



ACT
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Environment, Planning and
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NOTICE OF DECISION

Made under part 7 of the *Planning and Development Act 2007*

I, Craig Weller, delegate of the planning and land authority, pursuant to section 162 of the *Planning and Development Act 2007*, **approve subject to conditions** the proposal for **public works to replace 3 of the existing pedestrian bridges in Umbagog Park with new lightweight modular steel bridges, landscaping and associated works** at Block 1 Section 144 LATHAM, in accordance with the plans, drawings and other documentation approved and endorsed as forming part of this approval.

DA Number: 202240445
Block: 1, 4, 1
Section: 124, 143, 144
Suburb: LATHAM
Application lodged: 19 July 2022
Assessment track: Merit

This decision contains the following information:

PART A – conditions of approval
PART B – reasons for the decision
PART C – public notification & entity advice
Attachment 1 – administrative information
Copies of entity advice – as attached

A copy of the development application and this approval may be inspected at the planning and land authority's office from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm, Monday to Friday at 480 Northbourne Avenue, Dickson, ACT 2602

CONTACT / ENQUIRIES

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Online Form:

https://www.accesscanberra.act.gov.au/app/forms/epd_feedback

Craig Weller

Delegate of the Planning
and Land Authority

20 September 2022

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PART A – CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL

This application is approved subject to the following conditions being satisfied. Some conditions of the approval require attention before work commences or before approved drawings will be released.

GENERAL CONDITIONS

1. COMMENCEMENT AND COMPLETION OF DEVELOPMENT

- a) This development must be started (commenced) within **three years** from the date when this approval take effect.
- b) This development must be finished (completed) within **three years** from the date when it started, or within such further time as approved in writing by the planning and land authority.

Note: The planning and land authority may extend the time to commence or finish the development if an application, to extend the time to commence or finish the development, is made prior to when the development has to be started or finished – refer to section 184(3) and 188 of the Planning and Development Act 2007 (the Act).

CONDITIONS RELATING TO DEVELOPMENT and ENTITY REQUIREMENTS

2. ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS

All recommended methods and measures in the Ecological Impact Assessment, dated 14 February 2022 and prepared by Capital Ecology Pty Ltd shall be implemented on site to help minimise and mitigate impact of the proposed development on the ecological value of the surrounding area.

3. PRIOR TO WORKS COMMENCING - TRANSPORT CANBERRA AND CITY SERVICES

The development shall comply with the following conditions to the satisfaction of TCCS:

- a) A set of landscape plans clearly detailing the extent of disturbance and the required landscape rectification works, must be submitted to place management for review and approval before the works can commence onsite.
- b) A Landscape Management and Protection Plan must be submitted to Development Coordination Branch and approved before commencing works onsite.

4. ACT HERITAGE COUNCIL (THE COUNCIL)

The development shall comply with the following conditions to the satisfaction of the Council:

- a) Movement of personnel, materials, and machinery utilised for the project must be contained to existing formed tracks; and
- b) If any potential or suspected Aboriginal places or objects are located during works, the Unexpected Discovery Plan contained within 'Umbagog Park Bridges 1193, 1194, 1195' (Past Traces 2022) is to be enacted.

5. COMPLIANCE WITH ENTITY REQUIREMENTS

The development must satisfy the requirements of the following entities as stated in each of their advice.

- ICON Water;
- Evoenergy (Electricity);

Copies of advice from the relevant entities are attached to the Notice of Decision and are relevant to this condition.

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6. WASTE MANAGEMENT – DURING CONSTRUCTION PHASE

All building waste is to be stored on the site in suitable receptacles/containers and collected regularly. The lessee is to take all reasonable steps to ensure that waste, particularly wind-borne litter, does not affect adjoining or adjacent properties.

7. ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION

All works shall be carried out in accordance with *Environment Protection Guidelines for Construction and Land Development in the ACT, March 2011*.

ADVISORY NOTES

This application is approved with the following advisory notes. It is recommended that careful consideration be given to advisory notes prior to commencing work.

