



ACT Budget: Step by Step

Analysis of the ACT Budget 2011-2012

Part 3 of 3

Capital Initiatives

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The Youth Coalition of the ACT acknowledges the Ngunnawal people as the traditional owners and continuing custodians of the lands of the ACT and we pay our respects to the Elders, families and ancestors.

We acknowledge that the effect of forced removal of Indigenous children from their families as well as past racist policies and actions continues today.

We acknowledge that the Indigenous people hold distinctive rights as the original people of modern day Australia including the right to a distinct status and culture, self-determination and land. The Youth Coalition of the ACT celebrates Ngunnawal culture and the invaluable contribution it makes to our community.

The Youth Coalition of the ACT (Youth Coalition) is the peak youth affairs body in the Australian Capital Territory and is responsible for representing the interests of people aged between 12 and 25 years of age and those who work with them. The Youth Coalition works to actively promote the well being and aspirations of young people in the ACT with particular respect to their political, cultural, economic and social development. The Youth Coalition is represented on many ACT advisory structures and provides advice to the ACT Government on a range of issues related to young people and youth services. For more information phone the Youth Coalition on (02) 6247 3540 or email info@youthcoalition.net

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Capital Initiatives Overview

The Youth Coalition of the ACT, the peak body for youth affairs, acknowledges the challenges faced by the ACT Government in developing the ACT Budget 2011-2012 and welcomes the announcement of funding for some key initiatives.

However, the Youth Coalition is disappointed that overall the Budget has not addressed some of the biggest issues facing young people in the ACT community, such as affordable housing, mental health services, and engagement with education, training, and employment.

The ACT Budget 2011-2012 contains a number of promising gains for young people, with a particular focus on out of home and kinship care, and investment in diversion from detention and engagement with the criminal justice system.

Some of the key capital initiatives for young people include:

Housing ACT

- Expansion of Social Housing

Education and Training Directorate

- CC Cares Program Design

Canberra Institute of Technology

- New CIT Learning Centre

While the promising new spending initiatives are welcomed, much of the detail is still to come. We implore the ACT Government to take the opportunity to engage with young people, their families, community youth services, and allied community service (such as family support, mental health, alcohol, tobacco, and other drug services) to identify the best ways in which these resources can be utilised in the Canberra to benefit young people and their families.

The Youth Coalition is pleased that the ACT Budget 2011-2012 addresses some gaps in services, with significant spending commitments, and we look forward to working with the ACT Government and other community stakeholders in implementing the initiatives from this budget that relate to young people and youth services.

The Youth Coalition of the ACT's ACT Budget 2011-2012 Analysis is divided into three parts:

- Part 1: Overview and Media Releases
- Part 2: Expenditure Initiatives
- Part 3: Capital Initiatives (this document)

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Below is an analysis of the ACT Budget 2011-2012 Capital Initiatives relating to young people and their families, as outlined in Budget Paper No. 3 for the following Directorates:

- Chief Minister's Directorate
- Community Services Directorate
- Housing ACT
- Health Directorate
- Education and Training Directorate
- Economic Development Directorate
- Canberra Institute of Technology
- Sustainable Development Directorate
- Territory and Municipal Services Directorate

Chief Minister's Directorate

Initiatives under the Chief Minister's Directorate are outlined below. Comments, concerns, questions and calls for clarification are raised.

Tuggeranong Arts Centre Improvements

Page	Description in Budget	Funding Allocation		Comments, concerns, questions and calls for clarification
150	This initiative provides for further planning of capital improvements to the Tuggeranong Arts Centre to better allow it to provide opportunities for participation in the arts and nurture cultural development in the Tuggeranong region.	2011-2012	\$200,000	The Youth Coalition welcomes this improvement.
		2012-2013	\$0	
		2013-2014	\$0	Young people's participation in arts, sports and recreation activities is often central to their health and wellbeing. However, young people's participation in these activities is often predicated on their ability to access affordable and quality facilities and programs. The Youth Coalition advocates for the provision of high quality arts facilities for young people.
		2014-2015	\$0	

Community Services Directorate

Initiatives under the Community Services Directorate are outlined below. Comments, concerns, questions and calls for clarification are raised.

Flynn Regional Community Hub

Page	Description in Budget	Funding Allocation		Comments, concerns, questions and calls for clarification
181	This project provides for the refurbishment of the remainder of the former Flynn Primary School to create a Regional Community Hub. This funding builds on the \$4 million provided in 2010-11 to create a childcare centre in part of the school site.	2011-2012	\$1,000,000	While the Youth Coalition welcomes this initiative, we seek to ensure there will be appropriate and specific services for young people who reside in the area.
2012-2013		\$3,000,000		
2013-2014		\$5,000		
2014-2015		\$25,000		

Bimberi Security Upgrade

Page	Description in Budget	Funding Allocation		Comments, concerns, questions and calls for clarification
182	The project will improve the functionality of Bimberi and reduces the risks of injury to staff and residents. A range of works will be undertaken to improve the security at Bimberi, including limiting access to the roof and extending the energised panels across the rear rooftops.	2011-2012	\$1,555,000	<p>The Youth Coalition recognises the need to ensure safety for residents and staff at Bimberi. A safe and secure facility is vital in promoting positive outcomes for young people in youth justice settings.</p> <p>We would like to see a greater focus on internal procedures and cultural change that will see an improved and safer environment for all staff, young people and services.</p>
		2012-2013	\$0	
		2013-2014	\$0	
		2014-2015	\$0	

Housing ACT

Initiatives under Housing ACT are outlined below. Comments, concerns, questions and calls for clarification are raised.

