

PROJECT UPDATE



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**Public Housing Renewal
Taskforce**

Summary of Chapman Consultation Group Meeting - Friday 12 May

Representatives of the Chapman community and the Public Housing Renewal Taskforce (the Taskforce) discussed the proposed public housing development on part of Block 1 Section 45 Chapman. Participants represented the Darwinia Park Action Group, Weston Creek Community Council and Woden Community Services. An independent community engagement practitioner facilitated the meeting.

Community issues raised included Weston Creek's crime rate, level of social disadvantage and residents' feelings of vulnerability; the site selection process and whether the Taskforce had considered other sites in Weston Creek; whether the proposed 30 dwellings represented a 'salt and pepper' approach to spreading public housing throughout the ACT; particularly considering the number of public housing properties in Rivett; tenant selection and how best to integrate new tenants into the local community; and concern about the site's bushfire risk; and emergency road access to the site and the impact on adjoining streets.

The group sought agreement to include the *suitability of the site* as an agenda item in stakeholder meetings. The Taskforce agreed to engage in an open discussion on the suitability of the site, but noted that its final position would be constrained by decisions of Government and public statements by the Chief Minister.

Outcomes

- The Taskforce will make public a copy of the bushfire risk assessment in the next week.
- The number of dwellings on the site is flexible and a matter for continued collaboration between the community and the Taskforce.
- The Taskforce and the community will collaborate on a process to better understand the suitability of the site for public housing.