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## **Comments on Development Application 201732602**

### **Wright**

The Weston Creek Community Council [WCCC] would like to offer the following comments in relation to this Development Application which is part of the Government's Public Housing renewal program.

#### **General Comments:**

Council continues to consider that the change in the land use criteria for Community Facility Use zoned land to allow Public Housing is a wrong decision and should be reversed, as we have relatively so little Community Facility Land remaining in the urban areas of Canberra and it is needed for Community use, not for housing.

That said, Council has accepted that the building of public housing on this land designated as Community Facilities Use as a *fait accompli* given that the Chief Minister and the Deputy Chief Minister have both stated that Public Housing will be built on Block 2 Section 29 in Wright.

Council has therefore moved towards achieving the best possible outcome on the site. During the consultations on the Wright proposal a number of issues raised which resulted in a number of positive changes to the original proposal.

Council remains concerned with a relatively isolated location for these units with no shops in Wright at present and 2 to 3 kilometres from Cooleman Court.

**Specific Comments:**

Council is of the view that the Task Force on Public Housing conducted these consultations in good faith and made a number of changes to the original proposal. These included:

- A reduction in the number of dwellings proposed from 32 to 26, with a one story element on Diesendorf Street;
- The building height has been reduced to two stories;
- All access will now be from Gornall Street;
- All car parking will be on site;
- The ACT Government is now working on a Territory Plan Variation on Block 1 Section 29 in Wright to prevent housing to be used on this site.

Council is pleased that there are lifts from the basement to allow people with disabilities to easily access their Apartment in the complex.

In conclusion, the Weston Creek Community Council is disappointed that there wasn't a greater reduction in the number of units being provided on this site but supports this development application and remains available to discuss these comments at any time.

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