

# CITY RENEWAL AUTHORITY

## PRECINCT RENEWAL PROGRAM

### SUMMARY NOTES

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**PLEASE NOTE:** While every effort has been made to transcribe participants comments accurately a small number have not been included in this summary due to the legibility of the content. Please contact Keith Greaves at [Keith@mosaiclab.com.au](mailto:Keith@mosaiclab.com.au) for any suggested additions.

## City precinct renewal program

The City Renewal Authority is developing the Precinct Renewal Program which will bring the ACT Government, stakeholder and community collective vision for the city precinct to life.

Over 15 years, Canberrans have shared many views and ideas for how to enhance our city precinct. We have reviewed 23 previous consultation activities, which resulted in more than 32,000 pieces of community input. There were six common themes the community identified for the renewal of our city.

The six themes are:

- A city of people
- A creative city
- An active city
- A sustainable city
- A connected city
- A progressive city

We are starting to turn these ideas into actions and initiatives.

## THE CONVERSATION

Recently, we asked people to share their ideas on the above six themes to:

- make sure what we identified in the review is still current and relevant, and,
- take forward to inform and help develop the action plan.

### The stakeholder workshop 13 June

Key decision makers, contributors and subject experts were invited to participate in a constructive and collaborative workshop to identify:

- ideas (projects, approaches and processes) that deliver, realise and reflect the city renewal precinct vision and themes
- constraints and opportunities that may influence or impact on the implementation of the city renewal precinct
- how to achieve the initiatives and actions including how we can all contribute to their implementation.

The information from the community and stakeholder consultation was provided to workshop participants and used to inform the process.

*This report has been compiled from the participant notes by the session facilitator and are a complement to the participant Google Doc produced at the workshop.*

Wherever possible and appropriate, comments, information and contributions were translated directly to the report as recorded during the workshop. However, some minor changes were required to some information for readability and relevance.

# OUR HOPES

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At the start of our session participants set out their hopes for the workshop.

Specific place making initiatives for places. What each place stands for. What's the focus?

Develop a meaningful contribution for action.



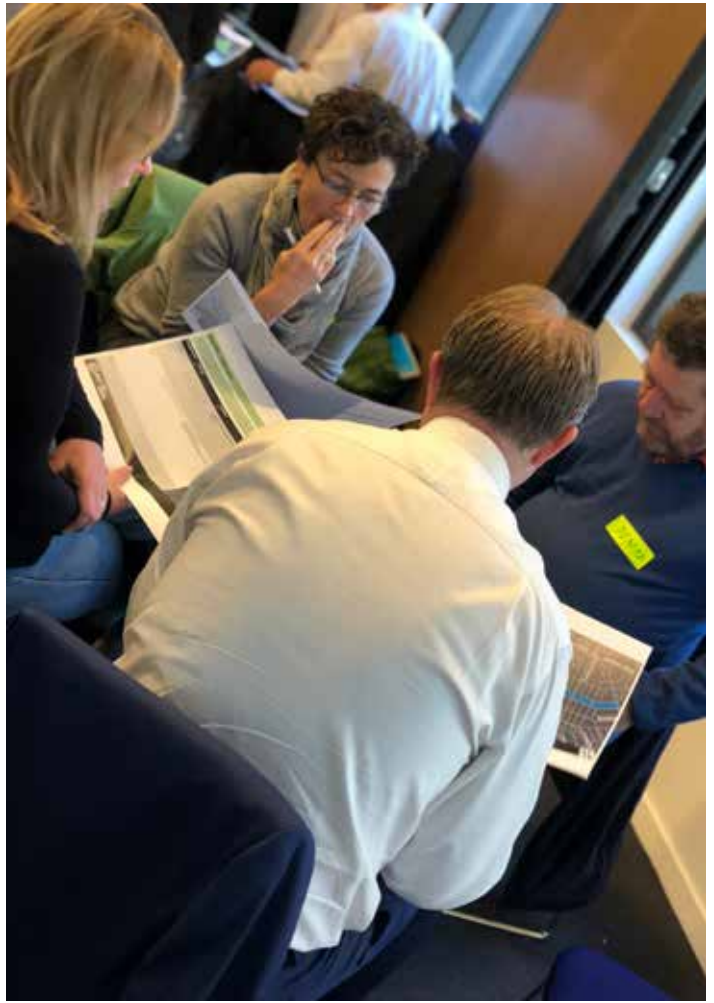
Clarity on scope + work program.

Action to realise Canberra's city vision.

Clear actions by when + by whom?

Direction for city - people enterprise play wellbeing.

1. Action plans.
2. Collaboration.
3. Influence Government.
4. Biophilic city.



Participants were encourage to share, discuss and collaborate in groups to test ideas

# GROUP INSIGHTS

## Past engagement and current themes:

To begin our conversations participants spent time sharing and reflecting insights for the precinct framed by the on six summary themes and neighborhood characteristics informed by prior consultation results.

## INCLUDE SIX THEMES AND NEIGHBOURHOODS:

The six themes are:

- A city of people
- A creative city
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## The City Renewal Precinct is an aggregation of diverse places with different desired future roles:

- Northbourne Corridor
  - Northbourne Corridor - City gateway, sustainable living
  - MacArthur - A new urban village
- Dickson - A living and working activity hub
- Inner City North
  - Braddon - Vibrant creative cluster
  - Haig Park - Contemporary urban park
  - City Centre
  - City North West - Innovation and knowledge hub
  - City North East - Retail and entertainment heart
  - City South East - Tourism destination and business quarter
  - City Hill - Cultural and civic core
  - West Basin - Vibrant urban waterfront

Connectivity: Connectivity within spaces & out & how it connects together.

Individual characters: Create individual characters for places like MacArthur Village connected to whole.

Prioritisation: Sydney / Melbourne buildings near termination of light rail. Haig Park - 'lungs of the city' - relief from construction - Dickson.

