

Australian Capital Territory

# City Renewal Authority and Suburban Land Agency (City Renewal Authority) Statement of Expectations 2019

Notifiable instrument NI2019–508

made under the

City Renewal Authority and Suburban Land Agency Act 2017, section 17 (Ministerial statement of expectations)

---

## 1 Name of instrument

This instrument is the *City Renewal Authority and Suburban Land Agency (City Renewal Authority) Statement of Expectations 2019*.

## 2 Commencement

This instrument commences on the day after its notification day.

## 3 Statement of Expectations

I make the Statement of Expectations as provided in the schedule.

## 4 Revocation

The *City Renewal Authority and Suburban Land Agency (City Renewal Authority) Statement of Expectations 2018* (NI2018-420) is revoked.

Andrew Barr MLA  
Chief Minister  
7 August 2019

**Schedule**  
(see s3)

# **ACT Government**

## **Statement of Expectations 2019**

### **City Renewal Authority**

## Overview

This Statement of Expectations (the Statement) is made by the Chief Minister in accordance with section 17(1)(a) of the *City Renewal Authority and Suburban Land Agency Act 2017* (the Act). In accordance with section 17(1)(b) of the Act, the Statement will be given to the City Renewal Authority (the Authority) Board.

The purpose of this document is to set out the Government's requirements and priorities in relation to urban renewal in the City Renewal Precinct (the Precinct), which spans Dickson, Northbourne Avenue, Haig Park, the City and West Basin. The Precinct is declared by notifiable instrument *City Renewal Authority and Suburban Land Agency (Urban Renewal Precinct) Declaration 2017* (NI2017-425).

## Objectives

The Authority operates in partnership with Government, the community and business, and was established to:

- encourage and promote:
  - a vibrant city through the delivery of design-led, people-focussed urban renewal;
  - social and environmental sustainability; and
- operate effectively, in a way that delivers value for money, in accordance with sound risk management practices.

The statutory functions given to the Authority are deliberately broad so as to enable it to lead, manage, facilitate and undertake urban renewal projects in declared precincts, consistent with these overarching objectives.

The significance of these responsibilities is reflected in the breadth and depth of experience, skill and expertise expected from, and provided by, the Authority's Board.

The Government strongly believes in the fundamental purpose of the Authority in delivering the range and quality of urban renewal outcomes necessary to firmly embed Canberra's standing as a city of choice, a city of talent, a city of ambition that is open to all.

To achieve this purpose it is essential that the city is shaped for the future, and that it is done with a people-focussed perspective, founded on principles of good design and place making. Urban renewal should be delivered in a way that will stand the test of time for members of the community, and for our city as a whole. The built form needs to promote connected and innovative communities that deliver the vibrancy, lifestyles, and healthy environments that people want.

The Government's expectation is that the Authority will:

- consult and establish productive working relationships with key stakeholders, including all levels of Government and other relevant bodies and organisations;
- engage openly and meaningfully with the local community to inform both the design and delivery of works; and
- promote cooperation, collaboration and coherent urban renewal with other key entities including the Directorate, the National Capital Authority and the Suburban Land Agency.

The Government expects a high degree of accountability and transparency from the Authority in relation to the decision-making of its Board and Chief Executive Officer. In this regard, the Government expects the Authority to provide the Minister with accurate and timely advice on significant issues in its core area of business.

The Authority is expected to pro-actively manage risk in accordance with best practice risk management.

## **Urban renewal requirements and priorities**

The Government recognises the role of the Authority to deliver co-ordinated urban renewal within the Precinct as a whole.

The Government expects that this work will:

- identify and recommend prioritisation and sequencing of major public infrastructure works within the Precinct;
- be developed in consultation with key stakeholders;
- promote Government, stakeholder and community understanding of, and confidence in, the total program of renewal initiatives to be undertaken and delivered within the Precinct;
- enable, encourage and promote integrated renewal and development outcomes;
- be supported by clear timeframes in which identified renewal projects need to be delivered commencing with those of highest impact value;
- be consistent with the Territory Plan and the strategic planning framework established under the *Planning and Development Act 2007*; and
- reflect and be consistent with the Government's publicly stated policy commitments.

Consistent with this, the Government expects the Authority to prioritise the implementation of the City Precinct Renewal Program, which sets out a clear direction and detailed plan of action for urban renewal in the Precinct over a 30-year delivery horizon.

Achieving this vision will require the co-operation and collaboration of government, industry and all Canberrans. The Government expects the Authority to review the Program regularly to ensure it is using the best, most current information available to shape the Precinct's ongoing transformation.

### *Specific projects and initiatives*

- Garema Place / City Walk Place Plan – prepare a place plan for the revitalisation of Garema Place and City Walk, which will be people-focused and support the creation of a quality urban environment.
- Haig Park – commence temporary activations, undertake minor public works and investigate the adaptive re-use of the Haig Park Depot in accordance with the Haig Park Action Plan and implementation strategy.
- West Basin Precinct – complete a review of the West Basin project to finalise the planning principles and economic analysis that will underpin the successful redevelopment of the precinct. Work with the National Capital Authority to obtain approvals and schedule commencement of stage 2.
- City Bus Interchange – plan for longer term opportunities to integrate a revitalised transport interchange as part of catalytic renewal efforts in Civic.
- Sydney and Melbourne Buildings – finalise a strategy and associated implementation plan for revitalising the Sydney and Melbourne buildings and surrounding public realm.
- Dickson Group Centre – undertake a package of capital improvements and place activations in the Dickson Group Centre.
- Braddon Village – undertake a package of capital improvements and place activations in Braddon.
- Public Realm Improvements – undertake capital improvements in Hobart Place, Knowles Place and Mort Street (Civic).
- City Activation – continue a comprehensive program of place making and activation for the public spaces across the Precinct, and partner with local businesses and the creative sector to strengthen its cultural capital.

### **Relevant legislation and government policies**

The Government expects the Authority's Board and Chief Executive Officer to ensure that the Authority operates in accordance with all relevant legislation and legal instruments, in particular the following:

- *Annual Reports (Government Agencies) Act 2004*
- *City Renewal Authority and Suburban Land Agency (City Renewal Authority Land Acquisition) Direction 2017*
- *Environment Protection Act 1997*
- *Financial Management Act 1996*
- *Freedom of Information Act 2016*
- *Government Agencies (Land Acquisition Reporting) Act 2018*
- *Government Procurement Act 2001*
- *Information Privacy Act 2014*
- *Integrity Commission Act 2018*
- *Planning and Development Act 2007*

- *Public Sector Management Act 1994*
- *Territory Records Act 2002*
- *Work Health and Safety Act 2011*

The Government is pursuing a strong one government agenda. This agenda recognises that Canberrans do not live their lives according to how government Directorates and agencies are structured. Instead, it is up to Government to join up the experiences and services delivered by different entities to improve outcomes for the whole community and ensure Canberra continues to remain one of the most liveable cities in the world.

The Government's commitment to whole of government policies is reflected in the Act. This commitment requires therefore that the Authority's operations be considered in the context of the following policies:

- *ACT Government Statement of Ambition*
- *ACT Government Infrastructure Plan 2011-2021*
- *ACT Planning Strategy 2018*
- *Transport for Canberra: Transport for a sustainable city 2012-2031*
- *ACT Affordable Housing Action Plan (Phase III in particular)*
- *ACT Housing Strategy 2018, and Implementation Plan*
- *ACT Waste Management Strategy 2011-2025: Towards a Sustainable Canberra*