1. SIGNAGE

- a) All signage installed at the site, including advertising signage and hoarding, should comply with the Australian Association of National Advertisers (AANA) Code of Ethics and the ACT Government's Hoarding Signage Advertising Guidelines available online at <https://www.planning.act.gov.au/build-buy-renovate/for-industry/industry-resources/hoarding-signage-guidelines>

PART B – REASONS FOR THE DECISION

The application was approved because based on the documentation and in the form modified by the imposed conditions it was considered to meet the relevant rules and criteria of the Territory Plan and section 120 of the *Planning and Development Act 2007 (the Act)*.

The objectives of the PRZ1 Urban Open Space zone have been considered. In general, the assessment found the development was not inconsistent with the zone objectives.

The main issues identified during the assessment were:

- The development meeting the Territory Plan requirements;
- Issue raised in 7 representations received; and
- Entity advice.

The proposal was referred to relevant entities and the Entity advice as discussed in **PART C** below.

Conditions have been imposed in regards the issues identified during assessment to ensure the development satisfies the Territory Plan, addresses assessment issues including relevant entity advice and generally follows standard process and practices.

All relevant conditions are included under **PART A** and entity advice is noted in **PART C**.

EVIDENCE

The following evidence formed part of the assessment of this application:

Development Application:	202240445
Territory Plan Zones:	PRZ1 Urban Open Space
Development Codes:	Park and Recreation Zone Development Code
Precinct Code:	Latham Precinct Map and Code
General Codes:	Crime Prevention Trough Environmental Design General Code, Access and Mobility General Code

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Crown Lease:	Volume and Folio – N/A
Legislative requirements:	the <i>Planning and Development Act 2007</i> in particular sections 119 and 120
Representations and Entity advice:	As addressed in PART B and PART C of this Decision

PART A and **PART C** provide further details and considerations informing the reasons for the decision.

PART C – PUBLIC NOTIFICATION AND ENTITY ADVICE

PUBLIC NOTIFICATION

Pursuant to Division 7.3.4 of the *Planning and Development Act 2007* (the Act), the application was publicly notified from on 28 July 2022 to 17 August 2022. Seven (7) written representations were received during public notification period. The issues raised in the representations were considered in the assessment and making of the decision for this development application. The main issues raised were as follows. Comments are provided as appropriate.

Impact of increased footings to the surrounding vegetation, soils, and wildlife

A condition has been imposed that all recommendations in the Ecological Impact Assessment shall be implemented on site including reusing of existing structures i.e. concrete footings where possible. In addition, landscape plans clearly detailing the extent of disturbance and landscape rectification works are required to be submitted and endorsed by TCCS before commencing works onsite.

Suggest locating Bridge 1193 to grassy gully

The proposed new bridges will be on the same location following the same alignment of existing bridges to limit impact on the ecological values.

Request bridge not wider than 1.8m

The width of the new bridges will be from 1.8m to 2m where it will be wide enough to accommodate both a cyclist and pedestrian and meet accessibility requirement.

Concerns of weeds introduced during construction

A condition has been imposed that all recommendations in the Ecological Impact Assessment shall be implemented on site that includes weed management during construction.

Consultation

The application was supported by pre-DA consultation information from Belconnen community residents and community group including Umbagog Landcare Group. This application was notified as per the standard DA practices.

Request of temporary fencing is erected to protect native grass

A Landscape Management and Protection Plan is required to be approved and endorsed before commencing works onsite to ensure protection of Territory assets including grass.

Proximity of bench seat and cyclist path

The proposed bench seat on the side of the pathway allows for 2m width clearance for cyclist that is sufficient.

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ENTITY ADVICE and REQUIREMENTS

Pursuant to Division 7.3.3 of the *Planning and Development Act*, the application was referred to the entities below. Where an entity requested conditions to be imposed on this development, those conditions have been incorporated into **PART A** of this Decision.

A summary of entity comments can be found below.

1. TRANSPORT CANBERRA AND CITY SERVICES (TCCS)

TCCS provided advice on 16 August 2022 stating that the proposal is supported subject to conditions.

Please refer to **PART A** for conditions consistent with the TCCS advice.

2. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AUTHORITY (EPA)

The application was referred to Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) however a response was not received by the ACT planning and land authority within 15 working days. As per section 150 of the Planning and Development Act 2007, where an entity did not respond within this time, it is taken to have given advice that the entity supports the application.

