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Transport and Services Zones planning technical specifications

The primary assessment consideration for a development application is the assessment outcomes in the Territory Plan. In demonstrating compliance with the assessment outcomes, consideration may be given to the relevant planning technical specifications which may serve as a benchmark. While all assessment outcomes are to be met, not all outcomes are covered by a specification.

Planning technical specifications are used as a possible solution or to provide guidance for identified aspects of a development proposal. The specifications may also be used as a reference or benchmark in the preparation and assessment of development proposals to demonstrate compliance with the assessment outcomes, and the Territory Plan.

Where a proposed development complies with a relevant provision in the planning technical specifications and the development comprehensively addresses the assessment outcome, further assessment regarding those specific provisions will not be required.

The Territory Planning Authority may consider advice or written support from a referral entity to demonstrate compliance with a relevant assessment outcome. Where endorsement from an entity is noted as a planning specification, entity referral may be required.

Consistent with the Transport and Services Zones Policy, this Transport and Services Zones Specification comprises specifications under seven categories:

- Urban Structure and Site;
- Access and Movement;
- Public Space and Amenity;
- Land Use and Development;
- Built Form and Building Form;
- Sustainability and Environment; and
- Parking, Services and Utilities.

These specifications will primarily be for development within Transport and Services zones. However, these specifications may also be used in other circumstances where considered relevant.

Urban Structure and Natural Systems

The following specifications provide possible solutions that should be considered in the planning of a proposed development:

Assessment Outcome 1. Biodiversity connectivity is maintained across the landscape.

No applicable specification for this assessment outcome. Application must respond to the assessment outcome

Assessment Outcome 2. Loss of native habitat and biodiversity is avoided and/or minimised

No applicable specification for this assessment outcome. Application must respond to the assessment outcome

Assessment Outcome

The health and functionality of waterways and catchments is maintained, including through application of water sensitive urban design principles

No applicable specification for this assessment outcome. Application must respond to the assessment outcome

Site and Land Use

The following specifications provide possible solutions that should be considered in the planning of a proposed development:

Assessment Outcome

4. The functionality and usability of the development is appropriate for its intended purpose/use

No applicable specification for this assessment outcome. Application must respond to the assessment outcome

Assessment Outcome

5. The proposed use and scale of development are appropriate to the site and zone

No applicable specification for this assessment outcome. Application must respond to the assessment outcome

Assessment Outcome

6. Adverse impacts of development on surrounding uses (both within a site and on adjoining sites) is minimised

No applicable specification for this assessment outcome. Application must respond to the assessment outcome

Access and Movement

The following specifications provide possible solutions that should be considered in relation to access, travel modes and movement to and within a proposed development:

Assessment Outcome	 The functionality and layout of the development is well connected to the surrounding area. This includes consideration of passive surveillance and active travel.
Specification	
Road network	7.1 Endorsement by Transport Canberra and City Services (TCCS) to confirm th road network can accommodate additional traffic likely to be generated by the development. Offsite works may be required to support additional traffic from a development.

Public Space and Amenity

The following specifications provide possible solutions that should be considered in relation to public areas (areas accessible to residents, visitors and community) and amenity outcomes associated with a proposed development:

Assessment Outcome	8.	The development achieves reasonable solar access and microclimate conditions to public areas and streets to support their use by the community
No applicable specification for t	his as	sessment outcome. Application must respond to the assessment outcome

Assessment Outcome	9. Any advertising or signs are suitable for their context and do not have a detrimental impact on the surrounding area (for instance due to size or light emission).
Specification	
Signs	 9.1 Signs associated with a building are: a) limited to one per frontage b) are no higher than the first storey c) setback a minimum of 1200mm from the kerb d) no larger than 6m² e) not illuminated f) are identification of the building/service on site/agency or the like.

Built Form and Building Design

The following specifications provide possible solutions that should be considered in relation to building design and built form, including height, bulk and scale of buildings and structures associated with a proposed development:

Assessment Outcome	10. The height, bulk and scale of the development is appropriate, noting the desired zone policy outcomes.
Specification	
Building height	10.1 Buildings are not more than 2 storeys in height.

