



## **BCC Opening Statement – Budget Estimates 2019/20**

The Belconnen Community Council (BCC) thank you for the opportunity to participate in the 2019-20 Budget Consultation Process and provide views on the development of the ACT's revenue and expenditure priorities, including how the ACT's resources are allocated, what services could be enhanced, and where possible efficiencies could be made.

The BCC submission attempts to address the specific questions posed, with a distinct concentration on the infrastructure priorities the Government should consider implementing and funding in future budgets. Our recommendations are summarized in Attachment A.

We have also provided some low cost suggestions that could improve the amenity of Belconnen residents at minimal cost to Government. These could best be implemented in the 2019-20 ACT Budget.

While the BCC submission has largely viewed the questions posed through a Belconnen community lens, a number of our suggestions apply across the ACT.

As the Belconnen area straddles the electorates of Ginninderra and Yerrabi, the items suggested by the BCC are of benefit to residents of both electorates, and those who visit for work, education or recreation.

We believe that Belconnen is “the jewel in Canberra’s crown”; we are the most populous district, have the best in natural and man-made facilities (Lake Ginninderra is by far the most usable interactive natural space in our region, if not the country and rates as one of the best facilities of its kind in the world), enjoy three centres of excellence (UC, AIS and the UC Hospital) and by far the most tolerant and inclusive communities in our territory. If you live, work or play in Belconnen; you belong.

We trust our submission allows the ACT Government to continue to embrace these principles and encourages delivery of services and facilities that maintain the high standards our people expect of their government.

Kind regards,

Glen Hyde  
Chair, Belconnen Community Council  
12 June 2019.