

Light Rail Stage 2A City to Commonwealth Park Environmental Assessment

Chapter Summary: Community consultation

The design and delivery of Light Rail Stage 2A is supported by extensive stakeholder engagement and community consultation. This chapter summary outlines the key consultation held so far as included in the Environmental Assessment. It also lists the areas of the project that remain negotiable for further community input and consultation.

Why consultation matters

Coordination, collaboration and engagement with stakeholders and the community are vital before and during development, construction and operation of the Light Rail Stage 2A City to Commonwealth Park project to ensure it meets the needs of the community.

For engagement to be effective, its messaging must be clear and consistent.

Engagement must also seek to hear and understand all stakeholder and community concerns, and it must consider all consultation results when shaping the project outcomes.

The engagement around Light Rail Stage 2A is an extension of the engagement program undertaken for the wider Light Rail to Woden project, including Raising London Circuit. The consultation and

engagement activities undertaken so far have been used to inform the project design, to build project awareness, to identify community interest issues, and to inform the Environmental Assessment (EA). As of March 2023, over 6000 people have signed up to receive digital updates about the project.

How we have engaged so far



Digital and print tools, including consultation via YourSay Conversations, the ACT Government's community consultation online platform



Face-to-face engagement, including doorknocking, pop-ups and drop-in sessions



Targeted engagement with businesses within the Raising London Circuit/Light Rail Stage 2A catchment



Creation and implementation of a Business Partnership Plan for the Raising London Circuit phase of the project



Establishment of a Community Reference Group

Key engagement themes

Early engagement showed that there are six major areas that stakeholders and community members are interested in:

- Project information
- Construction
- Project design
- Urban design and landscaping
- Environment
- Operations

Community Reference Group

A Community Reference Group (CRG) was established in 2019 as part of early consultation. The CRG met on nine occasions between December 2019 and December 2022 and provided Major Projects Canberra with important insights into the community's views, needs and priorities.



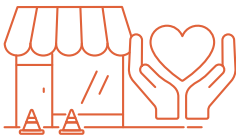
How we will continue to engage

Community consultation will continue until project completion through the Community Reference Group and directly with relevant and impacted stakeholders.

These aspects of the project remain negotiables and will be informed by community and stakeholder engagement and feedback:



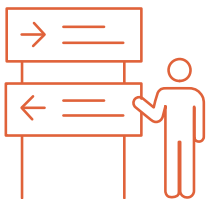
Approach to public art and culture strategy – how can Stage 2A make our heritage, culture, and creativity shine through light rail infrastructure?



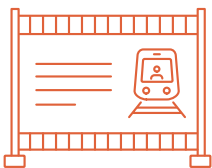
Business and trader partnership activities – how can Stage 2A support businesses during construction of the project?



Multi-modal transport connections, bike and e-scooter parking – how can public transport effectively support active travel in the city?



Aspects of urban design treatments, including wayfinding and signage – how can Stage 2A improve pedestrian and cyclist access and contribute to making Canberra a more liveable city?



Site hoarding and fencing – How can Stage 2A make sure the construction site is safe while mitigating the visual impact of safety measures?



Temporary traffic management arrangements during construction – how can Stage 2A mitigate traffic impacts during construction?



Preferred consultation and engagement activities and channels – how can Stage 2A best inform or engage with you on the upcoming construction impacts and mitigation measures?



Construction related access and impact preferences – how can Stage 2A minimise impacts to local businesses, workplaces and institutions?

At this stage in the delivery timeline, some aspects of Light Rail Stage 2A can no longer be influenced:

- Health and safety requirements
- Project delivery and alignment selection
- Compliance with relevant Australian Standards and Design Codes
- Approved tree clearing
- Utility services distribution during early works and construction
- Protection and management of the Golden Sun Moth

Have your say

As part of the planning approval process for the Light Rail Stage 2A project, a Works Approval has been submitted to the National Capital Authority (NCA) and a Development Application has been submitted to the ACT Planning and Land Authority (ACTPLA).

To have your say on the project, you can make a submission to the NCA or ACTPLA.

Visit act.gov.au/lightrailtowoden to learn more about the project and how to have your say.

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