

RAISING LONDON CIRCUIT ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT



Chapter Summary: Landscape character and visual realm

The Raising London Circuit project has been assessed to have potential landscape character and visual impacts. The project is addressing these impacts through meaningful action.

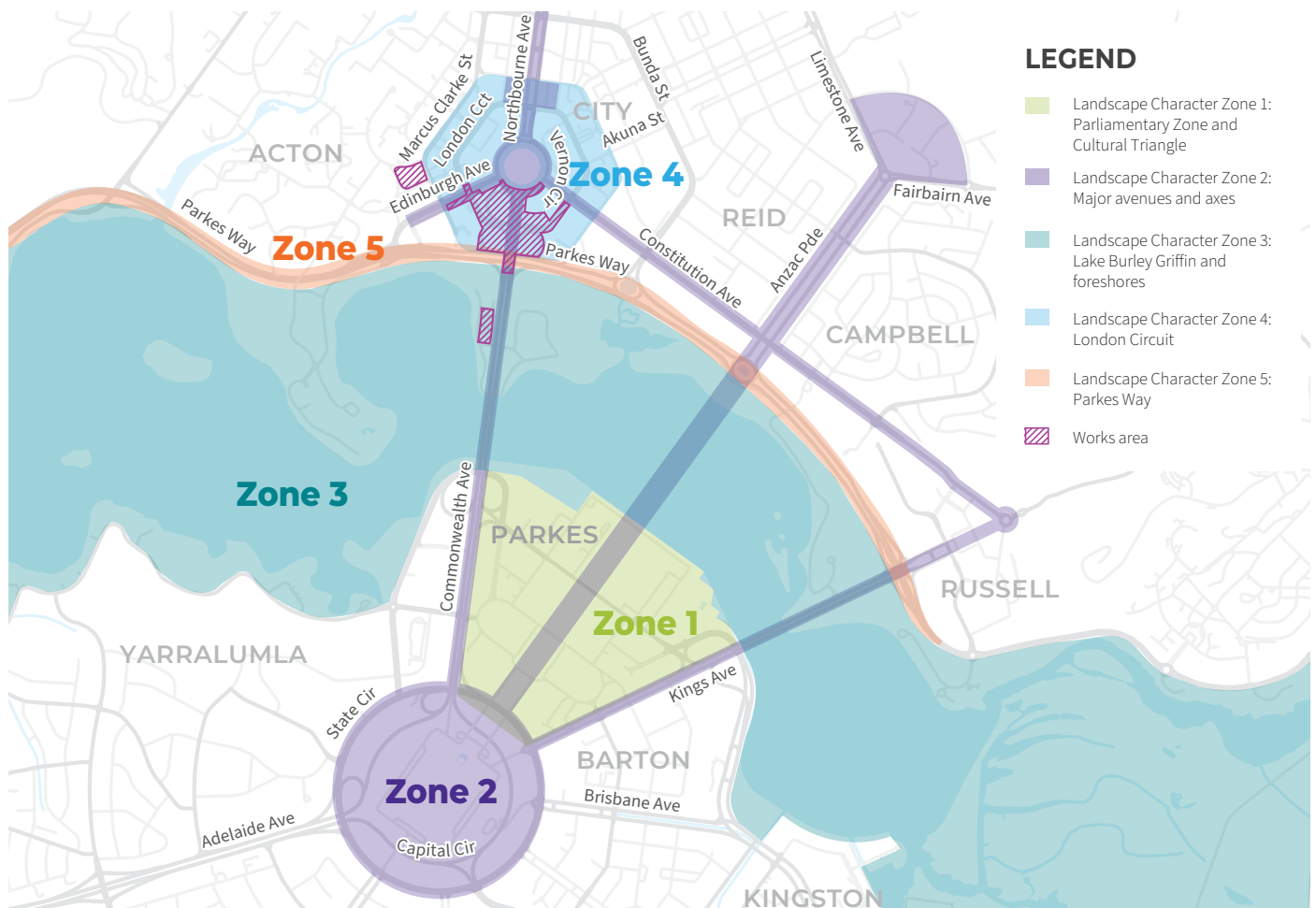
LANDSCAPE CHARACTER

Landscape Character Zones are an area of landscape with similar properties or strongly defined spatial qualities. For example, the London Circuit Landscape Character Zone comprises developed land and land undergoing development, an unusual road layout (circular roads radiating out to a hexagonal shape). Landscape character

assessments consider the landscape as a resource in its own right that could potentially be impacted by the project. This was assessed for the constructed project only.