Sustainability and Environment

The following specifications provide possible solutions that should be considered in relation to the sustainability and environmental outcomes associated with a proposed development:

Assessment Outcome		Roofed areas and hard surfaces aim to reduce urban heat island effects and minimise stormwater run-off. This includes consideration of water sensitive urban design measures
Specification		
Site permeability	11.1	For development on sites greater than 2,000m ² involving works that have the potential to alter the stormwater regime of the site; or development within existing urban areas which increases impervious area by 100m ² , development achieves a minimum of 20% of the site area to be permeable.
Water sensitive urban design	11.2	Development complies with the ACT Practice Guidelines for Water Sensitive Urban Design Module 2: Designing Successful WSUD Solutions in the ACT

Assessment Outcome

12. Threats to biodiversity such as noise, light pollution, invasive species incursion or establishment, chemical pollution, or site disturbance are avoided or minimised through good design

No applicable specification for this assessment outcome. Application must respond to the assessment outcome

Assessment Outcome		ise cut and fill to protect natural hydrological function and oil erosion and site disturbance
Specification		
Site disturbance	Envir and I For s sedin	tes less than 3,000m ² , the development complies with the comment Protection Authority requirements regarding construction and development. tes 3,000m ² or greater, the development prepares an erosion and ment control plan and obtains endorsed by the ACT Environment ction Authority.
Earthworks and disturbance of natural features	natui resto	tement is provided detailing how earthworks and any disturbance to all features associated with the proposed development will be red to the condition existing before the work commenced – to the action of the Territory Planning Authority.

Assessment Outcome	14. The development considers, addresses and mitigates site
	constraints and environmental risks, including natural features,
	topography, noise, bushfire, flooding, contamination, air quality or
	hazardous materials are appropriately considered for the site
Specification	
Bushfire prone area	14.1 All development in the bushfire prone area (identified by the Emergency
	Services Authority) to comply with the ACT Bushfire Management
	Standards
Flood risk	14.2 Development is to comply with the following:
	a) Residential and commercial buildings are to be excluded from flood
	liable areas up to the 1% Annual Exceedance Probability (AEP) Flood.
	b) Habitable floor levels are to be above the 1% AEP level plus a suitable
	freeboard (usually 300mm)
	c) In flood liable areas up to the 0.2% Annual Exceedance Probability (AEP)
	Flood, large developments and those with more sensitive uses* are to
	be referred to ESA, TCCS and EPSDD for endorsement.
	Note: * Sensitive uses include developments such as hospitals, nursing homes, childcare centres, prisons, archives, libraries and emergency response centres.
Stormwater retention and	14.3 For development on sites greater than 2,000m² (other than major roads)
detention	involving works that have the potential to alter the stormwater regime of
	the site, a report from a suitably qualified person is provided
	demonstrating that the development complies with:
	a) at least one of the following:
	 i) stormwater retention management measures are provided and achieve all of the following:
	 A. Stormwater storage capacity of 1.4kL per 100m² of the total impervious area of the site is provided specifically to retain and reuse stormwater generated on site as a whole. B. Retained stormwater is used on site.
	ii) development captures, stores and uses the first 15mm of rainfall falling on the site; and
	Note: on-site stormwater retention is defined as the storage and use of stormwater on site.