Need to improve connectivity between places: Major various visits between key places. Need to improve linkage between places. All modes of traffic / transport.

Need to introduce a sense of diverse precincts: Business / Retail / Cultural etc. : Too many precincts trying to be everything to everyone. Enhance the character of each precinct.

Need for community facilities / open spaces: With 30,00 new residents the precinct needs to review community facility + open space needs. Education. Leisure / recreation. Needs diversity in population - family / single/ young / old / students.



Place making: Distinctive character and destinations education precinct.

Connectivity + Green space: High quality green space Northbourne - tension with traffic needs + people friendly.

Diversity of use: Families, education, community facility needs.

Connectivity for people: Exchange, 'eyes on the street', identity + culture.

Diversity of destination: Risk of dev't all at same time is ubiquity. Need to manage development + allow organic identity to develop.

Creating culture: How through light touch regulation can communities thrive + define their space?



Participants took part in a series of structured coordinated exercise to encourage deliberative and constructive outcomes

# POSSIBLE INITIATIVES

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In working towards our future perspectives participants considered some key principles they would like to follow while doing this work.

## COMFORT LEVELS

 <b>I LOVE IT</b>	<b>I am 80-100% comfortable with this option.</b> Only minor tweaks, if any, are required. I am very happy.
 <b>I LIKE IT</b>	<b>I am 60-80% comfortable with this option.</b> Some small changes required but I am mostly happy.
 <b>I CAN LIVE WITH IT</b>	<b>I am 40-60% comfortable with this option.</b> Some changes are required but I can accept it as it is.
 <b>I WILL LAMENT IT</b>	<b>I am 20-40% comfortable with this option.</b> There are lots of changes required.
 <b>I LOATHE IT</b>	<b>I am 0-20% comfortable with this option.</b> It needs an overhaul, I can't see it working at all.

## MAINTENANCE OF INFRASTRUCTURE (CLEANING UP).

*Look after and improve what we have already got.*

### Important because...

1. Encouraging a more convivial city.
2. Clean up after the night life - weekend - encouraging a 24 hour business / tourism cycle.
3. Cost effective.

### Level of comfort



### Comfort would increase if...

Cleaner streets in the city. Needs to 'how', 'where' to focus - prioritise. Clarify infrastructure e.g. parks, bus, roads? Might need to repurpose or delete some items if they have served purpose or ended their effective life - no resources for new infrastructure. Living + life sometimes creates a mess, just as it does in a house but important to not let it get out of hand. Need to articulate funding and priority of areas.

### Strengths and Opportunities

Opportunity to improve identity of action places - create sense of community. Opportunity to find clever ways to do this not just rely on TCCS. Demonstrate city pride + support LGR brand. Co ordinate Infrastructure work so work is done once. Rework impacts upon final look + upkeep. Cost effective + sustainable use of resources not to replace unless derelict - can very cost effective. Draws people into a 'clean, tidy' city with good infrastructure.

### Weaknesses and Concerns

Cost? Funding for major improvement. Cost? No dedicated place management team for city centre. Tension with rationed resources - upgrades vs maintenance i.e. 'one step forward two steps back' Cost - what don't we fun?



# A CITY FOR EVERYONE.

*A city that provides a lifestyle across the lifespan - students, families, elders, international overseas. Facilities and built space that supports this.*

## Important because...

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| <p><b>1.</b> Aging population, international (transient) students, more families, children.</p> | <p><b>2.</b> Canberra as home of democracy should be an exemplar.</p> | <p><b>3.</b> Inclusive lifestyle needs to be supported by built form, design, environment that supports connections between people+ place.</p> |
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## Level of comfort



## Comfort would increase if...

How does this work in reality? Needs to clarify what this is and where? It is asking for a lot of everything and everyone. What can I say - diversity + inclusivity + openness in policy + procedure. Yes but not everywhere? E.g. maybe city NW is commercial focus / City Hill is cultural.

## Strengths and Opportunities

Good principle. Broader Government responsibility. Demographics changes for Canberra will mean this is critical- not easy to deliver. Build on where we are already - we are a 'changing city! Good communication are vital for diverse communities. Ensure visitors are catered for too - residents at heart of planning.

## Weaknesses and Concerns

Ensure those with very little money can participate i.e. those who can't afford a daily coffees at a café. Lacks detail- too high level for implementation. Planning for change but specific initiatives needed. How to do this in practice. Need to focus on children in particular. Needs more housing affordability initiatives in inner city areas. Vary housing types to abstract broader demographics.

# HOW DO YOU CREATE 'DELIGHT' IN THE CITY?

*Wow, surprise, curiosity, excitement, counter - culture, unexpected. Examples: Zombie Flash Mob, Rat pack, Pop Up Art, Broad burger Van (prior to becoming successful).*

### Important because...

1. Always focus on form & function but need to capture people.

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### Comfort would increase if...

Specific place based suggestions would improve who might sponsor , who responsible to mobilise? Is this role for government? Take more creative risks! Very temporary doesn't change long term use of space. Need groups to take this on - becomes an annual event. Links with place management / partnerships. You can overly prescribe these outcomes, soft touch encouragement. This applies to all place making form function + delights! Got to attract people.

### Strengths and Opportunities

Really like the examples - can work info into a program. Ties into activation. Provides 'free' admissions for people who cannot afford entertainment. An opportunity for partnership between government and cultural groups. City like Canberra can be a planned 'delights' Not every city has this advantage. Would need a dedicated organisational structure and culture? Need to provide booking process.

### Weaknesses and Concerns

Vague overall - needs grounding by place. Needs originality - specific to Canberra and it's unique identify / role / function as national capital. Needs government funding for programs. Funding / responsibilities. Is this inclusive? Needs an organisation to be the catalyst.

