

# CANBERRA LIGHT RAIL STAGE 2 CITY TO WODEN

## STAGE 2A CITY TO COMMONWEALTH PARK ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT



### Major infrastructure projects like Canberra Light Rail Stage 2A - City to Commonwealth Park undergo several assessment and approval processes before construction can begin.

Stage 2A gained environmental approval under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 (EPBC)* in February 2021. The EPBC process required a preliminary environmental assessment, followed by a detailed plan on how to manage the potential impacts to the golden sun moth.

While Commonwealth EPBC approvals have been obtained for Stage 2A, further planning approvals are required from the National Capital Authority and the ACT Planning and Land Authority.

Government agencies, businesses and communities have been contributing to our understanding of the area since 2019.

We are committed to continuing to work closely with the community through this process to ensure local opinions and concerns are heard and addressed. The next phase of engagement will form part of the planning approvals and ultimately influence the design and delivery of the project.

## ONE ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT, TWO PLANNING APPROVALS

Stage 2A traverses land managed by the ACT Government requiring a Development Application (DA) and land managed by the Commonwealth Government requiring a Works Approval (WA). While the DA and WA respond to different policies and areas along the alignment, the community will be able to comment on any aspect of the project. To streamline this process, a single Environmental Assessment (EA)

is being prepared to accompany both planning approvals. This will simplify the documentation and consolidate information to make it easier to understand potential impacts of Stage 2A. The EA will be submitted along with the other documentation required for these planning approval processes, including design information and site plans.

## WHAT IS AN ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT?

An EA is prepared to assess the potential impacts and opportunities of the project and identify ways these can be managed where required. The EA will consider impacts on a range of environmental factors including:



**BIODIVERSITY**



**LAND USE  
SUSTAINABILITY**



**LANDSCAPE  
AND VISUAL  
AMENITY**



**NOISE  
AND VIBRATION**



**SOCIAL  
ECONOMIC**



**AIR  
QUALITY**



**WATER  
AND HYDROLOGY**



**WASTE**



**ABORIGINAL  
AND HISTORIC  
HERITAGE**



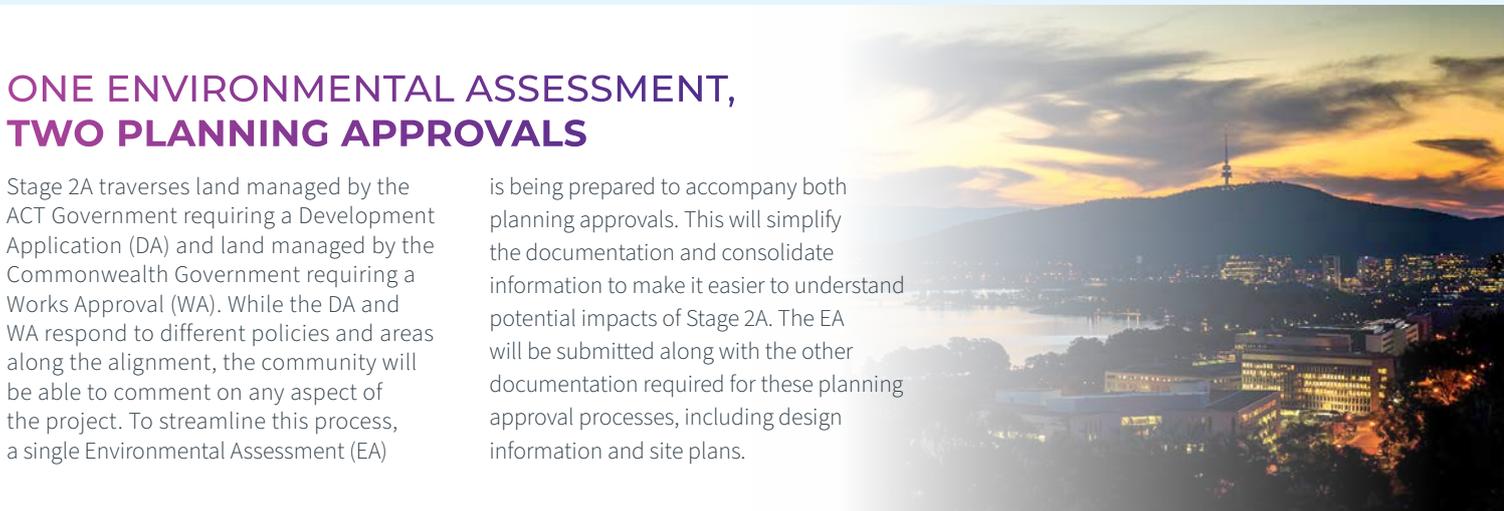
**TRAFFIC,  
TRANSPORT  
AND ACCESS**



**CLIMATE  
CHANGE**



**CONTAMINATION  
AND SOIL**





## HOW WILL THE ACT GOVERNMENT ASSESS AND MITIGATE POTENTIAL PROJECT IMPACTS ON THE COMMUNITY?

The project team has been actively engaging with other ACT Government agencies, special interest groups and the general community since 2019 to better consider cumulative project impacts, plans for the area and the needs of businesses and residents. This engagement included consultation with businesses in late 2019 to gain a better understanding of logistics and operations to inform construction programs and reduce or mitigate construction impacts where possible.

We are committed to mitigate the impacts of construction on the community and ensuring local voices help shape the way we manage potential impacts wherever there is an ability to do so. Construction is likely to result in noise and traffic disruption along the corridor. This will not be a continuous impact on all areas of the alignment throughout construction.

## COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT DURING THIS PHASE

Community and stakeholder engagement is a key component of the planning approvals processes. This helps us to understand issues like the current uses of the area and community priorities for the project. This process actively seeks to engage with a range of potentially impacted stakeholders including government agencies, industry, peak bodies, businesses and the community. A number of engagement activities will be conducted in the lead up to submitting the planning approvals, and these will inform the design and supporting documentation. The approving authorities will place the submissions - including the Environmental Assessment - on public exhibition later this year for information and comment. This process will be advertised in advance to ensure the community can be involved in the process.



## CONTACTING US

We are working with the local community, businesses and residents to understand the area where construction works will be taking place and hear about any priorities for the project. We encourage you to get involved in the process and invite you to contact the project team or sign up to project updates via:

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- [www.yoursay.act.gov.au/light-rail-to-woden](http://www.yoursay.act.gov.au/light-rail-to-woden)
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