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PLAN VARIATIONS

Inner south faces change

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Updated proposals for the omnibus territory plan variations will be publicly displayed at East Hotel, Kingston, on April 7 and 8.

Public Housing Renewal Taskforce representatives will field questions at public information sessions for the Red Hill housing precinct from 6pm to 7.30pm on Tuesday.

Sessions for the Stuart Flats in Griffith and Gowrie Court in Narrabundah on Wednesday also take place from the same time.

All plans presented at these sessions are draft and will need to proceed through a formal territory planning variation process before being finalised.

ISCCC president Gary Kent said he welcomed the ACT government's move to involve consultation from such an early stage.

But he said there was a high level of community interest as the redevelopments meant change was ahead for the inner south.

"The proposals potentially represent a very big increase in the population of those suburbs," Mr Kent said.

He said there was widespread acknowledgement increased density was necessary but there was concern about traffic impact, building heights and preserving some of the capital's oldest suburbs' character.

Mr Kent said he was optimistic the consultation could serve as a best practice model for the future.

"We know the government has listened very carefully," he said.

"We hope the displays will satisfy the community that the concerns they've raised... have been taken into account."