# DETAILED STUDY OF IMPACT OF CITY RENEWAL PRECINCT ON SURROUNDING AREAS.

*Increased activity / development impacts on other areas - traffic, parking, schools. Reducing impacts as existing suburban lifestyle / character.*

## Important because...

1. Protecting surrounding precincts.
2. Keeping existing communitive engaged / supportive.
3. To plan for appropriate servicing for precinct.

## Level of comfort



## Comfort would increase if...

Whilst precinct areas are defined , people do not add such definitions to their lives. Artificial! Key is to make boundaries almost non existent. Need some study of impact but not a high priority. Haven't we had enough studies of this nature? Off topic! Is this to understand benefits? Integrate in broader context and planning and why the area has been identified for focus / renewal.

## Strengths and Opportunities

Always good to study where you have been and learn from mistakes and successes. This makes that possible. Integration of planning & investment decisions. Many of the suburban fields / parks can no longer be used as not maintained (means travel to a suitable park). Will take time to achieve major demographic changes happening in inner area.

## Weaknesses and Concerns

Spreading too far? Broaden Government focus . Will distract CRA from core objectives. Local communities do make impact heard / felt and / or consultation done. Renewal + development in city can preserve character of known centres / suburbs / 'bush capital' Impact can stifle innovation.

## MAKE THE CITY CENTRE WORK.

*Acknowledge the Canberra centre + not fight it. Acknowledge the potential different areas / character of the city centre mall - what can be in the other streets - uses, level of activity, get Canberra centre to integrate outside. How can government incentivise & business incentivise & encourage other types of retail & businesses (smaller enterprises). Okay to have some 'grunge'.*

### Important because...

1. Increase activation - transport modes + make it attractive - practise modes.
2. Need to consider where pedestrian priority, shared public transport.
3. Provide variety + balance of business - not just a mall (CC) but variety of retail, business.

### Level of comfort



### Comfort would increase if...

Canberra centre is great but still inward looking + Ubiquities. Inconsistent messaging - are we fighting the mall or not? Most is abstract diversity + 'grunge' which are anti - mall and supported! Agree - the short title and description are not consistent. Lament that the 'heart' of our city is the inside of a shopping mall - this says something about who we are. Centre / heart should be about people / culture etc.

### Strengths and Opportunities

Builds on what is there maintains 'comfort' with the culture of Canberra in some people's eyes. Commitment from parking council of shops all together. Need balance of Canberra centre with surrounding streets. Love the ideas of supporting grunge - that may mean 'hands off', not overdesign. Need to establish the legibility of access and offering - becomes a mess. Make green place + city walk work somewhere is more than a shopping g mall retail experience. Induce people through hotel development to bring day life to dead areas.

### Weaknesses and Concerns

Moves people away form the 'High Street' shopping experience. Civic would ultimately house the character of the small shopping experience. Captivity - closing people inside. Needs big thinking of steps to counter mall consolidate and expansion. Climate control is extreme hot and cold- learn from else where to achieve outdoor spaces i.e. in all weathers. How can you convince a major financially driven entity to share with others who aren't providing finance? Where is the benefit to shareholders? The 'heart' of the city should not be inside a shopping mall but in a central plaza with cultural activities etc.

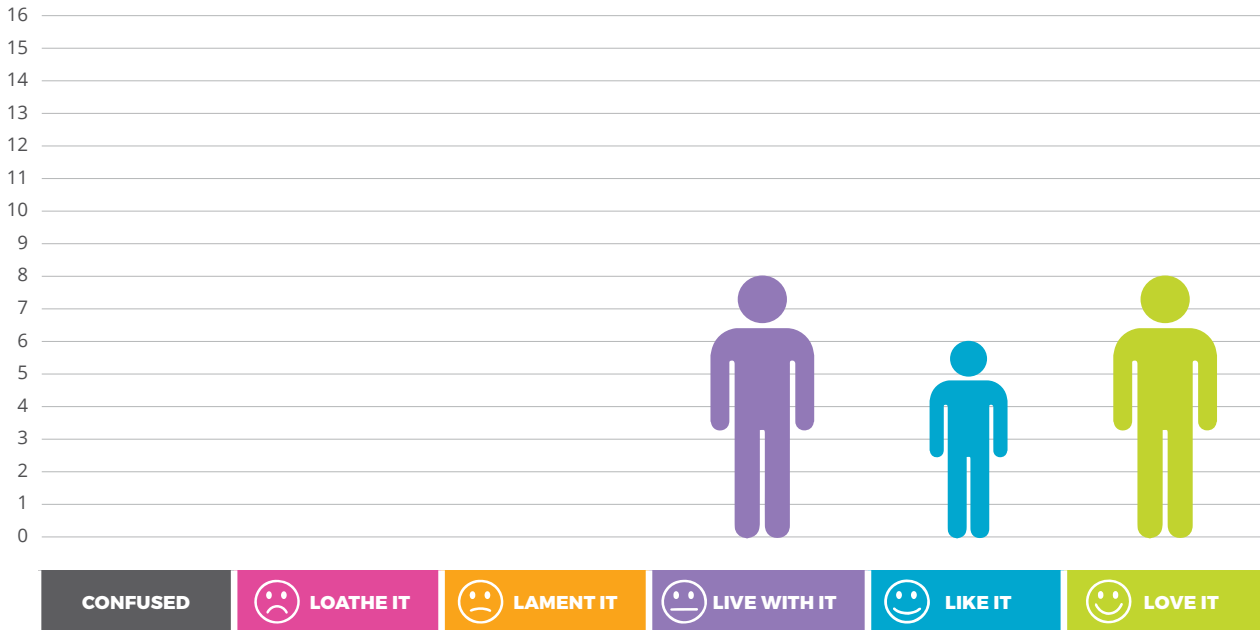
## FRAME WORK FOR EACH PRECINCT.

*Regulate impacts of development on existing areas / heritage / open space etc. Provide for needed amenities - e.g. parking, open space. Meet the desired look and feel of each precinct.*

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| <b>1.</b> To deliver character / style of the precinct. | <b>2.</b> To develop + encourage investment. | <b>3.</b> To maintain liveability + appeal of each precinct. |
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### Comfort would increase if...

