Key issues

- 1. What are the candidates promising?
- 2. Will it be able to deliver what we are asking?
- 3. Will what we are asking improve our well-being?
 Will it be worth the government's investment?
- 4. Will it be bad if it doesn't do it?

Planning

The new planning system is

Outcome Focused

It was developed over a period of about five years many resident groups and government employees spent huge amounts of time contributing to the develop the new planning system.

What was wrong with the previous system? What happens next?

What do we want the next government to do?

- 1. We need mandatory rules for key parameters such as building bulk and scale, solar access & prevention of overshadowing, site open space, planting space and tree cover.
- 2. We must have mandatory rules if we are to have an effective system of governance.
- 3. Plans for knock-down rebuilds should be publicly accessible and able to be reviewed by ACAT

The new planning system is

- Outcome Focused
- Promotes and facilitates the achievement of ecologically sustainable development; and
- Provides a scheme for public participation.
- And it wants to do all this without mandatory rules and without any scheme for public participation!!

Outcome Focused

- Meaning not defined in the Act
- Ask anybody in the street or at the barbeque what it means, and they would ask if you were serious.
- Any system that is outcome-focused depends on the views of the assessors. These are unelected officers. They would have qualitative views, inconsistency?
- We need mandatory rules if we are to have an effective system of governance.

Promotes and facilitates the achievement of ecologically sustainable development

- What does it mean? How do you know if the Object has been achieved?
- It should say something like "Achieve a sustainable city"
- We need mandatory rules to cope with increasing population and global warming.

Provides a scheme for public participation

Nothing has been done to achieve this Object.

No more pre-DA consultation,

Residents ignored in the review of governance

Knockdown rebuilds approved by developer's certifiers, no appeal to ACAT.

Community groups usually ignored in drafting legislation.

"When there is a complete chasm of understanding between the servers and the serviced then 'consultation' becomes a joke." Jack Waterford CT 24 Feb 2024

The new government should provide a scheme

Questions for candidates

What actions will you take to improve the current planning system?

Will you introduce mandatory rules?

What changes will you make to the ACAT?

How will you improve the building and maintenance programs for public housing?

What changes will you make to Access Canberra?
Will you improve the air quality monitoring system (Now only three stations and one for pollen count)?

Why we need DAs for knock-down rebuilds