3. CONSERVATOR OF FLORA AND FAUNA (TREE PROTECTION UNIT) (the Conservator)

The Conservator provided advice on 8 August 2022 stating that:

‘Thank you for providing the Conservator of Flora and Fauna the opportunity to review this DA. We have no comments.’

4. ACT HERITAGE COUNCIL – The Council

The Council provided advice on 15 August 2022 stating that the proposed development is unlikely to diminish the significance of a registered heritage place or damage Aboriginal places or objects, subject to conditions.

Please refer to **PART A** for conditions consistent with the Council’s advice.

A copy of the Council’s advice is attached to this Notice of Decision.

5. ICON WATER

Icon Water provided advice on 26 July 2022 stating that the proposal is supported subject to conditions.

A condition requiring the development to satisfy relevant entity requirements has been imposed in **PART A**.

A copy of the Icon Water advice is attached to this Notice of Decision.

6. EVOENERGY (ELECTRICITY)

EvoEnergy (Electricity) provided advice on 10 August 2022 stating that the proposal is supported subject to conditions.

A condition requiring the development to satisfy relevant entity requirements has been imposed in **PART A**.

A copy of the Evoenergy advice is attached to this Notice of Decision.

7. EVOENERGY (GAS)

EvoEnergy (Gas) provided advice on 9 August 2022 stating that there are no Gas Networks assets within the vicinity of the development and as such no approval is required.

A copy of the EvoEnergy (Gas) advice is attached to this Notice of Decision.

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ATTACHMENT 1

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION RELATING TO NOTICE OF DECISION

DATE THAT THIS APPROVAL TAKES EFFECT

Unless a condition of approval provides for otherwise, this approval takes effect 20 working days after the day this notice of decision is given to every person who made a representation on the application. The effective date for development applications approved subject to conditions may also be adjusted if the approval is reconsidered by the planning and land authority or if an application is made to the ACT Civil and Administrative Tribunal.

Pursuant to section 184 of the *Planning and Development Act 2007* ([Act](#)), this approval will expire if:

- the development or any stage of the development is not started within three years after the day the approval takes effect;
- the development is not finished three years after the day the development begins; or
- the development approval relates to land comprised in a lease that requires the development to be completed on a stated date – the date stated in the lease for completion of the development, or the approval is revoked pursuant to section 189 of the Act.

Under section 184 of the Act, the applicant may apply to the planning and land authority to extend the prescribed period to finish the development, but such an application must be made within the original period specified for completion.

A development approval, to which section 184 of the Act applies, continues unless the approval ends under sections 184, 185, 186 or 187 of the Act.

Inspection of the Application and Decision

A copy of the application and the decision can be inspected between 9.00am and 4:00pm weekdays at the Environment, Planning and Sustainable Development Directorate Dickson Customer Service Centre at 480 Northbourne Avenue, Dickson, ACT.

Submission of revised drawings or documentation

If a condition of approval requires the applicant to lodge revised drawings and / or documentation with the planning and land authority for approval pursuant to section 165 of the Act, the submission must be made by completing an application in e-development.

Reconsideration of the Decision

If the DA applicant is not satisfied with the decision made by the planning and land authority, they are entitled to apply to the planning and land authority for reconsideration within 20 working days of being told of this decision pursuant to section 191 of the Act. A longer timeframe may apply only if granted in writing by the planning and land authority pursuant to section 184 of the Act.

More information is available online at <https://www.planning.act.gov.au/build-buy-renovate/build-buy-or-renovate/approvals/development-applications/appeal-a-da-decision>.

Please contact Access Canberra Customer Services if you wish to lodge a reconsideration application.

