

The Hospital Board had expressed the hope that an adequate area would, in fact, be available in the neighbourhood of the present Hospital for the comfortable and rational siting of all necessary permanent extensions. From the point of view of the Hospital it would welcome the abandonment of the proposed West Lake which might regularly surround the Hospital at close quarters with not very salubrious waters, quite apart from recurrent floods.

Mr. Taylor, Director of Works; Mr. Miller, Principal Architect; and Mr. Thornton, Engineer for Development, were in attendance when this matter was discussed by the Committee, and the plans showing the present building proposals were submitted.

After a general discussion on the subject, reference to previous reports, and an examination of the present position, the view was taken by the Committee that West Lake had always been regarded as a fundamental feature in the whole conception of the design of Canberra, and that it would recommend its retention in the planning of the National Capital. In the opinion of the Committee, West Lake should therefore ultimately be proceeded with as part of the approved design. Accordingly, any particular building schemes should be designed in relation to this circumstance and that, as a general principle, fundamental features in the approved plan should not be adjusted to suit building projects for which there were alternatives.

It was noted that the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, on the 28th November, 1916, after a careful enquiry into the question of dams for ornamental waters included in Mr. Griffin's schematic plan for Canberra, endorsed the provision of the western lake and the three basins as permanent features of the City Plan.

It was recalled by the Committee that for some time past it had been seeking from the Department reports and recommendations concerning the Lakes scheme as a whole, irrespective of any decision as to when it might be expedient to construct the Lakes, in order that development in adjoining areas may not be retarded by lack of technical decisions and definite plans. It was decided to suggest that this matter be given special attention.

The Director of Works agreed it would be practicable to prepare a satisfactory layout plan for the Canberra Community Hospital building proposals working to the 1835' contour, and he indicated that he would take the necessary steps to have the plans reviewed accordingly and submit a revised scheme for the Committee's consideration.

**NARRABUNDAH
COMMUNITY
CENTRE.**

The Senior Town Planner submitted, for the further consideration of the Committee, developed sketch plans for the Narrabundah Community Centre. The Committee referred to its previous comment on this item and, after discussion with the Senior Town Planner, agreed to acceptance, in principle, of the sketch plan, but suggested that the siting of the mothercraft building be reviewed to secure better axial relationship with the small green between the shops and the hall.

Before finally approving of the scheme the Committee asked to see the sub-divisional plan of the residential blocks in Section 37 to the south of the Community Centre in relation to pre-school proposals.

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