MEDIA ANALYTICS



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