

PROVIDING FEEDBACK ON THE NEW PLANNING SYSTEM

We are building a new, contemporary, and best practice planning system. A good planning system is one that is easy to use and delivers a thriving, connected and sustainable Canberra of the future.

Since 2019 we have been listening to the community to understand where the planning system needs to improve. As a result, we have two new reforms. We are now seeking feedback on the key documents to implement the reforms.

Draft district strategies capture the special character of and aspirations for each Canberra district as told to us during previous consultation. They were developed in the context of the ACT Planning Strategy and other government policies.

Community, industry and planning professionals feedback was also used to help us develop an outcomes

focussed planning system based on a draft new Territory Plan that is supported by compliance with technical specifications.

Our commitment to you is that these strategies are developed in good faith, with the best available data, and are underpinned by modern planning methodology and practice. By their nature, the draft strategies include ideas, aspirations and potential opportunities for the districts of Canberra. They are informed by existing and long-standing Government policy, with the integration of new concepts. In their entirety they do not represent a final government position.

Information on the proposed new planning system

The ACT planning system is made up of many different parts. This means we have lots of information to share with the community to explain the proposed new system so you can give feedback.

We have released the following documents:

- Nine **draft district strategies**
- A new **draft Territory Plan** supported by technical specifications
- A document that will help us develop new urban and housing design guides (the **Explanation of Intended Effects**).

Each draft document is available on YourSay for your review and feedback between 1 November 2022 and 14 February 2023.

During this consultation period, we will help you understand the draft documents and give you plenty of time to ask questions and provide your feedback.

Helping you to understand the new planning system

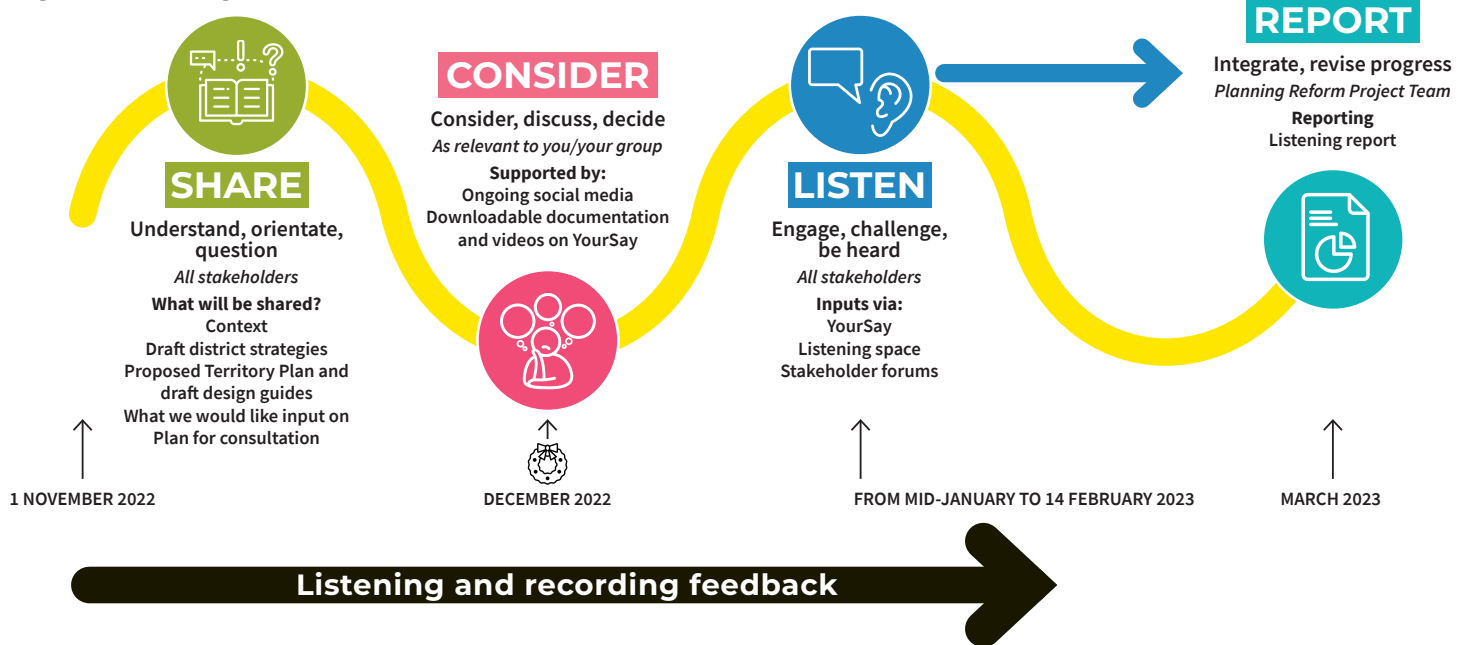
As the first part of our consultation, we are providing opportunities to help you understand the information we have shared.

To learn more about the proposed new planning system you can:

- read our district strategy summaries and other fact sheets
- visit one of our district pop-ups during November
- attend a district workshop 'What does the proposed new planning system mean for your district?'
- ask a question through YourSay.



Figure 1: The stages of the consultation period



Have your say

There are many ways to provide feedback on the planning system:

- Speak to one of our team at our listening spaces in January and February
- Participate in a feedback workshop in early February
- Provide a comment on our district change maps on YourSay
- Complete the survey at any time on YourSay
- Provide a submission at any time through YourSay

Find out more, ask your questions and have your say by visiting

<https://yoursayconversations.act.gov.au/act-planning-review>

What do we want your feedback on?

We have released many draft documents and want your feedback to help finalise them. Areas that you might like to give your feedback on are:

• DISTRICT STRATEGIES

- Is the character of your district reflected well in the district strategy?
- Do the proposed initiatives reflect your aspirations for your district?
- All districts will need to change to fit in our future population. Do you think the proposed areas of change provide for new homes and local shop revitalisations in your district? What other areas could we consider?
- Implementation pathways guide delivery of the district strategies. Do you have feedback on these?

• TERRITORY PLAN

- Does the proposed draft Territory Plan help make the new planning system easier to navigate and engage with?
- What factors should be taken into consideration as the urban and housing design guides are developed?
- Is the structure of the design guides and how they relate to the Territory Plan easy to understand and use?
- Do you have feedback on the draft technical specifications?
- Should the Government consider allowing more single residential homes to be built in our existing suburbs through increasing dual occupancy developments?

• PLANNING SYSTEM

- Do you have any ideas to make the new planning system easier to navigate and engage with?
- Is it clear how better design outcomes will be delivered using an outcomes focussed approach?