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Review by the ACT Civil and Administrative Tribunal (ACAT)

1. Decisions that are reviewable (sometimes referred to as appeals) by the ACAT are identified in Schedule 1 of the [Act](#), except for matters that are exempted under Schedule 3 of the [Planning and Development Regulation 2008](#) (matters exempt from third party review).
2. The notice of decision and this advice have been sent to all people who made a representation in relation to the application.
3. The ACAT is an independent body. It can review a large number of decisions made by ACT Government ministers, officials and statutory authorities on their merits. The ACAT can agree with, change or reject the original decision, substitute its own decision or send the matter back to the decision maker for reconsideration in accordance with ACAT recommendations.
4. More information on appeal rights is available online at <https://www.planning.act.gov.au/build-buy-reno/build-buy-or-reno/approvals/development-applications/appeal-a-da-decision>.
5. The ability to review the Authority's decision is a matter of law. **If** you think you have a right of review, you may apply to the ACAT for a review of the decision. Application forms can be obtained from the ACAT at the website listed below. You can also download the form from the ACT Legislation Register. It is recommended you seek independent advice in regards to such reviews eg a legal practitioner.
6. If you are applying on behalf of an organisation or association, whether incorporated or not, the Tribunal in deciding whether to support this application will consider the effect of the decision being reviewed on the interests of the organisation or association in terms of its objects or purposes. A copy of the relevant documents will be required to be lodged with the Tribunal.
7. The time limit to make a request for a review is 28 days from the date of this notice of decision. The time limit can be extended in some circumstances (refer to sections 10 (2), 10(3), 25(1)(e) and 25(2) of the *ACT Civil & Administrative Tribunal Act 2008*; and rule 38 of the *ACT Civil and Administrative Tribunal Procedures Rules 2020*).
8. Applications to the ACAT, including an application to be joined as a party to a proceeding, require payment of a fee (the Tribunal Registry will advise of the current fee), unless you are receiving legal or financial assistance from the ACT Attorney-General. You can apply to have the fee waived on the grounds of hardship, subject to approval (refer to section 22T of the *ACT Civil and Administrative Tribunal Act 2008*). Decisions to grant assistance are made on the grounds of hardship and that it is reasonable, in all the circumstances, for the assistance to be granted. Applications should be made in writing to: the Director General, Justice and Community Safety Directorate, GPO Box 158, CANBERRA ACT 2601. You can ask the ACAT for more details.
9. The ACAT is required to decide appeals in land and planning and tree protection cases within 120 days after the lodging of the appeal, unless that period is extended by the ACAT upon it being satisfied that it is in the interests of justice to do so.
10. The following organisations may be able to provide you with advice and assistance if you are eligible:
 - ACT Law Society, telephone 6274 0300ACT
 - Legal Aid Office, telephone 1300 654 314
 - ACT Council of the Ageing, telephone 02 6154 9740
 - Welfare Rights Centre, telephone 1800 226 028
 - Environmental Defender's Office (ACT), telephone 02 6243 3460.
11. You will have to pay any costs involved in preparing or presenting your case. The ACAT also has the power to award costs against a party in the circumstances specified in s 48 of the *ACT Civil and Administrative Tribunal Act 2008*. This power is in addition to the power of the ACAT to strike out a party and to dismiss an application for failure to comply with the ACAT's directions.

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12. You may apply for access to any documents you consider relevant to this decision under the *ACT Freedom of Information Act 2016*. Information about Freedom of information requests is available on the planning and land authority's web site at <https://www.environment.act.gov.au/about/access-government-information> or by contacting us by phone on 02 6207 1923.
13. The procedures of the ACAT are outlined on the ACAT's website, including in the Guide to the Land and Planning Division and the Guide to the Hearing. Contact the ACAT for alternative ways to access information about the ACAT's procedures.

Review by the ACT Supreme Court

1. The Authority's decision may also be subject to judicial review by the ACT Supreme Court under the *Administrative Decisions (Judicial Review) Act 1989* (ADJR Act).
2. Under the ADJR Act, an *eligible person* may make an application for review of a decision.
3. An *eligible person* must demonstrate that their interests are adversely affected by the decision and that the application raises a significant issue of public importance.
4. Section 5 of the ADJR Act sets out the grounds on which a decision can be reviewed.
5. The time limit to make an application for review is 28 days from the date the Notice of Decision is provided to the applicant and those people who made a representation.
6. The ACT Supreme Court is a costs jurisdiction where costs generally follow the event. This means that the unsuccessful party is required to pay the costs of the successful party.
7. For more information on ACT Supreme Court processes and fees, please visit <https://courts.act.gov.au/home>.

