



## Inner South Canberra Community Council

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### **Draft Plan Amendment A East Lake - The Causeway Area (DPA-A)**

This brief overview is forwarded on behalf of the Inner South Canberra Community Council (ISCCC). The ISCCC consists of eight active community organisations in the Inner South including the Kingston Barton Residents Group (KBRG) and the Griffith Narrabundah Community Association (GNCA).

The government website states:

“DPA-A proposes zones and planning provisions to deliver urban intensification and regeneration of The Causeway Area and enable additional housing supply in the inner south. This will contribute to a compact city by increasing the residential population within the established and well-connected suburb of Kingston by allowing mixed use development. The amendment will enable the development of a range of housing typologies, new community facilities and open spaces which will attract a diverse and active community. The proposed provisions in DPA-A value the existing community facilities by integrating Cargill's Cottage and the heritage listed Causeway Hall as part of the area and provide a sensitive interface with the Jerrabomberra Wetlands”.\*

However, there are a number of concerns highlighted in the submissions of the KBRG and the GNCA as follows:

- **Public housing tenants** of the Causeway Precinct appear to have been given no assurances re their future despite overwhelming community support for the long-term residents in particular.
- The **mandatory living infrastructure requirements** appear to be given passing consideration. Vague targets are concerning. In fact, the documentation appears to imply high density development at the expense of liveability.
- **Cargill's Cottage** appears to be under threat of demolition despite a strongly supportive heritage assessment.

**The ISCCC seeks answers to these concerns as soon as possible.**

Only one formal ISCCC presentation occurred prior to the publication of the Eastlake Draft Plan Amendment encompassing The Causeway. Consequently, our member groups have not been in a position to contribute meaningfully during the evolution of the DPA-A. To illustrate, the documentation on the public record lacks detail re projected community facilities (including schools), projected traffic movements and impacts, parking requirements, etc. There may be background studies which shed some light on these matters; however, the work, if it exists, is not in the public arena. This poor “consultation” has been a missed opportunity.

Accordingly, the ISCCC calls for meaningful consultation during the next phase of Estate Planning. And, the ISCCC commends the carefully considered submissions of the Kingston Barton Residents' Group and the Griffith Narrabundah Community Association.

Yours sincerely,

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\* **[Public Consultation - The Causeway Area brochure \[2.4 MB\]](https://www.planning.act.gov.au/professionals/our-planning-system/the-territory-plan/major-plan-amendments)**

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