How does this work with existing precinct codes in territory plan and 'desired character' which isn't used. Design codes need to be integrated with existing planning system to have effect - agree with this - agree - What is the definition of 'heritage' is one need. Do design codes work? Need to simplify the rules. Not a blanket approach - each precinct may read different emphasis more of some, less of others. - yes agree - What are the implementation tools? Needs to be simple rules - measurable.

### Strengths and Opportunities

Keep precinct design high level to allow for private sector entrepreneurship + stage public sector investment towards vision. Set 'tone' with public sector investment private sector to implement. Design codes to promote best design is a way of ensuring the development sector TS exposed to architects, art, landscape planning. Good initiative - drives other city renewal. Absolutely central. Could encourage precinct focus \$ with media and administrators

### Weaknesses and Concerns

Regulation often creates limitations for development. Concern with impact of regulation effecting organic growth responsive to local change. Don't create codes they tend to deliver cookie cutter outcomes. Not 'regulating' - let the 'people' determine e.g. Dickson. Difficult to get balance right - avoid too much prescript e.g. 5 key rules to achieve / reflect character. Allow for exceptions to achieve desired outcomes without one regulated.

## TRUE PARTNERSHIPS (JOINT / FINANCIAL).

*To leverage off each person's offering - business / industry / communities groups. Constructing to partnership in financial / exchange form - this built 'place' - This is place making.*

### Important because...

1. C.R.A needs true partners to make places.

2. Sharing of financial risk and created culture of collaboration.

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### Comfort would increase if...

Currently worked as a vision. Agree only through unity can we define our city. Only way we can afford and achieve vision. Need allocation of value - who benefits = who pays. Agree - CRA + Government can't do all - needs partner/ partnerships /collaboration - Couldn't agree more.

### Strengths and Opportunities

Very necessary - need more elaboration but 'love it' nevertheless. Possibility of creating place associations with private enterprises , businesses , residents +government who invest in place development. Partnership central leverage - joint ventures with community and businesses. Needs all parties to have a common emphasis and alignment in thinking.

### Weaknesses and Concerns

Challenge to achieve financial agreements. Need to adequately have uses too. Who are partners? How to ensure deep pool of players. How can you get people to sign on the line? Needs to be compromised by government and industry + businesses - bilateral agreement. Commercial organisations individually competing.

## DESTINATIONS - WEST BASIN (MIXED USES)

*Focus activities in the city in places that develop a critical mass and a competitive edge. Note West Basin is not the Kingston Foreshore central - protected by the wind*

### Important because...

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| <b>1.</b> Development needs to be more than a housing development. | <b>2.</b> Mixed use is better development. | <b>3.</b> Promotes social interaction. |
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### Comfort would increase if...

Key is to ensure existing city interacts with West Basin + not create a development island - agree. Correctively critical with the city. Critical mass imperative. Agree it should not be another Kingston Foreshore needs more play space. It should be everyone's play space. Not sure of intent of this proposal. Ensure we don't end up with a Docklands style foreshore - cold space shadowed by buildings. Deliver complementary opportunities rather than competitive spaces with other parts of the city. Should be a land bank for long term - short term development will be sub - optimal it is not 'ready'.

### Strengths and Opportunities

With each precinct defined will attract people 'with a purpose' to visit that precinct. Space available to do anything. Curate experience before selling land + direct development guidelines. Ensure not dominated by housing. Connectivity to city centre critical.

### Weaknesses and Concerns

Needs density to support commercial activity. Can we have too much mix? Needs to be connected to the city + include range of opportunities for families - affordable housing + lots of recreation / activities. Risk of reflecting other compromised developments if not managed. Not sure what is proposed. West Basin risks being 'half baked' if rushed - needs planning long term approach.

## CONNECTIVITY - ACTIVE TRAVEL PRECINCT - LINKS - CYCLING / WALKING.

*Northbourne corridor - interact is to improve connectivity / active travel / safety. Around the city - encouraging cycling - not safe - not encouraged - no infrastructure to support connectivity. Walkability. Commuting encouragement - safety. Build infrastructure + connect people with places. To activate the precinct. Generate economic activity in multiple places with / in precinct. Cultural shift.*

### Important because...

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| <p><b>1.</b> Health - physical + mental. People out of cars - Active travel / model shift.</p> | <p><b>2.</b> People focused - social. Health and well being - liveability.</p> | <p><b>3.</b> Simple - cost effective.</p> |
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### Comfort would increase if...

More detail about specific activities re: how to achieve? More specific required. People out of cars unrealistic in Canberra. Prioritise where it start phasing - under different users have priority / high connectivity key. Need to reform standards to wherever and allocation of road space and dimensions etc. - it currently prioritise vehicular movement - Big job! Broaden to include social connections.

### Strengths and Opportunities

Positive concept. Requires a program of commitments and priorities. Set cycle lanes away from roads. Separate pedestrians + cyclists. Will enhance the way that we think about the city in positive ways. Fundamental to what we are trying to achieve - Major focus of priority - CRA + others. Need to reform management systems.

### Weaknesses and Concerns

Where do you start / end? Requires commitment / needs to be done well / holistically. Requires major moves in education. Connectivity is not just about infrastructure it is about communities interactions and a sense of belonging + engaging with one another. Need cultural change away from cars - Need a reason to encourage people to take public transport.



