



Business supports National Capital Consultative Council

Canberra Business Council today applauded the recommendation of the Inquiry into the role of the National Capital Authority for the establishment of a National Capital Consultative Council.

“The proposed National Capital Consultative Council (NCCC) will provide the mechanism to re-engage the Federal Government in the National Capital,” Chris Faulks, CEO of the Canberra Business Council said today. “Such a forum was a key recommendation of Canberra Business Council’s submission to the NCA Inquiry.”

“Since it came to Government in November 2007 the cuts to the NCA, the imposition of the 2% efficiency dividend on the National Institutions and the axing of the Griffin Legacy, particularly the Constitution Avenue project, all indicated an urgent need for the Federal Government to better understand and engage with Canberra in its role as the National Capital. The NCCC is the vehicle to achieve this much-needed commitment.”

“The responsibilities recommended for the NCCC, including the preparation of a domestic and international tourism and marketing plan for the national capital which incorporates the Centenary of Canberra celebrations in 2013, are very exciting,” Ms Faulks said.

“Canberra Business Council will consider the detail of the Report, particularly the recommendations related to planning, in consultation with its members and related industry groups,” Ms Faulks said. “But at first glance the Council is supportive of the recommendations on Governance, the appointment of a Commonwealth Architect, protection of the heritage of Designated Areas; the preparation of a joint Sustainable Transport Plan and to the achievement of a single integrated planning document in the longer term.”

Ms Faulks said the Council is particularly supportive of the emphasis in the report on the need for Commonwealth Government’s commitment to and active engagement in the future of Canberra as the national capital and on behalf of all Australians.

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