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Message from Dave Peffer

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November has been a busy month with important steps forward for CED. The ACT Government is progressing the first stage of legislative reforms under the Construction Productivity Agenda. These changes will streamline planning and building processes, cutting approval times by up to 50 days for some applications. Reforms include voluntary greywater piping, simplified energy efficiency requirements, recognition of Passive House certification, and expanded exemptions for minor works. This work supports the delivery of 30,000 homes by 2030 and aims to boost housing supply while maintaining quality standards.

We're also preparing for significant changes to Canberra's transport network. A new bus timetable will launch on 2 February 2026 to coincide with major works on Commonwealth Avenue Bridge. These essential bridge upgrades will impact all road users and active travel routes during the two-year construction period.

And finally, more than 60 new and returning experts have joined the National Capital Design Review Panel (NCDRP), bringing specialist knowledge across architecture, landscape architecture, planning, urban design, and engineering. This refreshed panel will continue reviewing design outcomes for major projects across the ACT.

Thanks,
Dave



Acknowledgement of Country

We acknowledge the Ngunnawal people as traditional custodians of the ACT and recognise any other people or families with connection to the lands of the ACT and region. We acknowledge and respect their continuing culture and the contribution they make to the life of this city and this region.

News and events



Bus network changes to coincide with major Commonwealth Avenue Bridge works

A new bus network will commence Monday 2 February 2026 in line with the start of the school year. The new bus network coincides with major works commencing on Commonwealth Avenue Bridge.

This project will have significant impacts to all road users and to foot/bike path users across the bridge during the anticipated two year construction period. New timetables will be released and made available to download on the Transport Canberra website in January 2026. The Commonwealth Avenue Bridge Renewal project is essential work being delivered by the National Capital Authority (NCA) on behalf of the Australian Government.

More information on the project can be found on the [NCA website](#).

New panellists join the National Capital Design Review Panel

The ACT Government has appointed more than 60 new and returning experts to the National Capital Design Review Panel (NCDRP). The Panel provides independent design review of major development proposals to promote high-quality design outcomes for Canberra's buildings, infrastructure, and public spaces.

Working closely with the ACT Government and the National Capital Authority, the refreshed Panel brings expertise across architecture, landscape architecture, planning, urban design, and engineering.

The NCDRP plays a key role in shaping functional, well-designed buildings and places that benefit the community. Learn more on the [NCDRP webpage](#).



Erindale Brick Banks officially listed on the ACT Heritage Register

Did you know the iconic Brick Banks at Erindale Skatepark started life as humble tree retaining walls for Wanniasa College in the 1970s? Local skaters saw more than bricks—they saw a challenge. Their daring moves turned this slope into a global rite of passage for elite skaters.

Now officially listed on the ACT Heritage Register, the Brick Banks stand as a symbol of Canberra's skate culture and the creativity of those who saw potential in the everyday.

For more information on the registration, [click here](#).

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Progressing the construction productivity agenda

The ACT Government is rolling out the first stage of legislative reforms under its Construction Productivity Agenda to accelerate housing delivery and streamline planning processes.

The changes aim to simplify development approvals, reducing assessment times by up to 50 days for some applications. Key reforms include making greywater piping optional in new homes, simplifying energy efficiency requirements for renovations, recognising Passive House certification as a compliance pathway, and expanding exemptions for minor building works. These measures support the government's commitment to enable 30,000 homes by 2030. Further reforms will follow every six months to boost housing supply and economic outcomes.



Changes to Bin Collection Services Over the Christmas Period

There are changes to bin collection services on Christmas Day. Bin collections scheduled for Christmas Day, Thursday 25 December 2025, will be rescheduled to Saturday 27 December 2025.

Impacted suburbs are:

Aranda, Bruce, Dunlop (south of Ginninderra Drive), Evatt, Florey, Giralang, Hawker, Holt, Kaleen, Latham, Lawson, Lyneham (north of Ginninderra Drive), MacGregor, Macnamara, McKellar, Page, Scullin, Strathnairn and Weetangera.

All other collection days, including Boxing Day, New Year's Eve and New Year's Day, will be collected as per normal.

All waste facilities will be closed on Christmas Day, Thursday 25 December 2025, including all businesses operating within the Resource Management Centres of Hume and Mitchell.

The recycling drop off centres are open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, including Christmas Day and New Year's Day. The recycling drop off centres take all recyclables accepted in your yellow recycling bin including steel and aluminium cans, paper, cardboard and rigid plastic containers.

Visit www.cityservices.act.gov.au/recycling-and-waste/collection for more information or to view the current collection calendar.

Engagements open for comment

Inner South Health Centre Major Plan Amendment



Gungahlin Town Centre East



Options to Restore Lake Tuggeranong



October development applications



54 Development Applications (DAs) Lodged



22 Development Applications (DAs) Single Residential



1 Development Applications (DAs) Secondary Residential



0 Development Applications (DAs) Community Facilities



1 Development Application (DA) Mixed Use

Development Applications

Major Plan Amendments

Minor Plan Amendments

Heritage - Provisional Registrations