

Response to question on notice

Questions on Notice Paper No 10

19 September 2025

Question No. 634

Fiona Carrick MLA: To ask the Minister for Planning and Sustainable Development

1. Can the Minister provide an update on the tender for the community land in Molonglo.
2. If a community group does not win the tender referred to in part (1), will the Minister provide them another space for them to build their community.

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

1. *Can the Minister provide an update on the tender for the community land in Molonglo.*

On 2 September 2024, the ACT Government issued a Request for Expression of Interest (REOI) for a future opportunity for a community facility zoned block, or space co-located with other community facilities, within the Molonglo town centre. The REOI was open to not-for-profit community organisations.

Ten responses were shortlisted to be invited to a future sales process when a specific piece of land and/or space is identified.

All Respondents were advised of the outcome of the REOI on 25 June 2025. The advice letter noted the complex nature of planning required for the Molonglo Town Centre and surrounding areas.

The Suburban Land Agency is progressing planning work on the Molonglo Town Centre and currently considering the most appropriate locations for a range of community facilities, including potential places of worship.

2. *If a community group does not win the tender referred to in part (1), will the Minister provide them another space for them to build their community.*

When suitable land or space is identified in the Molonglo District the successful Respondents from the REOI will be informed of the process that will be utilised to release the site.

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Noting the strong demand, the ACT Government is progressing work on identifying and releasing more Community Facility Zoned land for community organisations through further REOI / Request for Tender processes.

As noted in the Indicative Land Release Program incorporated within the Housing Supply and Land Release Program, five sites (listed below) are currently undergoing investigation with a view to releasing an REOI for these sites this financial year (2025-26). Community organisations will be encouraged to consider whether these sites, whilst not located in the Molonglo town centre, might be suitable for their needs.

Suburb	Block	Section	Size (m ²)
Gowrie	1	228	2,330
Gowrie*	4	291	1,692
Richardson	5	477	6,700
Chapman	3	12	1,676
Isaacs	13	501	5,644

* denotes re-release.

Work is also progressing on the potential re-release of a site in Kambah (part of the 2024-25 REOI with no shortlisted respondents), and on identifying more CFZ land across the Territory for future releases.

Approved for circulation to the Member and incorporation into Hansard.

Chris Steel MLA
Minister for Planning and Sustainable Development

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