

Forthcoming Development Works in the Neighbourhood

Information from the Owners Corporation Executive

This circular is intended to inform owners and residents of New Acton South of the ACT Government's plans for works in our area and to advise of some of the potential impacts on us.

What's proposed and when

A 10-15 year program of construction in the City West and Acton areas commencing this year, to include:

- A major mixed-use precinct, including a public foreshore, park, and private commercial and residential buildings ranging up to 25 metres in height (i.e. 1-8 storeys approx.) in West Basin, to be known as the Acton Waterfront.
- Light Rail Stage 2 construction, mainly involving London Circuit and Commonwealth Avenue.
- Potential works involving Parkes Way and Marcus Clarke St.

West Basin planned works 2020-2023

Beginning this year, the ACT Government intends to build the next stage of the Acton Waterfront. This involves closure of Acton Park and part of the carparks opposite Parkes Way, demolition of the ferry jetty and boatshed, cutting down 120 trees, and infilling about 3 hectares of the lake to build a boardwalk similar to that at Henry Rolland Park. The boardwalk will be 8.1 metres wide, 500 metres long, and up to 80 metres into the lake, so it will stretch from Henry Rolland Park northward to a point roughly opposite Nishi.

During that time, a temporary shared path from the southern end of the Parkes Way footbridge will divert cyclists and walkers around the works. Fencing will restrict access to part of the West Basin foreshore.

Impacts which might be noticed by owners/residents include restriction of access to part of the lakefront and nearby carparks, temporary traffic management on Barrine Drive, large scale tree cutting, earthmoving, pile driving, construction of a concrete boardwalk, haulage of landfill and dumping of crushed fill into lake Burley Griffin.

There will be an unknown, but noticeable, amount of heavy vehicle and plant movement and construction noise in the area immediately opposite the south facing apartments.

Commencement and duration

The foreshore works (known as Stage 2 Acton Waterfront) will commence as soon as approved by the National Capital Authority and will continue for approximately two years.

Other works not yet approved or announced

Owners should be aware that Light Rail Stage 2 construction activity will likely commence in 2020-21 and will involve Commonwealth Ave, London Circuit, Edinburgh Ave and Parkes Way.

The ACT Government is considering construction of a large stormwater diversion along Parkes Way.

Further multistorey residential development is being planned south of the current Barracks site, along London Circuit and north of Parkes Way.

The Government is believed to be planning to extend Marcus Clarke St into West Basin but has not announced details.

What the Owners Corporation Executive Committee is doing

As owners who love living in New Acton, we are seeking to be informed about proposed developments in the area that may affect us. We will become involved in a constructive way in any public consultations, if we consider that to be in the best interests of owners.

We encourage all owners and residents to make themselves aware of developments planned in the neighbourhood and to contact ACT Government members, candidates for election, the National Capital Authority and the City Renewal Authority should they wish to know more about them.

Owners Corporation Executive Committee