



Telopea Park School (Senior Campus) expansion and modernisation

Traffic and parking impacts

REPORT ABOUT 'WHAT WE HEARD'

The Education Directorate is in the early stages of planning to expand and modernise the Senior Campus at Telopea Park School. Between 3 November and 15 December 2023 local residents and members of the school community were invited to have their say about any concerns they may have about potential construction impacts to traffic, parking and the pedestrian experience around the school.

ABOUT THE PROJECT

As part of its ongoing investment in building new schools and upgrading existing ones, the ACT Government is planning to expand and modernise the Senior Campus at Telopea Park School.

When finished, the expansion and modernisation will increase the school's permanent capacity by up to 500 students, allowing the school to cater for enrolment growth occurring in Canberra's Inner South region.

The feedback received during this first phase of community engagement about the project will provide valuable insights about the project's potential impact on traffic, parking and the pedestrian experience and help to inform the planning and design works.

This engagement phase sought feedback over a six-week period, from 3 November to 15 December 2023.

THE CONVERSATION

During this initial stage of engagement, local residents and the school community provided feedback via YourSay, direct email and a drop-in information stall at Telopea Park School's annual 'La Grande Fete'.

On YourSay, community were asked to drop pins and added comments on an interactive map relating to traffic, parking and the pedestrian experience. They could also indicate if they are local residents, members of the school community or members of the general ACT community.

At a drop-in information stall at Telopea Park School's La Grande Fete on 4 November 2023, community were able to ask about the plans for the expansion and modernisation and to provide feedback directly to members of the project team.



WHO WE ENGAGED

The consultation engaged local residents and members of the Telopea Park School community.

We promoted consultation via:

- Social media posts
- Posters and leaflets at the school
- Items in the school newsletter
- Emails to stakeholder groups, including the Kingston and Barton Residents Group
- Leaflets delivered to residents' letterboxes
- Information at the stall staffed by members of the project team at the school's La Grande Fete.

There was a total of 36 contributions to the interactive map and 29 contributions to the poll about contributors' connection to Telopea Park School.

A large majority of contributors (25 out of 29) identified themselves as being part of the school community.

Key Timings

3 November 2023: YourSay consultation opened.

4 November 2023: Drop-in information stall at the Telopea Park School 'La Grande Fete'.

15 December 2023: YourSay consultation closed.



Key insights from the community engagement

Connection to area and school

- Most contributors (25 out of 29) identified themselves as being from the school community, including 10 who identified themselves as both 'local resident and school community'.
- The remaining 4 contributors identified themselves as 'local resident' (2) and 'general ACT community member' (2).
- Local residents commented most on pedestrian issues.

Issues of interest

- Most comments related to the pedestrian experience – 14.
- Traffic received the second most comments – 12.
- Parking was the third most commented-on issue – 10.

The pedestrian experience

- Most comments about the pedestrian experience (11 out of 14) suggested a need for more or better options to help manage existing and future arrangements for students crossing local roads. This included better management of student pedestrian movement by providing school crossing guards, and relocating existing or creating additional pedestrian crossings, as well as closing particular roads to traffic.
- Other issues raised included the need for pedestrians to take adequate care when crossing roads.

Traffic

- A third of comments about traffic mentioned concerns that the expansion would lead to more traffic.
- Other comments mentioned that additional traffic and pedestrians due to the expansion could compound existing perceived problems relating to 'rat running' and problematic driver and pedestrian behaviour.
- Some suggested closing particular roads to traffic and/or introducing traffic control and calming measures in some locations to reduce risk to pedestrians and manage driver behaviour.

Parking

- Six of the 10 comments about parking identified a perceived need for additional parking, including providing more locations for parking and changing the length of time people can park.
- Others comments raised concerns about perceived inappropriate parking behaviour particularly during school pick-up and drop-off times.



THANK YOU FOR YOUR FEEDBACK

371people visited the YourSay
page**14**people came to speak with
us at the 'La Grand Fete'
information stall**29**people completed the
survey or added a comment
to the interactive map

WHAT'S NEXT?

The feedback received through this, the project's first phase of engagement, will help to inform the implementation of the modernisation and expansion of the Senior Campus at Telopea Park School. The community and other stakeholders will be invited to provide further feedback during various stages of the project.

Updates about the project's progress and opportunities for community engagement will continue to be provided via the Telopea Park School website.

If you have any questions about this project or would like to be kept updated on its progress, please contact the Education Directorate's infrastructure engagement team by email to ACT.Education@act.gov.au.

To find out more about the Telopea Park School Senior Campus expansion and modernisation and other Education Directorate initiatives, follow us on Facebook - [@ACTPublicSchools](#), and Instagram - [@actpublicschools](#).