

Inner South Canberra Community Council

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MEDIA RELEASE

Inner South ready to engage with Government on new design guide for second dwellings

With regard to Minister Steel's recent announcement (see link below), ISCCC sees merit in principle in the idea of a design guide for second dwellings in RZ1 which are allowed under the Government's new planning regime. The guide must be legally enforceable, to provide the community with assurance the new rules will be observed, and so that neighbours have appeal rights where they are not followed. And there should be no further degradation of the zoning rules for RZ1. The zoning rules recognise the garden city character of Canberra, and protect against the heat island consequences of over development.

ISCCC Chair Colin Walters comments "ISCCC will be happy to engage with the Government on the new design guide on the premise that it will provide additional safeguards for those affected by developments. The issues are complex. Infill creates natural anxieties for nearby residents, and will proceed more smoothly if the community is genuinely involved in the evolution of the new design guide."

To share views on how better planning for our new communities can take place, please join our public forum on 28 May at 7.00pm- better residential development. To attend in person please register at: https://www.trybooking.com/CRHUZ

To register to attend online, please register on zoom at: https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZwpdOutpzksG9dzMEj9XzsmjHDaZml OGaQE

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https://www.cmtedd.act.gov.au/open_government/inform/act_government_media_releases/chris-steel-mla-media-releases/2024/planning-priorities-to-support-more-housing-in-canberra

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