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	b) stormwater detention measures are provided and achieve all of the
	following: i) capture and direct runoff from the entire site
	ii) Stormwater storage capacity of 1kL per 100m ² of impervious area is
	provided to specifically detain stormwater generated on site
	iii) The detained stormwater is designed to be released over a period
	of 6 hours after the storm event. For this rule on-site stormwater
	detention is defined as the short-term storage and release
	downstream of stormwater runoff.
	Note: Calculating on-site detention can include 50% of the volume of rainwater
	tanks where stormwater is used on-site.
Stormwater management	14.4 For development of roads on sites greater than 2,000m² development
	meets all of the following:
	a) The capacity of existing pipe (minor) stormwater connection to the
	site is not exceeded in the 1 in 10-year storm event.
	b) The capacity of the existing overland (major) stormwater system to
	the site is not exceeded in the 1 in 100-year storm event.
Stormwater quality	14.5 For development of major roads, including the duplication of an existing
	major road in full or in part, a MUSIC model prepared by a suitably
	qualified person is provided demonstrating the average annual
	stormwater pollutant export is reduced when compared with a road
	catchment of the same area with no water quality management controls
	for all of the following:
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	a) gross pollutants by at least 90%
	b) suspended solids by at least 60%c) total phosphorous by at least 45%
	d) total nitrogen by at least 40%.
	Notes:
	If a tool other than the MUSIC model is used then a report by an independent suitably qualified person must be submitted demonstrating
	and confirming compliance.
	 If parameters that are non-compliant are used then a report must also be
	submitted by an independent suitably qualified person stating how and why
	the parameters are appropriate.
Site contamination	14.6 Where development is proposed on a site impacted or potentially
	impacted by contamination, the development and proposed methods of
	responding to the contamination is endorsed by the ACT Environment
	Protection Authority.
Hazardous materials	14.7 Where development is proposed on a site impacted by hazardous
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	materials, the development and proposed methods of managing the
	hazardous materials is endorsed by the ACT Environment Protection
	Authority.
Demolition	14.8 Where demolition of commercial or industrial premises for which a
	certificate of occupancy was issued before 2005 is proposed, demolition
	is undertaken in accordance with hazardous materials survey (including
	an asbestos survey) prepared by a suitably qualified person and endorsed
	by the Environment Protection Authority.
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Parking, Services and Utilities

The following specifications provide possible solutions that should be considered in relation to vehicle parking, access and site servicing (including possible requirements by utility providers) for a proposed development:

Specification End of trip facilities – provision of facilities 1	 15.1 This specification applies to: a) new developments b) major alterations and/or extensions to existing buildings (if the work affects more than 50% of the floor area of the whole of an existing building) c) changes of use that require approval of a Development Application. On-site bicycle parking must meet all of the following: a) spaces for short and long-stay users are to be in accordance with the relevant rates shown in Schedule 1.
	 a) new developments b) major alterations and/or extensions to existing buildings (if the work affects more than 50% of the floor area of the whole of an existing building) c) changes of use that require approval of a Development Application. On-site bicycle parking must meet all of the following: a) spaces for short and long-stay users are to be in accordance with
	 b) Bicycle parking facility must be Security Level A, B or C as set out in AS2890.3. Security levels for long- stay must also be: i) securely enclosed and separated from publicly accessible areas, including car parking areas ii) protected from the weather iii) provided on a hard floor surface such as concrete or paving. c) be clearly visible, well-lit, secure, safe and well ventilated. d) located: i) long stay - within one level of the building entrance and no more than 30m from this entrance ii) short stay - at-grade and on the main access route to the entrance and not more than 30m from a major entrance or destination. e) where bicycle parking devices are used: i) Access aisles adjacent to bicycle parking devices must be a minimum width of: 1.5m for side-by-side bicycle parking; and 2.0m for multi-tier bicycle parking or bicycle lockers. ii) Access aisles are designed in accordance with AS2890.3. iii) Not more than 80% of all bicycle parking spaces are to be multi-tier, in accordance with AS2890.3. iv) Bicycle parking devices must accommodate the bicycle space envelope nominated in AS2890.3. Net lettable area (NLA) is calculated in one of the following ways: in accordance with the NLA definition. 85% of a building's gross floor area.
р	Note: Wall-mounted bicycle parking devices located above the bonnet of car parking spaces must not be counted toward the provision of bicycle parking required to meet this specification
End of trip facilities – design requirements of facilities	 15.2 This specification applies to: a) new developments. b) major alterations and/or extensions to existing buildings (if the work affects more than 50% of the floor area of the whole of an

c) changes of use that require approval of a Development Application.

