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Minutes of the WCCC General Meeting Wednesday, 27 October 2010

1. Meeting opened

WCCC Deputy Chair Tom Anderson opened the meeting at 7.35pm and welcomed the special guests, **Ross James** and **Andrew Dib** from the Business and Industry Branch, Chief Minister's Department, **Simon Kinsman** and **Amy Rauter** from the Communications and Engagement Team and **Gay Williamson** from The Time to Talk Team, Chief Minister's Department.

2. Apologies

Chris Wilson., Simon Header, Caroline LeCouteur

3. Opening Statement

Deputy Chair, Tom made an opening statement (see attached)

4. Clean Economy

Ross James addressed the gathering on the 'Clean Economy.' Main points were:

- ACT record to date on per capita energy and water consumption and waste generation not good. Government is looking for reduction in green house gas generation of 40% by 2020. Submissions are sought from the public by 10 November.
- Details on B & I website (www.business.act.gov.au).
- Measures to be included in 2011 Budget.

Audience comments:

- Recycling bins should be returned to shopping centres and sports grounds.
- Attempting to compare ACT per capita water consumption with NSW is invalid.
- Canberra can learn much from Queanbeyan in green bin recycling
- ACTEW is changing excess water consumption limits to increase their revenue.
- Population increase by 2020 is a crucial factor in setting targets for water and energy consumption.
- Transport and buildings should be the major focus.
- Canberra is very far behind many European cities in all aspects of green economy.

5. Canberra 2030

Simon Kingsmore addressed the meeting on Canberra 2030. Main points were :

- Government is seeking qualitative and quantitative data.

- There will need to be balance and tradeoffs.
- The Government is hoping to get input from the ‘silent majority’.
- Wendy Harmer will be hosting a public forum of 28 October.
- Housing and transport will continue to be key issues in future.
- Spatial plan, sustainable region, affordable housing will be important issues

Audience comments

- Submissions made in the past have been ignored. Receipt should be formally acknowledged.
- There is a need to consult young people.
- Park and ride programs important for development of public transport system.
- There needs to be much better coordination within the bureaucracy.
- Feedback from consultation must be better disseminated to the public.

Time to Talk

Gay Williamson reported that the Time to Talk strategy would seek feedback from the general public through workshops and a post-free card (copies distributed at the meeting) on which interested persons could send in their ideas. The various avenues for comment would be widely advertised in the various media. Details are on the website: www.canberra2030.org.au. She said the main issues to be considered would be:

- Retention of the ‘bush capital’
- Transport - balance of public and private.
- Affordable housing .
- Sustainability of the region.

6. General Business

The meeting closed at 9.40pm.