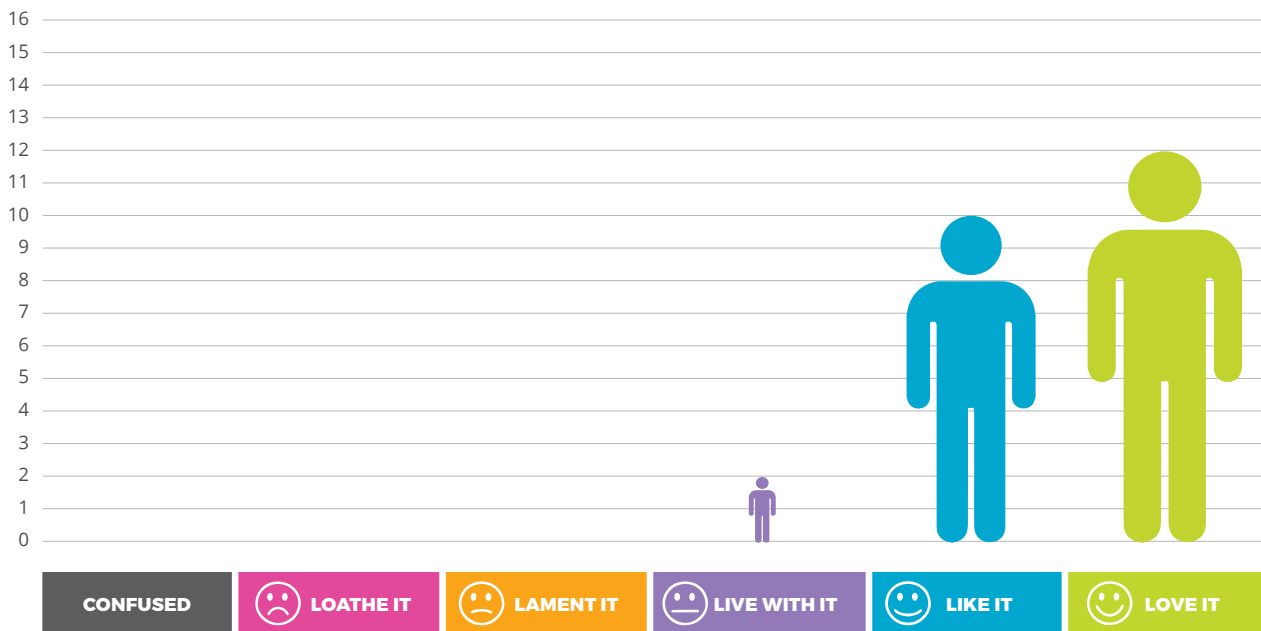
## SYDNEY + MELBOURNE BUILDINGS.

*Recognise / promote as a focus of the heart of the city. Recognise that it isn't 'working' now. What is the heritage 'value' 'character' to enhance? Development rights behind landmarks.*

### Important because...

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| <b>1.</b> Will help identify a 'heart' within a prominent landmark - built features. (here is the centre! - so people stop missing it!). | <b>2.</b> Work out what will work there. | <b>3.</b> A move to improve connectivity from E - W. |
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### Comfort would increase if...

Government needs to play greater role in facilitating / change. Are the Sydney + Melbourne building really the 'heart' of our city? 'Just do it'. Not about buildings as such but space in between to encourage human interaction + exchange. Reduce car travel along the Northbourne between buildings + promote active between the buildings including the new light rail stop. Need caution - Light rail terminus nearby will instantly activate - change of organic development with light touch.

### Strengths and Opportunities

Early win. Agree this would really exist in linking east + west, south + north precinct. This is pivotal to getting good outcomes. Big win. Agree - can be heart but need more people + easier links to neutralise road barrier. Interaction with bus interchange? Early win - I agree - getting this right will have flow on effects. Support development tights behind heritage facades. Should be able to develop through the existing build i.e. location. Acknowledged as key buildings at heart of the city.

### Weaknesses and Concerns

Will require 'courage' by government. Heritage + a modern approach to adapt. Huge financial + trust risk if not delivered properly. Continue as major traffic rate despite buildings better maintained / presented - so still lacking easy flow of people. Agreement from multiple owners, tenancy. 'Top down' view risk destroying low rent, grunge opportunities. Buildings are privately owned , owners need to be encouraged to invest in buildings. Need to harmonise owners to agree commonly agreed way forward. Is this about aesthetics or activation?

## PEDESTRIAN PRIORITY IN THE PRECINCT.

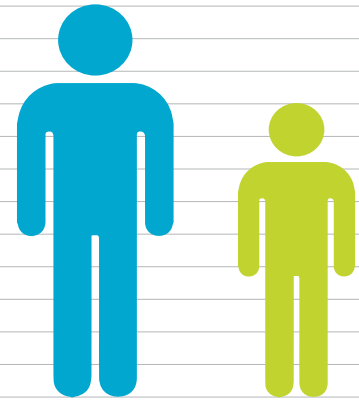
*Create a 'walkable' city with shared zones along corridor. Economic motivation to activate frontages. So pedestrian don't have to 'ask permission' to cross the road.*

### Important because...

1. Attractive places.
2. Health + wellbeing = safety.
3. Reduce active travel times.

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### Comfort would increase if...

Not a big fan of 'Bunda Street' shared zones - is this envisaged? Needs to be part of overall movement strategy / designation of streets - not all streets can be shared demographics for success. Agree with the above. Create the precinct as a 'shared space zone'. Remove traffic by building better alternatives - About - Keep bikes separate from pedestrians.

### Strengths and Opportunities

People own the city - it is their place. Reprioritise from cars dominant resolution required! Environmental - healthy. Would discourage car travel. Good for people places - health budget and climate change. Solve all of challenges. Sustainability, economic and health. Plan for 2030 + pt. vision not the 2018 car city.

### Weaknesses and Concerns

Strategies to re educate drivers. Also maintain existing foot path better. Careful planning required - demonstration needed to show it can work. Not good public time spent to get routine schedule into the precinct. Need more 'outdoor shelter' for people to stop at when its hot / cold / wet weather. Cultural change in locals - need tertiary institutions on board. Climate is a challenge - need to include an education campaign on mode shifts for public not a pedestrian activity.

