



## ACT Government

# 2003-2004 BUDGET

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### **\$3M IN CAPITAL WORKS TO DELIVER NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN PROJECTS**

Works to improve traffic in the inner north and south will be part of a suite of Neighbourhood Plan priority projects funded in the 2003/2004 Budget.

Planning Minister Simon Corbell said Neighbourhood Plans were completed for five inner-city suburbs late last year and less than six months later the Stanhope Government had committed \$3 million to implement some of the projects identified in the Neighbourhood Plans for Braddon, Deakin, Lyneham, O'Connor and Turner.

“\$3 million will fund priority projects identified across all five Neighbourhood Plans, including, traffic management initiatives and improvements to lighting, footpaths and bike paths,” Mr Corbell said.

“These projects will significantly address some of the issues that have been raised during the Government’s six-month collaboration with the communities in these inner Canberra suburbs. These projects will make them feel safer and improve their accessibility to facilities.”

Neighbourhood Planning was a key initiative of Labor’s reforms to planning and land management in the ACT. Neighbourhood Plans are currently being developed for Dickson, Downer, Hackett and Watson.

“Neighbourhood planning has been very successfully introduced, with participants saying they have genuinely felt part of the planning process. Neighbourhood planning honours the Government’s commitment to consultative, collaborative planning for, and with, the people of Canberra.

“The process of neighbourhood planning recognises that neighbourhoods are never static. Neighbourhood planning is about managing this change, ensuring it happens in a manner that protects and enhances the things that are important to the community. Successful neighbourhoods respect their past, acknowledge their present, and are flexible enough to cater for the future, and the Neighbourhood Plans allow that to happen,” Mr Corbell said.

More information about neighbourhood planning is located at [www.palm.act.gov.au/plandev/neighbourhood\\_plans/index.htm](http://www.palm.act.gov.au/plandev/neighbourhood_plans/index.htm)



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