

Traffic issues

General

- 5.1 The Committee received several submissions arguing that the proposed development would cause considerable traffic problems for residents who either have driveways on Streeton Drive, or who live in the area and regularly commute to work.
- 5.2 In its submission, DHA advised that it had addressed traffic issues in conjunction with the ACT Department of Urban Services and that a traffic plan for the proposed development included speed humps on Streeton Drive, a right turn land median treatment, pedestrian refuges at the intersection to the proposed development, and five new driveways giving direct access to Streeton Drive.¹

New proposal

- 5.3 At the public hearing, DHA advised the Committee that an alternate traffic calming proposal had been developed. DHA provided the Committee with a traffic control devices concept plan roundabouts option (the concept plan) which replaced the proposed traffic calming devices with two roundabouts at the main intersections between Streeton Drive and Darwinia Terrace and Streeton Drive and Bangalay Crescent (A

¹ Transcript of evidence, p. 39.

conceptual plan is provided at Appendix D).² DHA also advised that it was now its intention to discuss the concept plan in a more formal way with the relevant planning authority and with a meeting of the community group.³

- 5.4 DHA advised the Committee that the concept plan did not have to be referred back to the development approval process and that the development approval was independent of that but requires that to take place.⁴ The Committee questioned DHA as to the risk of failure to obtain approval for the proposed concept plan posed for DHA. DHA advised that the risk to DHA would be that the required planning approval from the ACT Department of Urban Services was not forthcoming, but believed the risk to be low.⁵
- 5.5 The Committee also asked DHA whether there was any financial risk for DHA in respect of the concept plan. DHA advised that the cost of doing the work was the responsibility of the ACT Government and that that cost would be subtracted from the price which DHA paid the ACT government for the lease.⁶

Community support

- 5.6 Witnesses at the public hearing either indicated support for the proposed traffic control devices concept plan roundabouts option,⁷ or that it would be an improvement on what was previously recommended.⁸
- 5.7 The Committee acknowledges the concern of witnesses at the public hearing and, in respect of the community in general, that adequate opportunity to examine the proposed traffic control devices concept plan roundabouts option had not occurred.⁹ The Committee notes DHA's undertaking in evidence to discuss the concept plan in a meeting with the community.

2 Transcript of evidence, p. 39.

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5 Transcript of evidence, p. 39.

6 Transcript of evidence, p. 39.

7 Transcript of evidence, pp. 3 & 79.

8 Transcript of evidence, p. 84.

9 Transcript of evidence, p. 87.