The access path to end-of-trip facilities provides a minimum unobstructed width of:

- a) 1.5m where the number of bicycle movements is less than 30 per hour in peak periods.
- b) 2.5m where the number of bicycle movements is 30 or more per hour in peak periods.
- c) The access path to end-of-trip facilities must also be in accordance with *AS2890.3*.
- d) Ramp gradients must not exceed 1:12 where they are to be ridden by a bicycle rider accessing end-of-trip facilities, in accordance with 452890.3
- e) Bicycle parking facility users must not be required to walk up or down vehicular ramps to access bicycle parking.

End of trip facilities – shower and change facilities

15.3 This specification applies to:

- a) new developments.
- major alterations and/or extensions to existing buildings (if the work affects more than 50% of the floor area of the whole of an existing building).
- c) changes of use that require approval of a Development Application.

Shower and change facilities must be provided for long-stay users in non-residential development:

- a) A minimum of one shower is provided for the first 5 long-stay spaces or part thereof, plus an additional shower for each 10 bicycle parking spaces thereafter.
- b) Shower and change facilities must be rounded up such that an equal number of male and female facilities are provided.
- c) Separate male and female shower and change facilities must be provided.
- d) A minimum of one toilet, wash basin and drying area is provided to shower and change facilities.
- e) A minimum of one change room is provided per shower as one of the following.
 - i) a combined shower/change room.
 - ii) direct access to a communal change room.
- f) Where a communal change room is provided, direct access is provided via the shower facility, without passing through a publicly accessible area.
- g) Separate gender-neutral shower and change facilities are provided where possible.
- h) Personal storage facilities must be provided for long-stay users in non-residential development
- i) Personal storage facilities (lockers) must be:
 - provided at a rate of 2 for each bicycle parking space provided (lockers may be used by a variety of active travel, recreational and sport user groups
 - ii) of suitable volume and dimensions to allow adequate storage of clothing, towels, helmets, footwear and other personal items
 - iii) well ventilated, secure and lockable; and
 - iv) located in one or both of the following locations:
 - close to shower and change facilities to provide for the safety, privacy and convenience of the user.
 - within communal change rooms.

	e and bicycle parking, access and egress sufficiently caters		
for th	e development while permitting safe and legible movement		
for all	for all users (including pedestrians) and minimising visual impacts		
from	from the street or public space. This includes consideration of		
parkir	parking dimensions, the number of spaces provided, vehicle		
mano	euvrability and access routes		
Specification			
	ing spaces are provided on site at the rate and location in Schedule 2.		
Trainer of car parking spaces	ing spaces are provided on site at the rate and location in schedule 2.		
Accessible car parking spaces 16.2 Access	16.2 Accessible parking meets the following:		
	king spaces for people with disabilities in public car parks of more		
tha	in 10 spaces comprise a minimum of 3% (rounded up to the nearest		
wh	ole number) of the total number of parking spaces required for the		
dev	velopment.		
b) Car	parking spaces provided for people with disabilities have vertical		
cle	clearance for the entire width of the space and the adjacent shared		
are	area of not less than 2.5m - as described in AS2890.		
Dimensions and access for car 16.3 Dime	ensions of car parking spaces, layout and vehicle manoeuvring meet:		
	2890.1:2004, the Australian Standard for Parking Facilities, Part 1:		
	f-street Car Parking including manoeuvring to and from and within		
	the development, sightlines and gradients. b) Australian Standard AS/NZS 2890.6:2009 Parking Facilities – Part 6: O		
	eet parking for people with disabilities.		
	e crossings and internal driveways are designed to be safely used by		
both	both pedestrians, cyclists and vehicles, such as through the use of vehicle		
spee	d reduction measures.		
Pedestrian and cyclist access 16.5 Pedest	rian and cyclist entrances, and driveways to the site are clearly		
visible	from the front boundary, provided through the site to increase		
perme	permeability, feed into and provides connections to existing path networks		
and or	and on-road cycle routes.		
	y is provided for pedestrian and cyclist access		
	ppment complies with the following:		
a)	A continuous accessible path of travel is provided that complies		
	with:		
	 i) AS 1428.1 – Design for Access and Mobility. ii) AS 1428.4 – Tactile ground surface indicators for the 		
	orientation of people with vision impairment to highlight		
	hazards or provide direction.		
	iii) AS 4586 – Slip Resistant Classification of New Pedestrian		
	Surface Materials for external paving and ground surfaces.		
	 iv) designed so that the placement of facilities does not intrude into the continuous accessible path of travel. 		
b)	Walkways and glass adjacent to walkways achieve compliance with		
2,	AS1428.1 and AS1428.2.		
c)			
=1	internal lighting along the whole of the continuous accessible bath		
	of travel designed to meet AS1680.0.		
d)			

