

GUIDE TO THE ACT GOVERNMENT'S PROPOSED PLANNING LAWS

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT BILL

In December 2005 the Government agreed to final reform directions. The Planning and Development Bill is the next step in the implementation of these directions.

The Planning and Development Bill is available for public comment from 13 July to 31 August 2006.

Consultation program:

The consultation program is particularly looking for comments on any unintended consequences or impacts with the Bill and its implementation. It would be helpful if, in your response, you mention which section of the Bill your comment/s relate to.

- There will be a series of stakeholder workshops and public briefings, through the community councils, to provide the community with an opportunity to understand the Planning and Development Bill. This will take place from 13 July 2006 to 31 August 2006.
- public comments are invited by 31 August 2006

Non-confidentiality provisions:

Persons making submissions should be aware that all submissions will be made public and used for purposes related to the planning system reform project. This means that submissions may be:

- made available for inspection upon request
- copied and forwarded on request
- retained by the Authority for use in connection with the planning system reform project and its development and implementation
- attached (in full, in part or in summary form) to any report by the ACT Planning and Land Authority that may be publicly released.

Submissions should therefore not refer to confidential or otherwise sensitive information. The Authority reserves the right to not publish or make use of submissions that are defamatory or otherwise not suitable for publication or use.

Submissions on the Draft Planning and Development Bill may be sent to the ACT Planning and Land Authority at the following addresses:

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