Designing Social Change
to rebuild
Narrabundah Longstay Park

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• I acknowledge the Traditional Owners, the Ngunawal and Ngambri People, on whose land we meet, and pay my respects to their elders past and present.

• My sincere apologies for being unable to attend and thanks to Leigh Watson from ACT Shelter for giving my presentation on my behalf.
Narrabundah Longstay Park

• Tenders opened August 2008.


• SGS’s methodology proposed a four-stage process involving consultation with stakeholders at every stage.

Figure 1: Four Stages

STEP 1 – INCEPTION AND ISSUES IDENTIFICATION

STEP 2 – CONSULTATION ON THE ISSUES

STEP 3 – OPTIONS IDENTIFICATION AND ANALYSIS

STEP 4 – CONSULTATION ON THE OPTIONS AND FINAL REPORT WITH RECOMMENDATIONS
• **Stage 1:** Inception & issues identification including first round of consultations.

• **Stage 2:** Issues Paper and second round of consultations.

• **Stage 3:** Options Paper for managing the site and how to resolve issues and a third round of consultations.

• **Stage 4:** Final Report with 28 Recommendations for implementation.

### Key Dates


• 27 of which have been acted upon.
Two non-negotiables:

• No-one should become homeless due to the changes that need to be made to the Park; and
• No-one should be able to make speculative profits form any of the changes.

Three objectives:

• Clear indication to licensees of complying requirements and a minimal level of assistance.
• Existing residents should be given longer security of tenure with provisos attached.
• The Park should continue to provide an alternative form of low cost affordable housing in the ACT.
Four Final Points:

• Well written brief!

• Great community spirit among the residents was an inspiration.

• Legislative reform for longstay parks is the one recommendation that has yet to be acted upon.

• Similar issues in privately owned parks in the ACT and legislative powers will be necessary to remedy much the same issues.

Lessons:

• Social changes are always difficult, depends a lot on how they are managed.

• Much to learn from the experiences of Narrabundah Longstay Park.