

NATIONAL CAPITAL PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF THE 66TH MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY  
AND FRIDAY, THE 6TH AND 7TH MAY, 1948, AT THE  
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,.....CANBERRA.

The Committee met at 9.30 a. m. on the 6th May, 1948.

PRESENT:

Mr. B. J. Waterhouse ( Chairman )  
Mr. C. S. Daley ( Executive Member )  
Mr. R. J. Keith Harris  
Mr. H. M. Rolland  
Mr. F. J. Walters  
Senator C. A. Lamp.

CONFIRMATION  
OF MINUTES:

The Minutes of the 65th Meeting were confirmed.

NOTIFICATIONS:

The Executive Member made the following notifications:

- (i) That work had been commenced on the Administrative Building.
- (ii) That arrangements had been made for a meeting with the Advisory Council at 2.15 p. m. on Thursday, 6th May.
- (iii) Arrangements had been made with the Department of Immigration for Canberra to be given first choice of migrants from overseas to assist the labour position for the developmental programme.

RESIDENTIAL  
SUBDIVISIONS:

(a) SECTION 50, O'CONNOR - 20 MONOCRETE HOUSES:

Consideration was given to a site plan submitted by the Director of Works and indicating a proposal for the location of 20 Monocrete houses on Section 50, O'Connor for War Service Homes, to replace 20 houses in other subdivisions that had been allotted as War Service Homes.

The Committee noted the proposal for developing this Section for residential purposes and approved thereof subject to submission, in due course, of a plan of subdivision showing the disposition of the houses.

(b) NARRABUNDAH: WORKMEN'S DEMOUNTABLE HOUSE AREA: FURTHER EXTENSION

For the Committee's information the Director of Works forwarded a copy of sketch plan TP. 24/48 of proposed development for additional demountable type houses in this area. He stated that the proposal was the result of a request from the Housing Accommodation Branch for an additional eight houses. His Department suggested that a considerably greater number of houses could be satisfactorily provided.

The suggested layout plan and details of the topography were explained to the Committee by Mr. Redmond of the Town Planning Section, Department of Works and Housing, and, in particular, the levels of the area and the effect of the recent flooding of Jerrabomberra Creek were discussed with him.

The Committee approved of the proposal as a temporary layout subject to a check being made regarding the contours of the area and its freedom from liability to flooding.

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The Committee was of the opinion that the proposal for this area should be regarded as a continuation of the temporary subdivision and not as a permanent variation of the City Plan.

It was noted by the Committee that the practicability of effectively extending sewerage services to the area was still subject to investigation.

(c) SECTION 27, FORREST: 20 MAISONNETTES:

Consideration was given to Plan A.C.T. 17678 which had been submitted by the Director of Works showing a proposed arrangement of attached houses or maisonettes.

It was noted that provision was made to instal coke-fired slow-combustion stoves for heating living rooms, and electric stoves, coppers and hot water service in each dwelling, thus eliminating wood fuel and the need for providing for the driving of a vehicle into each back yard.

It was also noted that the back yards had been deepened in accordance with the Committee's previous request and that a re-alignment of the garages had been undertaken in conformity with the contours.

After studying the plan and discussing it with Mr. Redmond of the Town Planning Section, Department of Works and Housing, it was decided to suggest that additional buildings in the form of flats might be placed on this Section, facing Empire Circuit. This would serve to increase the density of the settlement on this Section, and there would, in the Committee's opinion, be little objection to the placing of flats, as well as attached dwellings, on the same section. Furthermore little modification of the existing layout would be involved thereby.

Subject to this modification the Committee decided to approve generally of the layout proposed.

(d) YARRALUMLA: LAYOUT FOR MONOCRETE HOUSES: PRIVATE ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT:

Consideration was given to Plan No. TP. 35/48 submitted by the Director of Works which provided for the subdivision of additional residential sites in Yarralumla between Denman and Mueller Streets.

The Committee noted that it was estimated that the areas indicated would be suitable for providing approximately 87 Monocrete houses and 20 sites for private leases.

It observed also that drainage, sewerage and power supplies were adjacent and could be extended to the new sections without difficulty.

The Committee inspected the area and agreed that it would be suitable for residential purposes. It approved, accordingly, that the area be developed for the provision of approximately 87 Monocrete houses, leaving 20 sites available for the building of privately-owned houses.

Details of the proposal were kindly explained by Mr. Redmond of the Department of Works and Housing, who stated that the layout plans for the proposed development would be submitted in due course for the Committee's consideration.

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