

MEDIA RELEASE**15 April 2025****Performance audit of the requirements for the Phillip Pool**

ACT Auditor-General, Mr Michael Harris, today announced that the Audit Office is undertaking an audit of the changes to the requirements for the Phillip Pool site in the *Territory Plan*.

The objective of the audit is to assess the effectiveness of administrative processes to plan for and change the requirements for the Phillip Pool site (Section 22, Block 2 of Woden Valley) in the new *Territory Plan*.

In the new *Territory Plan (2023)*, the requirements for the Phillip Pool are that, if redeveloped, it includes an indoor 25-metre pool, along with a range of other aquatic facilities.

The audit will focus on the transparency of administrative processes of ACT Government agencies to plan for, and change, *Territory Plan* requirements for the Phillip Pool site. The audit will consider ACT Government agencies' activities to:

- identify and consider options for the future requirements of the Phillip Pool site within the context of changes to the *Territory Plan*; and
- inform and consult with the ACT community on proposed changes to the *Territory Plan* in relation to the Phillip Pool site.

The audit will not consider broader processes related to:

- the repeal of the *Planning and Development Act (2007)* and implementation of the new *Planning Act (2023)*; or
- the change from the *Territory Plan (2008)* to the new *Territory Plan (2023)*.

The audit will not consider:

- activities associated with the redevelopment of the site, including processes associated with the development application lodged in November 2024; or
- the planning for, or development of, locations for an ice-sports facility in the ACT, unless necessary to achieve the objective of the audit.

The audit is intended to be completed and presented to the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly for tabling in the first quarter of 2025-26.

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