## DEFINE THE CHARACTER + ROLE OF EACH PRECINCT.

*Reduce duplication of amenity. Reducing planning + zoning framework.  
Not all areas should be 'mixed use'.*

### Important because...

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| <p><b>1.</b> To ensure viability of businesses.</p> | <p><b>2.</b> To ensure design / development meets the character of the precinct.</p> | <p><b>3.</b> To ensure amenities / services meet the needs of the precinct.</p> |
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### Comfort would increase if...

Excellent idea to avoid duplication across the city. A clear statement about the special place qualities for each place and make it public. Need 'curation' or business department initiatives to reinforce character. Don't overly prescribe character identity organic opportunities to support these. If you over reach through legislation you are actively fighting future business

### Strengths and Opportunities

People go to a precinct for a reason supporting different business - not competing with other precincts. Creates destinations to keep interests - don't compete with other places - caters to wider communities sectors. Agree - not all areas 'mixed use'. Redefine planning + zoning framework outcomes. Align with a design code (see other idea). Recognised the importance of offices / employment. Analyse what gives an area a unique character and support that. Provide of entertainment precinct which can be complicated by regulatory reform and allow to thrive.

### Weaknesses and Concerns

Critical to ensure business viability.

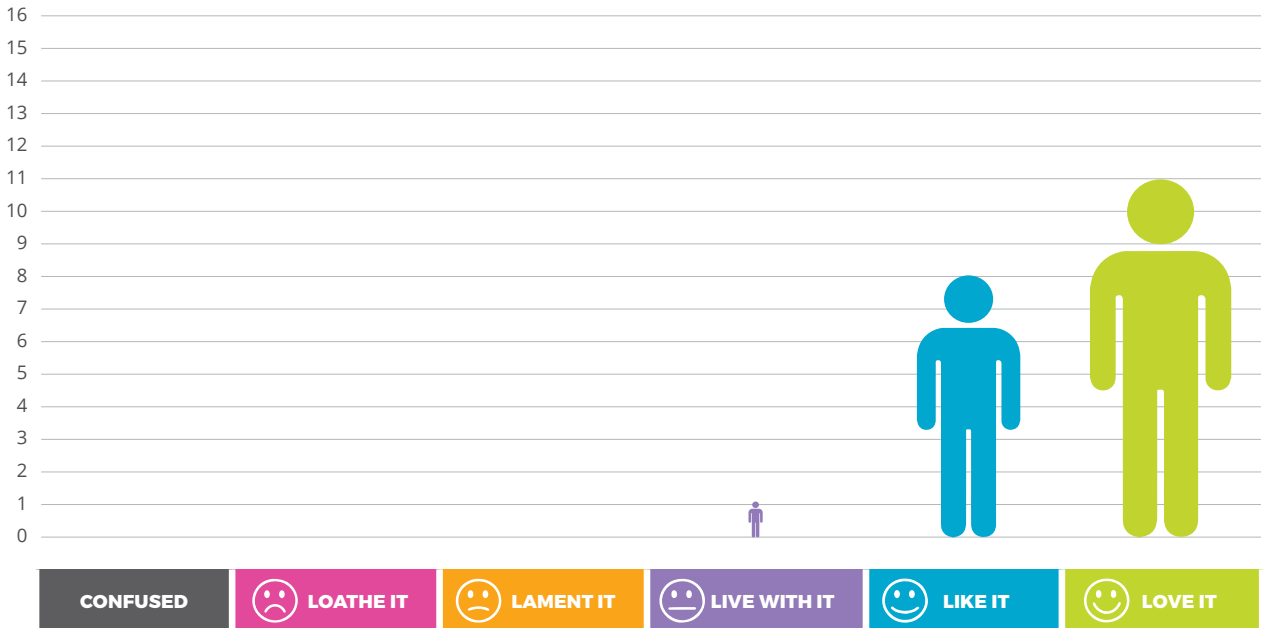
## PROGRAM THAT STAGES DEVELOPMENT ALIGNED WITH INFRASTRUCTURE + DEMAND.

*Signalling for private investment (sites + timeframes). Whole of government approach to maximise returns on infrastructure + services investment. Reflect on understanding of the actual development pipeline.*

### Important because...

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| <b>1.</b> Recognising limited services and infrastructure budget. | <b>2.</b> To achieve critical mass for realising place based objectives. | <b>3.</b> Assists priorities for CRA precinct e.g. Dickson . City Hall , West Basin. |
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### Comfort would increase if...

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### Strengths and Opportunities

This is a long term infrastructure plan - projects should meet objectives of plan. Needs to be planned with private sector. Good planning. Take time to do it well. Take time but not too much time . Careful work on consultation, collaborationist early stages can assist. Some one still needs to make a decision.

### Weaknesses and Concerns

Timing is critical.. At risk of being too controlled.

