



# Be part of the journey

The *Canberra Plan* was launched in 2004 to guide the growth and development of Canberra. It reflected the views and values of Canberrans and responded to the opportunities and challenges facing our city.

*The Canberra Plan: Towards Our Second Century* builds on the original *Canberra Plan* by identifying what has changed as we approach our second century and setting out new strategies and actions to help build our future.

The Plan represents ongoing consultation by the ACT Government with key stakeholders and the community on a wide range of issues. *The Canberra Plan: Towards Our Second Century* provides the detail and outcomes from this consultation over the past four years with each strategic theme, including reference to supporting plans and strategies.

In developing the Plan, the Government consulted with the community sector through the Community Inclusion Board and with the business community and the tertiary sector. The Plan also reflects the consultation undertaken to refine the *Territory Plan* and implement the reforms to the planning system introduced in March 2008.

In addition, the ACT Government convened the ACT 2020 Summit — a precursor to the national Australia 2020 Summit — at the National Convention Centre on 5 April 2008.

But the consultation and engagement with the community does not end with the release of the Plan.

In his foreword to *The Canberra Plan: Towards Our Second Century* the Chief Minister, Jon Stanhope, reiterated his government's commitment to ongoing consultation on the key issues identified in the Plan. He said:

*'It is time to take stock of the Canberra Plan, to reflect on our shared*

*achievements as Canberrans, and to look to the future.*

*This new document starts that process — but does not finish it. It is a starting point for a community conversation that will allow us to build on our great foundations, but aspire to something more and to meet, with unity, effectiveness, energy and imagination, our shared future.*

*It is time to set new goals and imagine greater things.*

*My hope is that this document will be a launching pad for serious and thorough community conversations about issues that go to the heart of who we are as a city — conversations about future urban form and sustainable transport, conversations about reducing our ecological footprint, and conversations about the implications of our shifting demographic.*

*The next leg of the journey is just beginning. The destination is our second century as a city. I want every Canberran to be a part of it.'*

We want you to join in that conversation. You can visit the Plan's website at [www.canberraplan.act.gov.au](http://www.canberraplan.act.gov.au) and give your feedback. You can also check to see what forums and focus groups are being held and you can register your interest in attending. And you can initiate your own forums and discussion groups and give us more feedback.

Be part of the journey. Visit [www.canberraplan.act.gov.au](http://www.canberraplan.act.gov.au), your nearest public library or a Canberra Connect Shopfront.



# Vision

Canberra will be recognised as:

- a truly sustainable and creative city
- an inclusive community that supports its vulnerable and enables all to reach their potential
- a centre of economic growth and innovation
- the proud capital of the nation and home of its pre-eminent cultural institutions
- a place of natural beauty.

## Strategic themes

*The Canberra Plan: Towards Our Second Century identifies areas for priority action.*

### Quality Health Care

... to ensure all Canberrans have timely access to primary and acute health care and that priority is given to early intervention and prevention.

### A Fair and Safe Community

... to ensure that all Canberrans benefit from living in a community that is safe, inclusive and respectful, that all can participate in community life and that the vulnerable are supported.

### Excellent Education, Quality Teaching and Skills Development

... to ensure that all Canberrans benefit from a quality education, that lifelong learning opportunities are available to all, and that our skilled workforce is adaptable to the needs of the economy.

### A Strong, Dynamic Economy

... to ensure that a strong, resilient and diverse economy meets the needs of the community, to maintain economic growth and to promote the ACT as an economic region.

### A Vibrant City and Great Neighbourhoods

... to ensure that Canberra offers the best in sustainable city living, that facilities are of a high quality and meet community needs and that all Canberrans can participate in the city's cultural and social life.

### A Sustainable Future

... to ensure that Canberra is a fully sustainable city in which developments are environmentally sensitive, to protect natural assets and to respond to climate change.

### High-Quality Services

... to ensure that services are of high quality, efficient and meet the needs of the community, to maintain the city and its assets and to ensure that the community can participate in decisions that affect it.

