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Weston group centre master plan

The ACT Government has begun a master plan study for the Weston group centre, including Coolman Court. The master plan process will investigate ways to update and reinvigorate the centre over the next 20 to 30 years.

Consultation is an important part of the master plan process. It is important that people who use – and work in – the study area raise issues and provide input into the consultation / master plan process.

The community will have several opportunities to provide input before the draft master plan is submitted to the ACT Government for endorsement.



What is a master plan?

A master plan helps guide future planning of an area. It defines what is important about a place and how its character and quality can be conserved, improved and enhanced. The final master plan will be a non-statutory document that sets out the vision, outcomes and strategies to guide the centre's growth and development over the next 30 years.

The Weston group centre master plan is part of a series of master plans being prepared for town and group centres.

Why do a master plan for Weston?

The Weston group centre is highly regarded by residents of Weston Creek and wider Canberra. The master plan will explore:

- how we can make sure the centre maintains and strengthens its role as a vibrant and safe community hub
- what we can do to ensure local shops and services remain viable how we can manage future transport and parking needs how we provide well-designed public spaces to increase the centre's safety and amenity

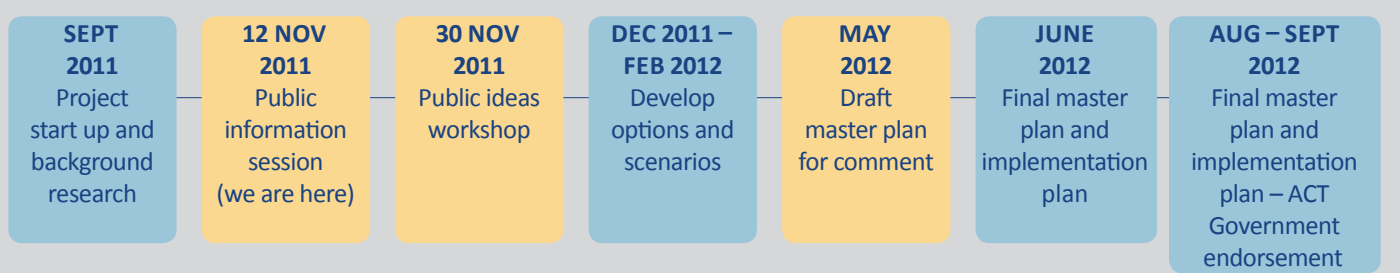
Who will prepare the master plan?

The ACT Government Environment and Sustainable Development Directorate (ESDD) will manage the master plan process, working with specialists within and external to ESDD.

To ensure local issues and community values are understood and considered, ESDD will engage with the community and industry throughout the process, including:

- the community (local residents and those who use the centre)
- community groups (eg. the community council, youth groups)
- ACT Government (as managers of community, health, etc)
- private stakeholders (business owners and developers).

Project time line September 2011 to September 2012





What is happening in the surrounding area?

As part of the research process, the master plan team will work with other major projects and policy documents relevant to the centre, including Molonglo Valley development, the draft Transport for Canberra policy and the draft ACT Planning Strategy. The master plan will investigate how these projects and policy documents will affect the Weston group centre within the study area.



Your input is important to us

Let us know what you think:

- fill out a feedback form or post a note on our posters at our display on 12 November
- fill out the feedback form on our website at www.environment.act.gov.au/weston
- send an email to westongroupcentre@act.gov.au
- send a letter to
Strategic City Planning and Design
GPO Box 1908, Canberra ACT 2601



Community workshop

If you would like to attend an ideas community workshop on 30 November, please let us know. Please note places are limited.

Further information

If you would like to receive more information about the master plan as it progresses, please send an email to westongroupcentre@act.gov.au

For more information on:

Molonglo Valley development
environment.act.gov.au/molonglo

Draft ACT Planning Strategy and Transport for Canberra
timetotalk.act.gov.au

