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**Portfolio:** Vocational Education and Skills

**ISSUE:** CIT Campus Renewal

**Talking points:**

- Campus Renewal is a key driver in the aspirations of the CIT Strategic Compass 2020 and will ensure that CIT is able to meet the evolving needs and expectations of modern learners, including the development of contemporary teaching and learning facilities and practices that reflect the digitalisation of teaching, learning and work environments.
- The 2018-19 Budget allocated \$1 million to CIT to commence planning work on the redevelopment of the Reid campus. CIT has engaged the consulting firm, [REDACTED], to prepare a functional brief and business case. The funding will also allow CIT to prepare a concept design to consolidate the Reid campus into a multi-storey building.
- The redevelopment of the Reid campus is in line with CIT's long term plan to progressively upgrade its campuses, reduce its environmental footprint and ensure it is not weighed down with the costs of maintaining an asset base that it no longer needs for the effective delivery of quality teaching and learning.
- Benefits of redeveloping the CIT Reid campus include:
  - allowing CIT to establish a modern student-centric campus and a collaborative environment with functional and stimulating teaching spaces that support innovative teaching practices;
  - creation of new flexible teaching spaces that will allow CIT to easily adapt to changing teaching techniques, new technologies and accommodate new courses; and
  - significantly reducing the footprint of the current CIT Reid campus which could facilitate [REDACTED] to establish a university campus in the city east education precinct alongside the CIT Reid campus.

**Background Information – may not be suitable for public disclosure**

- CIT is preparing business cases for the 2019-20 ACT Government budget process, seeking funding to redevelop the Reid campus and for additional workshop space at the Fyshwick campus.

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- The current spread of course delivery across many campuses is impacting on CIT's operational and financial efficiency and its ability to attract and retain students.
- Campus modernisation seeks to address this by consolidating activities, reducing the built footprint and expanding campus opportunities which should improve operational efficiency and financial sustainability by reducing recurrent operational and maintenance costs.
- The ACT Government has appointed a CIT Campus Modernisation Sub-committee to commence planning and provide advice.
- Membership of the subcommittee includes the Under Treasurer, a delegate of the Director-General, Environment, Planning and Sustainable Development Directorate (EPSDD), the CIT Board Chair and CIT CEO. The sub-committee reports to the CIT Board.

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**Portfolio:** Vocational Education and Skills**ISSUE:** CIT Presence at Woden**Talking points:**

- The Woden CIT campus buildings have passed their useful life and no longer meet the needs as an educational facility. CIT relocated the majority of courses from the Woden campus during 2015 and 2016 and all of the buildings are now vacant.
- Despite CIT no longer having a formal presence at Woden, CIT students will continue to be trained at multiple workplaces throughout the Woden Valley, particularly at the Canberra Hospital.
- Due to the existence of remnant friable asbestos material in wall cavities and voids, the buildings cannot be upgraded. The buildings were remediated in 1988 with the majority of the asbestos removed and the roofs were replaced. The Environment, Planning and Sustainability Development Directorate (EPSDD) are preparing a business case, seeking funding to demolish the campus.
- CIT is still in negotiations with ACT Property Group to formally transfer the property.
- The ACT Government has no current plans for the reuse of the site. EPSDD will undertake initial site investigations and will engage the community regarding the future use of the site.
- The main hall continues to be occupied by the [REDACTED] [REDACTED] who are on a month to month lease arrangement.

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- The CIT Media, Music and Sound Department delivers four qualifications aimed at music performance and sound production. These programs moved to Reid in July 2018.
- Sound and music facilities at the CIT Woden campus included a performance venue, recording studios and an audio lab.
- These new facilities include a state of the art nursing facility and new aged care and disability training environments that replicate real work settings at CIT Bruce, upgrades made possible with a \$1.8 million funding boost from the 2015-16 ACT Government Budget.
- Modern, quality learning spaces and facilities were established at CIT Reid and CIT Bruce for some program areas that were moved from CIT Woden in 2016.

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