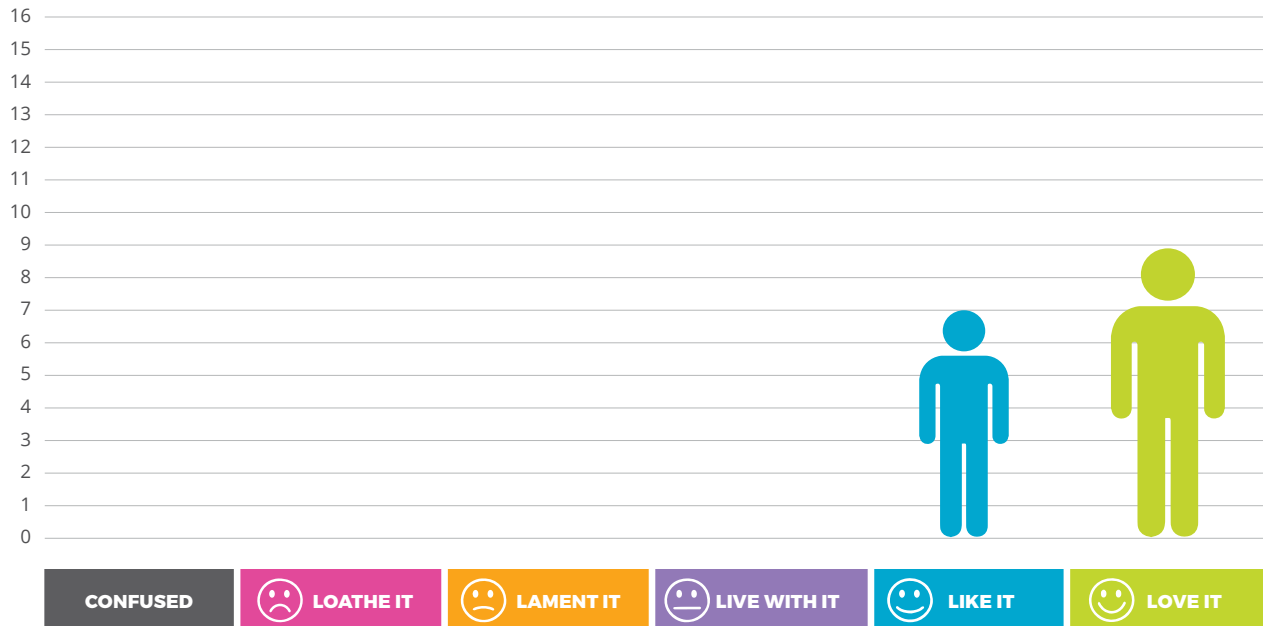
## CITY HALL AS A PUBLIC PLAZA + TRANSPORT UNDERNEATH.

*Activate City Hill + improve access across the city. Create a 'place' as focus of city - Plaza. NthBourne under. Transport hub under + near. Get traffic out of the central area.*

### Important because...

1. Acknowledge City Hill as a place + key point of triangle.
2. Improve connectivity across / through city - helps create the 'while' - via the 'hubs'.
3. Removes through traffic from city centre.

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### Comfort would increase if...

Cost implications + lots of open public spaces. Feasibility of the concept itself. Not realistic in terms of cost of infrastructure although great concept. Is it an arterial underneath City Hill with activity on top? Tough call removing traffic. Needs brilliant world class plan - takes time!! Not one of first priorities. Useable outdoor space with parking underneath.

### Strengths and Opportunities

Flatten city hill, turn into central park with cultural facilities all round.. Tunnel traffic underneath - this will connect East + West city + West B. This is a great idea the hill is presently a 'waste space' and is a potentially terrific linkage - will cost money! Long term initiative major opportunity to activate + become the true centre of civic. Parking underneath. Achieves connectivity from East - West - generates a centre piece. Has an iconic reason for being a land mark on the triangle. Fix the 'donut'. Improve pedestrian uses.

### Weaknesses and Concerns

City Hill is not walkable and divides the city. Viability / cost. Needs to be iconic in every sense, must solve how to connect it to other areas of city. Very big investment. Limit traffic around the Hill. Direct motor cars away from the area and make it more conducive to active travel.

## EARLY ACTIVATION OF KEY DESTINATIONS THAT REFLECTS CHARACTER OF PLACE.

*Activation initiatives that reflect character of area. Fast track support by CRA for new initiatives / developments. Demonstration projects / initiatives that show benefits of light touch regulation. Performance / outcome focus. Temporary / outcome focus. Desired character and inspire more permanent development and investment.*

### Important because...

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| <b>1.</b> Embedding character - reflecting desired character. | <b>2.</b> Aims to overcome regulatory constraints and constrictions. | <b>3.</b> Build case for long term investment and momentum. |
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### Comfort would increase if...

Agree but short term. Planning regulations need to change not everything should be mixed use. Place management program requires adequate resources to be effective. Need to space it out a little but not too much too soon. Remove reg. barriers - not just planning! Potent malls leads to diffuse effort and lack of focus. Requires certification for alternatives in low cost activation . Run pilots + enhance chosen few.

### Strengths and Opportunities

Temporary uses are good mechanisms to avoid 'bust' ethos which Canberrans seem to resist. Wanted in Braddon. I like the idea of demonstrating benefits of light touch regulation. Curate character to deliver a vision Then align activation + accelerate delivery.

### Weaknesses and Concerns

Idea good but unsure how practical? Needs government industry + community to come together if successes to be achieved - to be achieved how is success defined? Assessment of activation suitability / desirability in absence of high level vision.

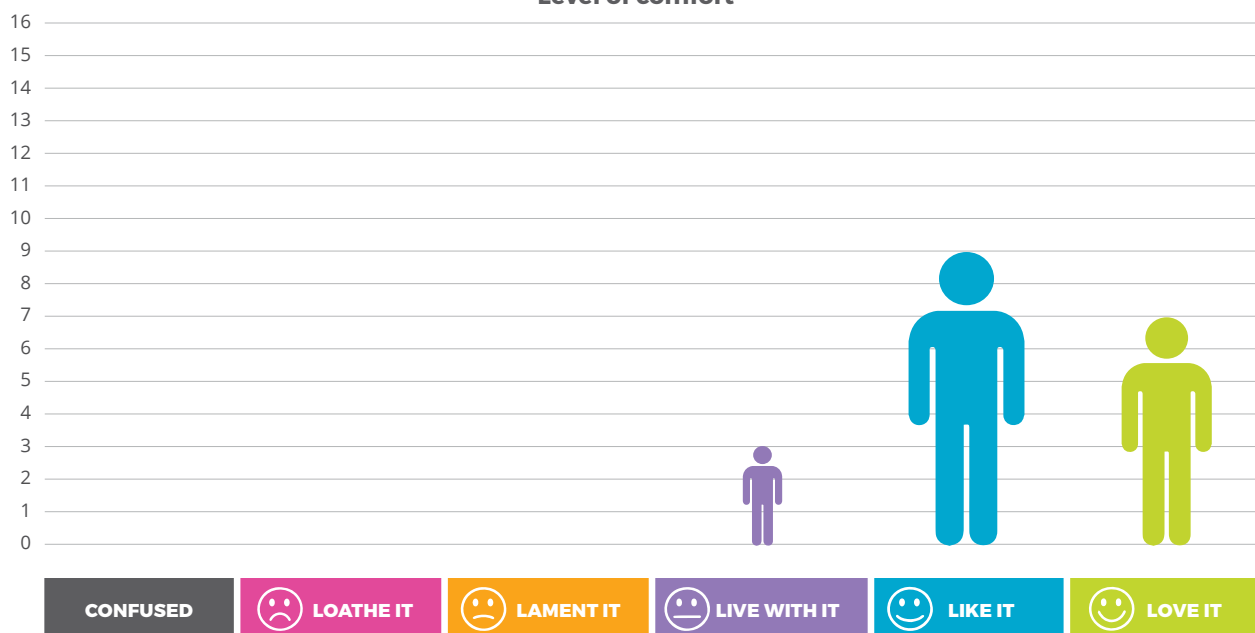
## FAMILY FRIENDLY.

