

Record Inner South Canberra Community Council

Inaugural Virtual Public Forum by Zoom, 26 May 2020, 7.00pm to 8.00pm

The Inner South Canberra Community Council was delighted to hold its first virtual public forum with 35 attendees on 26 May. The Chair acknowledged the traditional custodians of the land, and the attendance at the meeting of Shane Rattenbury MLA and candidate Rebecca Vassarotti, and the anticipated attendance of Elizabeth Lee MLA (apologies received subsequently).

The Public Forum was recorded for administrative purposes.

Participants were invited to ask questions or make comments using the Zoom chat facility.

Presentations from the forum will be available on the website www.isccc.org.au

1. The order of presentations was:
 - a. The chairperson, Marea Fatseas, did a deep dive into the results of the ISCCC's online survey and the implications for ISCCC priorities.
 - b. David Denham, President of the Griffith Narrabundah Community Association presented on ISCCC policy priorities in relation to changes to the Territory Plan.
 - c. Peter Moore from the Kingston and Barton Residents Group provided an update on proposed waste and recycling facilities in Fyshwick.

Key points are highlighted below.

ISCCC Online Survey – Marea Fatseas

The full report of the Survey is available on the ISCCC website at www.isccc.org.au

Key messages arising from the report include:

- The need for improved and better maintained street trees and nature strips, parks, ovals, reserves/bushland, footpaths, cycle paths and street lighting
- Neighbours want to have a say on nearby developments and knockdowns/rebuilds
- The Community must have a say on the housing mix
- There is scope for more improvements to the bus network.

More details can be found in both the slide presentations and the full report both of which are available on the ISCCC website.

Changes to Territory Plan – David Denham

David Denham addressed the ISCCC policy priorities with an emphasis on changes to the Territory Plan. Key messages arising from his session included:

- An incoming government needs to improve consultation and restore trust.
- There needs to be more consistency with no more spot re-zoning
 - government should comply with its own rules
 - there should be more transparency about government output such as Government architect reports, information on large issues (e.g Light Rail 2, West Basin land swaps NCA), knock-down rebuilds,
- Commitment to 30% tree canopy and 30% planting areas by 2045
 - the high value attached by the community to the treescape and adequate green space on residential blocks was demonstrated by the online survey
 - the government should develop and implement a plan to achieve these goals
 - supplement ‘plot ratio’ with mandatory percentage planting area
- Good rules to have precedence over criteria
- All knock down re-builds should be processed through development applications

Substantive slides are included on the ISCCC Website.

Proposed waste and recycling facilities in Fyshwick – Peter Moore

- Peter Moore presented a number of graphics showing the proposed location of the CRS Waste facility and the Hi Qual facility in the heart of Fyshwick’s commercial and service centre.
- It was highlighted that the facilities were highly inappropriate to be located in such a highly urban location and close to water ways.
- There are considerable pollution and fire risks associated with the proposed facilities.
- It was argued that the recycling facilities ought to be located in Hume at the originally dedicated area.
- It was highlighted that the ACT does not have the strong environmental policies and legislation of other states in relation to approving these types of proposals. There is insufficient monitoring of air quality and noise in the ACT.
- It was argued that the Government must demand that the cumulative impact be addressed as required by the Territory Plan.
- Peter Moore concluded by putting a question to Shane Rattenbury, Minister for Climate Change “How do the Greens consider the triple bottom line of economic, social, environmental impact of trans-shipping waste across borders to the highly populated area of Fyshwick?”

Questions and Answers

Shane Rattenbury, MLA provided some general comments. He highlighted that the Greens took waste recycling proposals seriously. They had agitated against CRS’ previous proposal for an incinerator on the site. CRS withdrew the proposal and said that the reason was that they could not get the support of the ACT Greens. He noted that the proposals were not government proposals but they were put forward by

private proponents and they went through the usual Development Application processes.

Peter Moore noted that there were current deficiencies in the rules. He further highlighted that there is a lot of knowledge about waste management within the residents groups. He indicated they would be keen to work with the Greens and others and that a big issue was the handling of the end life of cars.

Other questions raised are summarised below:

Q. Which elements of the waste facilities have already been approved?

A. Peter Moore: Rail Terminal for CRS, Sale of Land on the Rail Corridor, Traffic Lights on Ipswich Street—in a very dangerous location at the bottom of a hill and only 100 metres from other lights.

Q. Hume is close to many residential areas as well. Are we just shifting the recycling to another part of the city so that they are left to oppose them, if they can?

A. Peter Moore: Recycling should be located at Hume where it was planned, not in a commercial and service area.

A Shane Rattenbury, MLA: The relocation to Hume is a tricky issue. In 2008 residents in the area were concerned about a proposal to build a data centre at Hume and the possible emissions. The question about whether we are shifting the problem to Hume is a valid one. The real issue is to only allow facilities that won't have dangerous emissions.

Q. What can be done about DV369? David Denham commented on the length of time it was taking to finalise it.

A Shane Rattenbury, MLA commented that there were numerous delays due to COVID. He undertook to follow up.

The Chair thanked attendees, and encouraged people to get involved in their residents groups and associations and to attend future ISCCC events.

The forum closed at 8.00pm.