e) Directional signage or other wayfinding methods, e.g., tactile indicators, to be in accordance with AS1428.1 and AS1428.4 and must identify the continuous accessible path of travel, accessible
parts of buildings and all accessible facilities.
f) Doorways and doors are designed to meet AS 1428.1- Design for Access and Mobility for pedestrian entrances and exits; public
circulation areas; and any common use areas.

Assessment Outcome	17. Waste is appropriately managed on site without having a detrimental impact on users and the surrounding area
Specification	
Waste facilities	17.1 Developments that propose post occupancy waste management facilities
	achieve endorsement from Transport Canberra and City Services (TCCS).

Assessment Outcome	18. The site is appropriately serviced in terms of infrastructure and utility services and any associated amenity impacts are minimised
Specification	
Servicing and infrastructure	18.1 Proposed development can be sufficiently serviced in terms of infrastructure and utility services. Endorsement is achieved from relevant utility providers (electricity, water, gas, sewerage and stormwater) to confirm that the location and nature of earthworks, utility connections, proposed buildings, pavements and landscape features comply with utility standards, access provisions and asset clearance zones.
Battery storage	18.2 Where development includes a battery over 30kW, the development is endorsed by the Emergency Services Agency.
Demolition – utility	18.3 For demolition works, endorsement is achieved from relevant utility
endorsement	 providers (electricity, water, gas, sewerage and stormwater) stating that: a) All network infrastructure on or immediately adjacent the site has been identified on the plan. b) All potentially hazardous substances and conditions (associated with or resulting from the demolition process) that may constitute a risk to utility services have been identified. c) All required network disconnections have been identified and the disconnection works comply with utility requirements. d) All works associated with the demolition comply with and are in accordance with utility asset access and protection requirements.
External lighting	 18.4 Development complies with the following: a) External lighting is provided to building frontages, to all pathways, roads, laneways and car-parking areas in accordance with Australian Standard AS1158.3.1 Pedestrian Lighting. b) All external lighting provided is in accordance with Australian Standard AS4282 - Control of the Obtrusive Effects of Outdoor Lighting.
Encroachment of easements and rights-of-way	18.5 Buildings do not encroach over easements or rights of way, unless the proposed encroachment is approved in writing by the relevant service provider.

Schedule 1 – End of trip facilities – provision rates

	Standard rates for end-of-trip facilities		
Land use	Long-stay users (residents, employees, students)	Short-stay users (customers, patrons, visitors)	
Emergency services facility	1 space per 1000m ² NLA	None	
Municipal depot	1 space per 2 ha	None	
Transport facility	1 space per 1500m ² NLA	1 space per 30m ² NLA	

Schedule 2 – Parking rates and location requirements

Parking provision rates for TSZ zones

Development TS1, TSZ2	
communications facility	1 space / peak shift employee
Emergency services facility	1 space / peak shift employee
Hazardous waste facility	1 space / peak shift employee
Incineration facility	1 space / peak shift employee
Municipal depot	1 space / peak shift employee
Recyclable materials collection	1 space
Recycling facility	1 space / peak shift employee
Storage facility	2 spaces / 100m ² GFA

Any other permitted land use not specified is subject to individual assessment

Parking Locational requirements

Location or use ¹	Long stay parking	Short stay / Visitor parking	Operational parking ²
Other Zones			
TSZ1	On-site or within 200m	On-site or within 200m	On-site
TSZ2	On-site	On-site	On-site

Notes

¹ Distances are **walking** distance in metres, rather than radius.

² Operational parking is for vehicles used directly as part of the operation within the development.