

2018 PLANNING STRATEGY REFRESH LISTENING REPORT



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The ACT Government’s Planning Strategy is being refreshed to better reflect and plan for the contemporary landscape of our city, including light rail, urban renewal and a growing population.

The new strategy will incorporate progress made on key Government priorities, such as achieving net zero greenhouse gas emissions in the ACT by 2045, providing increased housing choice and affordability, and delivering improved and integrated public transport and active travel.



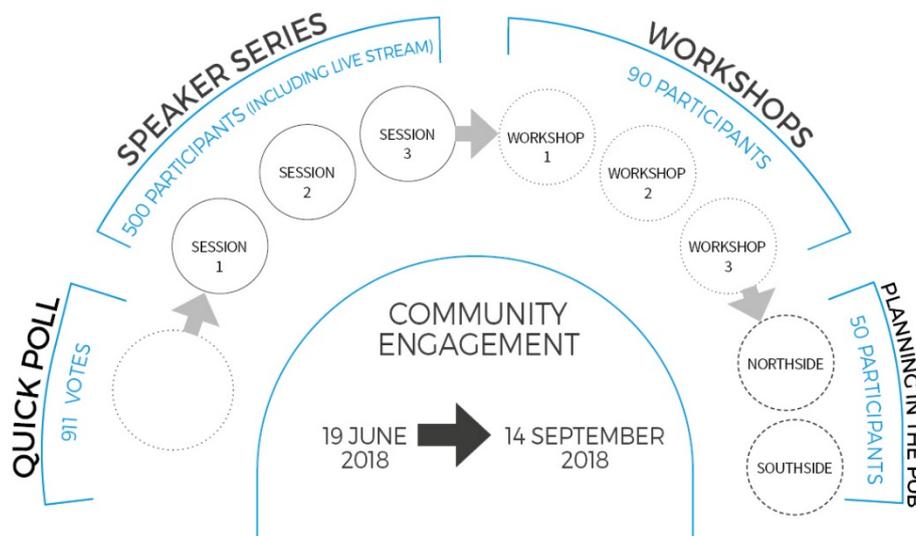
THE CONVERSATION

While many of the key policy positions of the 2012 Strategy remain robust and relevant with strong foundations for managing growth, a refresh provides the opportunity to build on the existing strategy and to strengthen it given its importance in setting the future planning directions for the ACT.

A range of activities captured the interest and feedback of the community, including online activities, speaker events, focused working sessions, planning in the pub sessions and also provided information online to assist those wanting to make a submission. Background information and the proposed strategic directions were circulated ahead of some engagement activities and participants had the opportunity - both online and at consultation activities - to help inform and develop the final themes, directions and actions.

WHO ENGAGED

Over 13 weeks from 19 June to 14 September 2018, the ACT Government worked with 640 members of the Canberra community and industry stakeholders in a range of engagement activities, including:





Key insights from the community

Leadership and innovation

- Canberra is a growing city that needs to have a vision for leadership. We should become the ground-breaking city of the country and provide a 100% renewable model for the rest of the Australia and the world to follow.
- Our city has the ideal layout and population to lead early adoption of new trends. We should pursue the concept of the city as an urban living lab to test new ideas and innovative solutions.

Sustainable transport

- Support an inclusive and integrated transport system for a connected community. We should embrace new transport technologies and have flexible transport options available for everyone.
- We need to improve connectivity to reduce private vehicle use. We should trial and support new technologies, such as automated vehicles, electric cars and bikes.

Living infrastructure

- Increased urban density needs to be balanced with green integration of city and environment, green spaces and trees. We need to respect our natural environments.
- If private space gets smaller with urban intensification then the importance of public space increases. We need to plan for climate change impacts and grow the urban forest to manage urban heat.

Urban form and density

- Plan the city to balance a growing population and high quality of living. Create accessible and friendly community spaces that connect people. Promote healthy lifestyles and an active community.
- It's important to build neighbourhoods in Canberra. Think about where we want density and what we want from it, and plan so these areas have high liveability and social amenity.

Housing Choice

- Housing choice and affordability are critical. We need to think about the needs of younger and are older people. Place transit orientated developments with affordable and social housing.
- Provide infill housing to cater for family's closer to the city, such as more apartments with 4 bedrooms not just 1 and 2 bedrooms.

Building and design

- Improve the poor quality of the built environment and tighten-up building codes. Have better housing with low energy consumption.
- Provide incentives for good quality building and design outcomes. Allocate more resources to good planning, maintenance, implementation and regulation.

Community engagement

- Work actively to engage with communities. Require developers to involve and act on input from citizens early in the design process.
- Continue engaging the public and build on governments' commitment to community involvement, co-design and participative future visioning.



ENGAGEMENT CALENDAR

Tuesday 19 June 2018	Planning Strategy Refresh engagement opens Quick Poll opens
Wednesday 27 June 2018	Quick Poll closed
Thursday 28 June 2018	Speaker Series 1: Car city or clean transport capital?
Thursday 5 July 2018	Speaker Series 2: Garden city or city in a garden?
Tuesday 10 July 2018	Speaker Series 3: Bush Capital and global city: getting the balance right
Tuesday 14 August 2018	Workshop 1: Planning for a compact and efficient city
Wednesday 15 August 2018	Workshop 2: Planning for a diverse and sustainable Canberra
Thursday 16 August 2018	Workshop 3: Planning for a liveable and accessible Canberra
Thursday 6 September 2018	Planning in the Pub (Gungahlin)
Tuesday 11 September 2018	Planning in the Pub (Weston)
Friday 14 September 2018	Engagement closed
TBA	<i>Planning Strategy released (including full community engagement report)</i>

WHAT'S NEXT?

Community voice has been key to the Planning Strategy Refresh engagement. While the Refresh is underpinned by research and evidence, the ideas and actions that emerged from these interactions will help inform the development of the document and future planning directions.

The ACT Government will now consider the outcomes from the engagement along with outcomes of other key government consultations, including on housing choices, climate change and transport.

A full community engagement report will be released with the new Planning Strategy in the coming months.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR FEEDBACK

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Quick Poll votes

208

Speaker Series audience (in person)

315

Speaker Series audience (interactive live stream)

675

Community priority votes

90

Registered workshop attendees

90

Workshop booklets distributed

50

Planning in the Pub guests

3

Social media videos

35

Social media posts

15,775

Social media reach

3806

Your Say unique visits

5489

Your Say total visits