

# Redeveloping the Weston community site



COMMUNITY FORUM OUTCOMES

JULY 2008

The ACT Government has decided to create a new community site in Weston. GHD has been independently engaged to consult with the community on its future use. The community are invited to make submissions at community stalls, community forums or by phone, post or email until 31 July 2008.

## Summary of community forum held 23 June 2008 - Weston community site

It should be noted that the following findings are not conclusive and should be read in conjunction with future reports.

In general terms, the **forum participants** valued:

- The sites recreation potential.
- Its links with other urban land uses, like the schools, shopping centre and community facilities which link back to residential areas.
- Its importance as a meeting place for the community and for both active and passive recreation.

It was generally considered that the Purdon recommendations for this site are not a desirable land use outcome. Activities that were considered by the forum participants to be **appropriate** included:

- Active indoor and outdoor recreational facilities such as court based recreation (basketball), a velodrome, swimming pool and a similar active recreation type facilities.
- A commercial swimming pool, recreation type structure may be acceptable on the site.

- Other options included community vegetable gardens, playground and toilet facilities, and community barbecue and picnic areas.
- Options for physical structures included, a library or further community facilities and parking facilities.

Activities that were considered **not appropriate** included:

- Do nothing, housing, aged care (mentioned several times) exclusively privately owned facilities, shops, pubs, churches and industrial and commercial uses. Interestingly, toilets are mentioned in both the inappropriate land use list and the appropriate land use list.

Your feedback is valuable and will help the ACT Government decide on the future of the Weston site. If you were unable to make the forum, or think that your views have not been accurately represented, you can still have your say.

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