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PUBLIC INFORMATION SESSIONS: EXHIBITION OF DRAFT ESTATE DEVELOPMENT PLANS AND CONSULTATION ON THE RIPARIAN MANAGEMENT STRATEGY

The draft Estate Development Plans for Wright and Coombs will go on public display during the first week of March 2010 as part of the ongoing approvals process for these new suburbs. Staff from the Land Development Agency (LDA) will participate in two public information sessions to answer questions and take feedback on the plans, which are designed to guide the development of Wright and Coombs.

The plans will be on display at **St Peter's Anglican Church in Weston** from **3.30pm to 6.30pm on Monday 1 March 2010**, and from **5.00pm to 8.00pm on Thursday 4 March 2010**. All members of the Canberra community are invited to participate and share their views.

ESTATE DEVELOPMENT PLANS: THE PROCESS

The LDA has been working on the Estate Development Plans for Wright and Coombs with our consultants, Cardno Young, since mid-2009. The Estate Development Plans set out the proposed pattern of subdivision and infrastructure works for the suburbs, and the ACT Planning and Land Authority (ACTPLA) must endorse this before the Development Applications can be submitted.

The LDA held the first round of public information sessions about Wright and Coombs in early December 2009 and received useful feedback from the community and key stakeholders. This has helped to guide the draft Estate Development Plans which will be on display at the next round of public information sessions in March 2010. Through these sessions, the LDA is seeking further feedback from the community and stakeholders on the draft plans, prior to finalising this and submitting it as Development Applications for ACTPLA's approval.

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▼ Molonglo River Corridor



Members of the community can comment on the draft Estate Development Plans by attending one of the March 2010 public information sessions, but comments can also be posted, emailed or faxed to the LDA at:

Attn: Joanne Mitchell
GPO Box 158,
Canberra ACT 2601
Email: lda@act.gov.au
Fax: (02) 6207 5101

**Comments close on
Tuesday 23 March 2010**

RIPARIAN MANAGEMENT STRATEGY

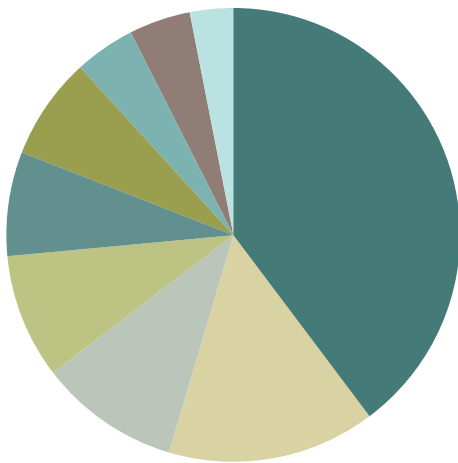
As part of the LDA's commitment to sustainability, work is also continuing on the Riparian Management Strategy for Molonglo Valley. The Strategy aims to conserve and rehabilitate aquatic and riparian ecosystems adjacent to Coombs and North Weston while also enhancing recreational opportunities and improving amenity for residents and visitors. The LDA welcomes community input on this at the March 2010 public information sessions.

COMMUNITY FEEDBACK: DECEMBER 2009 PUBLIC INFORMATION SESSIONS

On 8 and 10 December 2009 the LDA held two initial public information sessions to discuss the early planning work for Wright and Coombs. 100 community members attended these sessions and provided valuable feedback.

The comments and feedback provided at these sessions are illustrated in the following pie chart, which identifies how often each issue was raised.

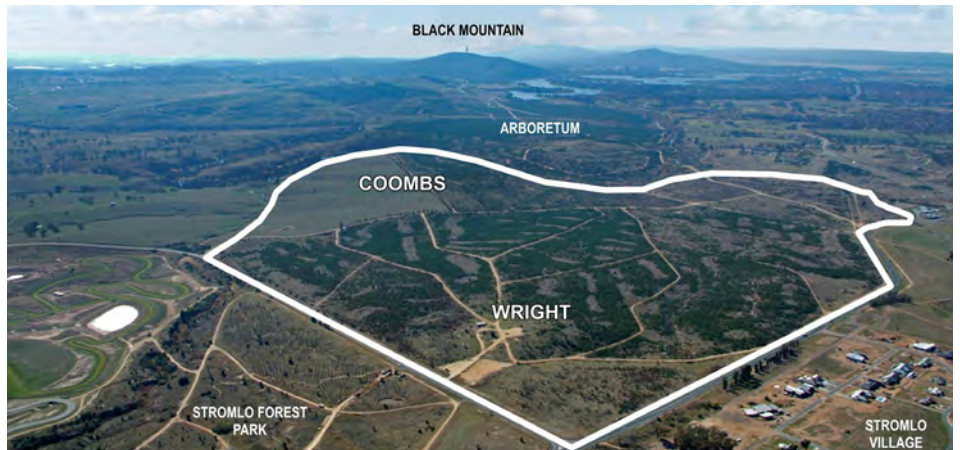
The LDA has prepared a comprehensive report detailing how these issues have been addressed in the draft Estate Development Plans or will be addressed through future planning. Copies of this report will be available at the public information sessions on 1 and 4 March, or on the LDA website www.lda.act.gov.au



- Land sales enquires 40%
- Environment and sustainability 15%
- Landscape and urban design 10%
- Block sizes 9%
- Equestrian 7%
- Roads and traffic 7%
- Affordable housing 5%
- Ageing in place 4%
- Impact on Stromlo Village 3%



▼ Aerial map showing Wright and Coombs



SALES

The LDA currently anticipates that the first blocks of land in Wright will be available for sale in mid-2010.

If you are interested in buying land in Wright, please join the LDA mailing list and keep an eye on the website www.lda.act.gov.au for regular news and updates.

NORTH-SOUTH ARTERIAL ROAD

The first road to be constructed in the Molonglo Valley is the north-south arterial road which will run between the suburbs of Wright and Coombs. The road will be built in stages as development progresses. The first stage of construction of the North Weston Pond is about to commence. Roads ACT is responsible for the construction of these works. If you require further information regarding these activities, call Canberra Connect on 13 22 81.

NEXT STAGES

- **May/June 2010:** The LDA will lodge the Estate Development Plans with ACTPLA as Development Applications.
- **June 2010:** The LDA anticipates that the first release of land in Wright will take place.
- **Second half of 2010:** Subdivision construction is planned to commence.
- **2011 onwards:** Housing construction will commence as the subdivision is completed.

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If you'd like to know more about the Molonglo Valley project or any of the topics in this edition, please visit www.lda.act.gov.au, email lda@act.gov.au or call 1800 777 952.