*Mandate family friendly guidelines (i.e. 20% of all developments e.g. Vancouver). High quality public /community places + green spaces (rather than quantity) - suitable in dense areas. Connections to education / work / recreation - public transport / active travel. Activation of community (kid friendly) - markets / festivals / film nights / party in the park.*

### Important because...

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| 1. Diversity of community. | 2. Key workers - close to study, work , transport. | 3. Housing choice. |
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### Level of comfort



### Comfort would increase if...

Need to be aware that traditional families only make up one third of CRB population. 'People' friendly! Get housing / development industry to provide family friendly product in inner city. Not just family - should be for future population. The public space we create still don't cater for the diversity that exists. Remember that singles are a significant part of the Canberra community.

### Strengths and Opportunities

Families are a strength of Canberra identity. Love family friendly guidelines. Great for identity, economy. Could just be in certain zones. Good communications on diverse - young + to together. Think about teenagers - Urban connoisseurs. Vary housing type + amenity to reflect now diverse community presence.

### Weaknesses and Concerns

Family intergenerational - aging. Will need buy in across government to make it happen. Need a planning change to think about good diverse communities. Change rules for D.A. Challenge facilities that need to be done compact / multi purpose. Business as usual approach to development it in absence of market guidance or incentives to vary current investments. Don't forget that not every one is a family in Canberra - working population - check the data o this?

# REDUCE IMPACTS OF CLIMATE CHANGE PARTICULARLY HEATWAVES BY GREEN + BLUE.

*Building green / blue infrastructure into our urban fabric. Expression of bush capital in city centre.*

## Important because...

1. Help people cope with climate change (particularly heat)
2. Continue encourage active travel to reduce emissions + obesity.
3. Branding - bush capital -point of difference.

## Level of comfort



## Comfort would increase if...

Not negotiable we have to adapt. Sustainability is a ticket to play - a green 'bush' spaces in the city need to be usable.. Strongly support this initiative. Change is here. Continue to value the urban forests. Need to clarify what 'green' + 'blue' info is - differing views. 'Bush capital' can be perceived as 'country' or 'twee' - not progress. Agree with above comment , this can happen in many forms , not just green infrastructure. There is an opportunity cost - what is the right balance? Need to balance / understand resource cost e.g. green info needs more water - therefore recycling required - needs to be measurable - what is target? What will get us there?

## Strengths and Opportunities

Make city a leader of green / sustainable place + leverage bush capital brand. Facilitate use of existing green + blue infrastructure. Will attract more people + activity. Point of difference is good. Huge benefits for our kids. Important for health + activities, change attitude to using these climate extremes like in Europe. Early planning for climate change builds in city adaptation - resilience from urban forest to human responsiveness. All the current projections are cautious conservative. Get rid of 'heat island' - helps move to 'Canberra neutral'.

## Weaknesses and Concerns

Bush capital but not always suited to urban area - deciduous equally gives Canberra it's unique look. Needs to be measurable - multi - faceted - simple prescription can create perverse extremes e.g. solar plane. A balancing act. Very supportive of planning to reduce impact of climate change but 'bush capital' is out of date - need to focus on an innovative, forward looking city of the future. Require considerable investment for limited return.



## EMBEDDING KEY SOCIAL INFRASTRUCTURE IN DESTINATION PLACES.

*Ensure social infrastructure in place along corridor / connectivity incl. Child care, libraries, community halls play spaces for all ages, community park + gardens . No Russian gulag.*

### Important because...

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| <p><b>1.</b> Facilitate community consecutiveness.</p> | <p><b>2.</b> Important for well being of community.</p> | <p><b>3.</b> Necessary for urban densification.</p> |
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### Level of comfort



### Comfort would increase if...

Dependent on precinct - differences between precincts are good. Agree! Agree! Not everyone needs all of these - need to think how this will work for the future - not just now. Prioritise needs to be carefully linked to perspectives of upcoming population - standard benchmarks. Must not duplicate major infrastructure in each precinct. Planning for multi - purpose facilities on same site. Needs analysis required to identify which facilities / services are needed.

### Strengths and Opportunities

Needs to be highly liveable - guidelines required! Select public space strongly invest rather than equal rationing \$ - to avoid universal mediocracy. Opportunity to attract students into city \_ create younger more vibrant tempo. Cultural facilities for the future - new theatre etc. Diversities + community services creates communities. This will promote social inclusion and consecutiveness. Keep people 'land' rather than having to travel to another location for a particular amenities.

### Weaknesses and Concerns

Sound - can people live with the increase in decibels ? Resourcing? Who pays and how? Funding plan required. Staying with development critical - need a plan before you sell land (build) . Need to curate vision + then need to invest + deliver rather than usual piece meal approach to upgrades. What about a city school? Broaden to include social services as well as infrastructure.



Each Participant was contributed their own initiative and reflect and comment on others