Other approvals

A notice of decision under the *Planning and Development Act 2007* grants development approval only. Other approvals may be required, including:

1. **Building Approval**
Most building work requires building approval under the *Building Act 2004* to ensure it complies with building laws such as the *Building Code of Australia*. The lessee should engage a private building certifier to determine whether building approval is required and assess and approve the building plans before construction commences. A list of certifiers can be obtained from the [Environment, Planning and Sustainable Development Directorate](#).
2. **Tree damaging activity approval**
A Tree Management Plan under the *Tree Protection Act 2005* is required for approval where it is proposed to undertake groundwork within the tree protection zone of a protected tree or likely to cause damage to, or remove, any trees defined as protected trees by that Act. More information is available from the Transport Canberra and City Services Directorate at <https://www.tccs.act.gov.au/city-living/trees>.
3. **Use of verges or other unleased Territory Land**
In accordance with the *Public Unleased Land Act 2013*, road verges and other unleased Territory land must not be used for the carrying out of works, including the storage of materials or waste, without prior approval of the Territory. More information is available from the Transport Canberra and City Services Directorate at <https://www.tccs.act.gov.au/city-living/public-land-use>.

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4. Works on unleased Territory Land

In accordance with the *Public Unleased Land Act 2013*, no work can be undertaken on unleased Territory land without the approval of the Territory. Such approval must be obtained from the Senior Manager, Place Coordination and Planning, Transport Canberra and City Services Directorate by way of:

- (a) a certificate of design acceptance prior to the commencement of any work; and
- (b) a certificate of operational acceptance on completion of all works to be handed over to TCCS.

Works on unleased Territory land may include the construction or upgrading of driveway verge crossings, public footpaths, roads, street lighting, stormwater works, waste collection amenities, street signs and line marking, road furniture and landscaping.

Contact details for relevant agencies

ACT Civil and Administrative Tribunal Level 4, 1 Moore Street CANBERRA CITY ACT 2601 GPO Box 370, CANBERRA, ACT 2601	www.acat.act.gov.au tribunal@act.gov.au 02 6207 1740 02 6205 4855 (Fax)
ACT Supreme Court 4-6 Knowles Place, CANBERRA CITY ACT 2601 GPO Box 1548, CANBERRA CITY, ACT 2601	www.courts.act.gov.au 02 6205 0000
Environment, Planning and Sustainable Development Directorate 480 Northbourne Avenue DICKSON ACT 2602 GPO Box 158, CANBERRA 2601 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Planning and land authority</i><ul style="list-style-type: none">- list of certifiers for building approval- demolition information- asbestos information• <i>Environment Protection Authority</i><ul style="list-style-type: none">- environment protection- water resources- Conservation, Planning and Research- threatened species/wildlife management• <i>WorkSafe ACT</i><ul style="list-style-type: none">- asbestos information• <i>ACT Heritage Council</i><ul style="list-style-type: none">- Aboriginal, historic and natural heritage management• Tree Protection Unit<ul style="list-style-type: none">- <i>Development Applications (DA) issue:</i>- <i>Tree Damaging Activity Applications (TDAA) issue:</i>	www.planning.act.gov.au 02 6207 1923 EPAPanningLiaison@act.gov.au 6207 5642 worksafe@worksafe.act.gov.au 132 281 www.environment.act.gov.au 132 281 TCCS.TreeProtectionACTPLARef@act.gov.au TCCS.TreeProtection@Act.gov.au
Transport Canberra and City Services <ul style="list-style-type: none">• landscape management and protection plan	www.tccs.act.gov.au 132 281

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approval <ul style="list-style-type: none">• use of verges or other unleased Territory land• works on unleased Territory land - design acceptance• driveway inspections or building applications• damage to public assets	02 6207 0019 (development coordination) tccs.dcdevelopmentcoordination@act.gov.au
Health Directorate	www.health.act.gov.au hps@act.gov.au 02 5124 9700
Education Directorate	www.education.act.gov.au 02 6205 5429
Utilities <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Telstra (networks)• TransACT (networks)• Icon Water• Electricity reticulation	02 8576 9799 02 6229 8000 02 6248 3111 02 6293 5749

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CROATIAN	Ako trebate pomoć tumača telefonirajte:
GREEK	Αν χρειάζεστε διερμηνέα τηλεφωνήστε στο
ITALIAN	Se avete bisogno di un interprete, telefonate al numero:
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