The five Landscape Character Zones, which were assessed, were found to not be adversely impacted by the Project:

- ▶ Three would experience negligible adverse impacts due to vegetation and landform screening between these zones and the Project.
- ▶ Two would experience low-moderate beneficial impacts as the Project respects the geometry and intent of the Griffin Plan for Canberra.



VISUAL REALM

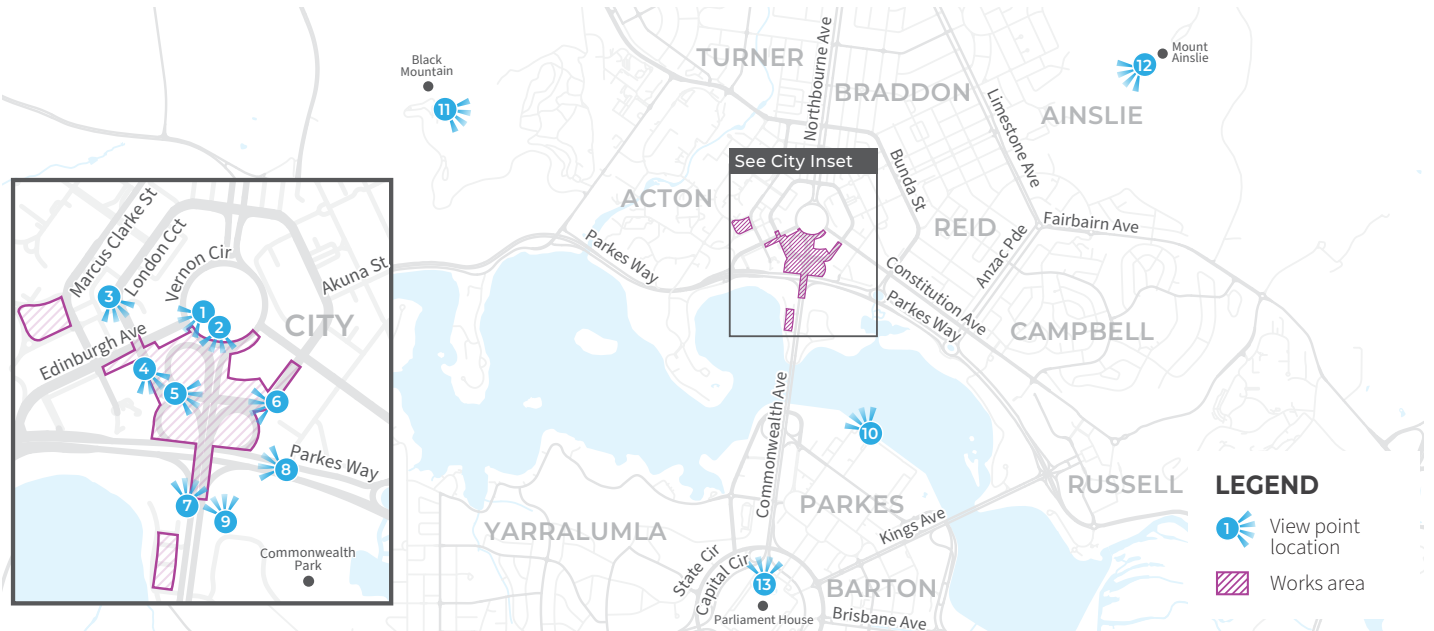
Thirteen viewpoints were selected from which to assess the visual impact of the Project. Viewpoints were chosen to assess the changes to visual amenity caused by the Project from publicly accessible locations.

During construction, some viewpoints are anticipated to experience temporary

negative visual impacts (due to views of the construction site), with the majority of viewpoints anticipated to experience a neutral impact.

Following construction of the Project, the viewpoint on London Circuit looking east towards the new intersection would

be negatively impacted by a two-metre retaining wall obstructing this view. The remaining viewpoints would experience improved views close to the Project, with a minimal to no change on more distant views.



WHAT WE WOULD DO

Key steps we are taking to mitigate potential landscape character and visual impacts include:

- ▶ Boards and fences would be used to reduce the visual prominence of the construction works seen from important locations (for example, from City Hill Park looking south along Commonwealth Avenue).
- ▶ Retaining walls would have textures or patterns to reduce the visual solidity of the surface of the wall, or provision of planting between the retaining wall and the adjacent paving to reduce the visual prominence of the walls.
- ▶ Ensure the taller infrastructure items are as visually unobstructive as possible, particularly along Commonwealth Avenue.



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