

**ACT GOVERNMENT  
PLANNING AND LAND MANAGEMENT GROUP**

**DRAFT VARIATION NO.162 TO THE TERRITORY PLAN  
MINI HYDRO POWER PLANT  
Cotter Dam and Corin Dam**

A draft Variation to the Territory Plan has been prepared by the Planning and Land Management Group (PALM) of Urban Services (incorporating the functions of the ACT Planning Authority), relating to the Mini Hydro Power Plant – Cotter Dam and Corin Dam. PALM received a proposal from ACTEW to construct a mini hydro power station at the Cotter Dam and the Corin Dam. A variation to the Territory Plan is required, as currently the Water Use and Catchment Policies in the Territory Plan do not permit hydro-electric power generation for waters below these dams.

Draft Variation No.162 to the Territory Plan, if adopted, would amend the Water Use and catchment Policies at Part C2 of the Territory Plan Written Statement.

Provided it is not deferred, the provisions of this draft Variation have interim effect until 19 July 2001 or for the “defined period”, whichever is the shorter. The “defined period” commenced on 20 July 2000 and continues until the proposals in the draft Variation, or the corresponding Plan Variation:

- come into effect;
- or are rejected by the Legislative Assembly;
- or are withdrawn.

During the period these provisions have interim effect, the Territory, the Executive, a Minister or a Territory Authority shall not do, or approve the doing of, any act which would be inconsistent with the Territory Plan, or the Plan if it was varied in accordance with the provisions of the draft Variation.

Section 11 of the *Land (Planning and Environment) Act 1991* (the Land Act), concerning the Heritage Places Register, does not apply to the proposal to construct a mini hydro power station at the Cotter Dam and the Corin Dam.

From Monday 24 July 2000 until Monday 14 August 2000, copies of the draft Variation to the Territory Plan may be:

- inspected at ACT Government Libraries at Belconnen, Civic, Dickson, Erindale, Griffith, Kippax, Tuggeranong and Woden during normal opening hours;
- inspected at, or obtained from, the PALM Shopfront at Dame Pattie Menzies House, 16 Challis Street, Dickson, during normal office hours; and
- inspected on the PALM Website at **<http://www.palm.act.gov.au/tplan>**

Comments on the draft Variation should be submitted, by **Monday 4 September 2000**, to:

**Planning and Land Management Group  
Urban Services Department  
GPO Box 1908  
CANBERRA ACT 2601  
Attention: Mrs J Rajasekaram.**

Comments can also be sent via Email to: **terrplan@dpa.act.gov.au**  
or by Facsimile to: **62071710.**

Copies of all written comments received in response to the draft Variation, including those from the National Capital Authority (NCA), will be made available for public inspection during normal office hours, from Wednesday 6 September 2000 until Wednesday 27 September 2000, at the PALM Shopfront in Dame Pattie Menzies House, 16 Challis Street, Dickson. Any comments received from the NCA after Wednesday 6 September 2000 will be available for perusal for 15 business days from the date of receipt.