

Response to question on notice

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Question No. 565

Peter Cain MLA: To ask the Minister for Planning and Sustainable Development

1. What is the current Territory Plan zoning of the parcel of land located on Walhallow Street, Hawker, immediately behind the Belconnen Bowling Club and in close proximity to Belconnen High School, formerly used as tennis courts.
2. Who is the registered owner of the site referred to in part (1), and has this ownership changed at any time in the past ten years.
3. Is the registered owner referred to in part (2) subject to any statutory or regulatory obligations under ACT law to maintain the site referred to in part (1) in a clean, safe and secure condition, including the removal of waste, prevention of vandalism and management of public safety hazards; if so, what compliance or enforcement actions, if any, have been taken by the ACT Government or relevant directorates in the past ten years to address the deterioration of this site, including the presence of vandalism, illegal dumping of garbage and other antisocial behaviour.
4. Are there any approved development applications, proposals, or master planning processes currently in place for the site referred to in part (1).

CHRIS STEEL MLA - The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

1. The subject site is located at Block 9 section 3 Hawker which is currently zoned as PRZ2 – Restricted Access Recreation Zone. Information on PRZ2 zoning can be found in [Part E Zone Policies](#) of the Territory Plan 2023.
2. The block is currently privately leased to Pelle Projects Pty Limited and Regional Investments Pty Limited, as tenants in common, and has been leased to them since 2015.
3. In the ACT, the responsibility of maintaining privately leased land generally falls with the lessee. It is noted that the Crown lease includes a standard provision regarding obligations to repair and maintain the site to the satisfaction of the Territory. It should also be noted that this provision is usually enforced when significant damage is present on a site and when the damage is related to a public safety concern.

Inactive leased land or untidy sites are matters investigated by Access Canberra. Access Canberra is aware of the site and the matters outlined above. Access Canberra engaged with the lessee several years ago and, following community concerns and the time between engagement, Access Canberra has reopened an investigation.

4. There have been two DAs lodged with the Territory Planning Authority (the Authority), neither are currently active:

DA-201629661

The DA proposed a lease variation to permit Childcare as a use within the purpose clause. On 30 September 2016, the DA was approved subject to conditions. The variation did not progress, and this DA has expired.

DA-201834626

The DA proposed a lease variation to permit a Childcare Centre as well as the construction of a new childcare centre. This included demolition of existing buildings and tennis courts, a new single storey childcare centre, landscaping and associated works. On 4 August 2020, the DA was approved subject to conditions and subsequently the lease was varied. A review of the Authority's records indicates that construction has not commenced on the site and the DA has now expired.

Approved for circulation to the Member and incorporation into Hansard.



Chris Steel MLA
Minister for Planning and Sustainable Development

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