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Fellow Colleagues

Good afternoon

The purpose of this email is to provide cleared responses to the following Questions On Notice raised in attached Proof Committee Hansard.

- 1. Mobile Phone Tower, Campbell** – telecommunications facility in Campbell (Fairbairn Avenue, Treloar Crescent and Creswell Street (status of consultation with NCA).

Response:

The site of the proposed mobile phone tower is not within a Designated Area, consistent with the National Capital Plan. There has been no specific consultation with the National Capital Authority.

- 2. Light Rail Stage 2** – information (pack) on the proposed routes, the regulatory regime, the approvals and the approximate project time frames.

Response: (see attached)

Happy to discuss

Cheers

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Light Rail Stage 2 (LRS2)

The LRS2 project is managed by the Transport Canberra Light Rail (TCLR) project team within the Transport Canberra and City Services Directorate (TCCS) of the ACT Government.

1. Proposed potential routes

On 1 September 2016, the ACT Government endorsed a City to Woden corridor as the preferred next stage in the development of Canberra's light rail network (Light Rail Stage 2 or LRS2). The City to Woden corridor stretches from the Woden Town Centre and interchange to the Stage 1 terminus adjacent to Alinga Street in the city's CBD. The proposed corridor is approximately 10km in length and current indications are that there will be 10 stops. The route is yet to be finalised, with investigations exploring two pathways through the Parliamentary Zone and Barton and via Capital Circle, to Adelaide Avenue and Woden.

The route options being considered are shown at **Attachment A**.

Public consultation about the potential route options was undertaken by the ACT Government in May and June 2017. Feedback through this process indicated a public preference for the route through Barton.

A business case for the project was submitted to the Cabinet of the ACT Government in December 2017.

2. Regulatory regime

Either of the proposed potential routes that the ACT Government is considering will require Commonwealth approval including: NCA Works Approval, Parliamentary approval under the Parliament Act 1974 and approval through the Department of the Environment and Energy (DoE) under the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 (EPBC Act). Approval is required under the EPBC Act and by Parliament before the NCA is able to grant Works Approval.

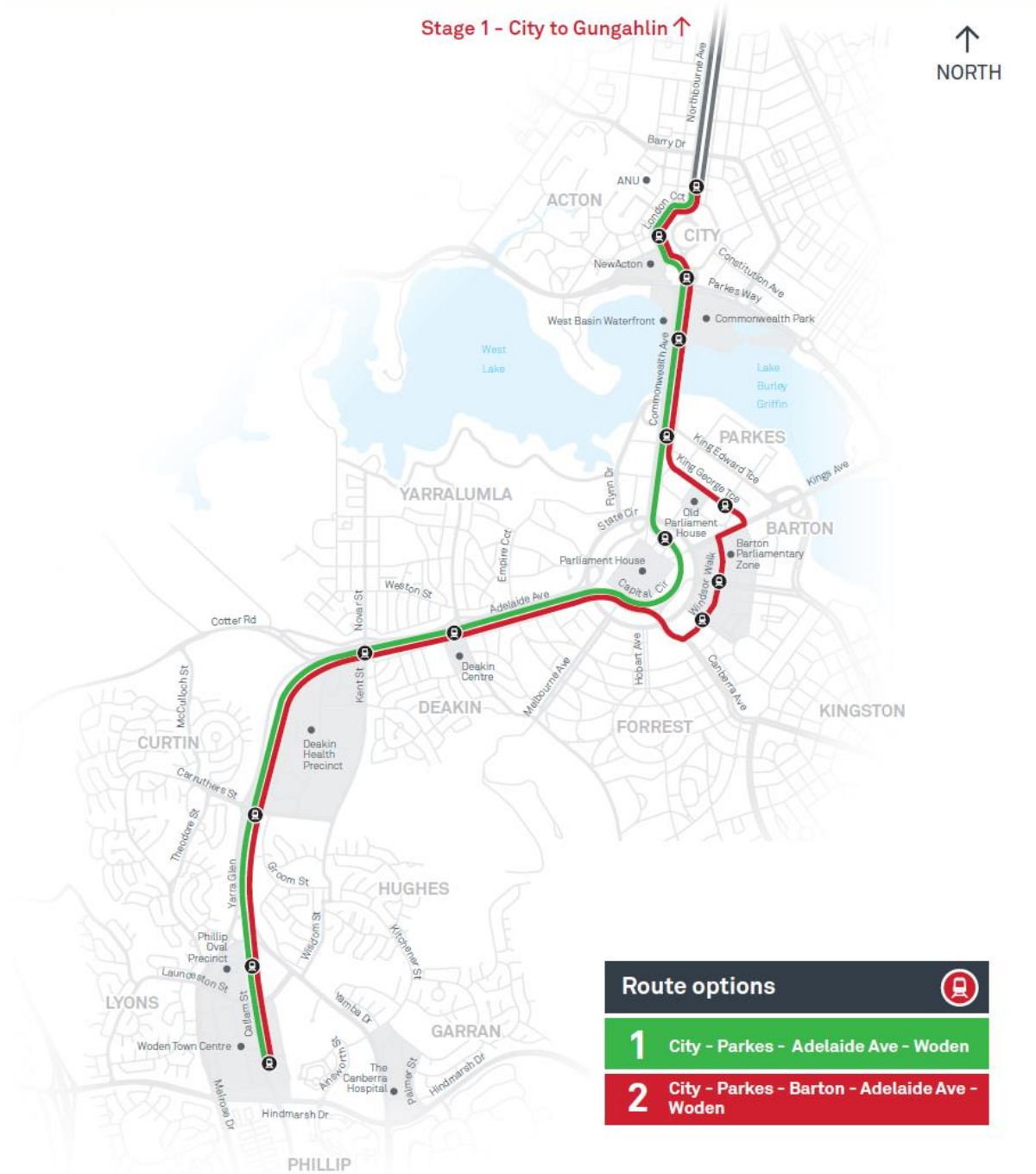
3. Key project milestones and related timeframes

The NCA understands a decision to proceed with the next stage of the light rail project will be made by the ACT Government Cabinet in February 2018. The Act Government has advised that it wishes to let the contract for the LRS2 in the second half of 2019. It is probable the ACT Government will seek to have all approvals in place prior to letting of the contract.

Stage 2 Route Map: City - Woden



Stage 1 - City to Gungahlin ↑



Route options

- 1** City - Parkes - Adelaide Ave - Woden
- 2** City - Parkes - Barton - Adelaide Ave - Woden

— Light Rail Line Light Rail Stop (indicative only)



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