Expansion of Social Housing

Page	Description in Budget	Funding Allocation		Comments, concerns, questions and calls for clarification
183	Social Housing options will be increased with the construction of up to 32 dwellings to address housing affordability under this initiative. In particular an Intentional Community will be developed to house people with a disability supported by members of the surrounding community. This model provides a greater degree of support for more vulnerable people than that which would be provided if those people with a disability lived in the general community.	2011-2012	\$9,446,000	The Youth Coalition welcomes initiatives relating to increasing affordable housing options in the ACT, particularly the identification of an intentional community for people with a disability. It is noted however that there is no specific provision for young people to access the 32 dwellings to be built.
		2012-2013	\$0	
		2013-2014	\$0	
		2014-2015	\$0	

Health Directorate

Initiatives under the Health Directorate are outlined below. Comments, concerns, questions and calls for clarification are raised.

Women and Children's Hospital (Additional Funding)

Page	Description in Budget	Funding Allocation		Comments, concerns, questions and calls for clarification
169	Enhancements will be made to the new Women and Children's Hospital at the Canberra Hospital including an addition of a burns bath to the Paediatric Unit and increased bed numbers in the Women and Baby Inpatient Unit.	2011-2012	\$3,500,000	The Youth Coalition welcomes this initiative. Better access to healthcare for young women who are parenting and who need specific health care, is essential.
		2012-2013	\$0	
		2013-2014	\$0	
		2014-2015	\$0	

Justice and Community Safety Directorate

Initiatives under the Justice and Community Safety Directorate are outlined below. Comments, concerns, questions and calls for clarification are raised.

Future Correctional Facility Requirements (Feasibility)

Page	Description in Budget	Funding Allocation		Comments, concerns, questions and calls for clarification
170	This feasibility study will consider options and priorities for future correctional facilities at the Alexander Maconochie Centre (AMC), including addressing trends in the number and categories of sentenced and un-sentenced detainees.	2011-2012	\$620,000	The Youth Coalition is concerned that funding has been allocated to a feasibility study looking at future needs of the AMC when it is clear that there are current issues outstanding, and multiple recommendations from two independent reviews yet to be implemented.
		2012-2013	\$0	
		2013-2014	\$0	
		2014-2015	\$0	

Education and Training Directorate

Initiatives under the Education and Training Directorate are outlined below. Comments, concerns, questions and calls for clarification are raised.

Gungahlin College, Namadgi P-10 School and Harrison Secondary School (Additional Funding)

Page	Description in Budget	Funding Allocation		Comments, concerns, questions and calls for clarification
178	Additional resources are being provided to enable completion of the three new schools: Gungahlin College, Namadgi P-10 School and Harrison Secondary School. The additional funding finalises the project construction and fit-out costs on the Gungahlin College gymnasium and other facilities, the gymnasium and high school facilities at the Namadgi P-10 School and high school facilities at the Harrison Secondary School.	2011-2012	\$9,200,000	The Youth Coalition welcomes this initiative. However, there is no clear indication whether appropriate services, programs and facilities are planned to be included to support students and staff to attain not only good quality education but also social and psychological support.
		2012-2013	\$0	
		2013-2014	\$0	
		2014-2015	\$0	

Canberra College Cares (CC Cares) Program (Design)

Page	Description in Budget	Funding Allocation		Comments, concerns, questions and calls for clarification
179	Designs will be developed for a new purpose built facilities for the Canberra College Cares (CC Cares) program at the Canberra College Woden campus. The new facility will provide learning spaces and facilities to support the latest educational and care practices for students and their children. The CC Cares program provides essential educational and support facilities for young pregnant and parenting students and their children throughout the Canberra region.	2011-2012	\$1,700,000	The Youth Coalition very strongly supports this initiative and acknowledges the evaluated success of the CC Cares program at the Canberra College.
		2012-2013	\$1,700,000	
		2013-2014	\$0	
		2014-2015	\$0	

Economic Development Directorate

Initiatives under the Economic Development Directorate are outlined below. Comments, concerns, questions and calls for clarification are raised.

Restoration of Sports grounds – Isabella Plains and Charnwood

Page	Description in Budget	Funding Allocation		Comments, concerns, questions and calls for clarification
163	This project will restore the sports grounds in Isabella Plains and Charnwood, which deteriorated during the drought.	2011-2012	\$1,111,000	The Youth Coalition supports the ongoing improvement and maintenance of our sports and recreational facilities.
		2012-2013	\$0	
		2013-2014	\$0	
		2014-2015	\$0	

Manuka Oval Redevelopment (Design)

Page	Description in Budget	Funding Allocation		Comments, concerns, questions and calls for clarification
163	Design of upgrades at Manuka Oval for spectator, media and corporate facilities, as part of the agreement with the AFL and the Greater Western Sydney clubs to host regular elite matches in Canberra over a 10 year period. The upgrade of Manuka Oval will also support the hosting of a significant match(s) to be played during the Canberra Centenary in 2013.	2011-2012	\$750,000	The Youth Coalition supports the ongoing improvement and maintenance of our sports and recreational facilities.
		2012-2013	\$0	
		2013-2014	\$0	
		2014-2015	\$0	

Motorsports Fund – Capital Improvements to Fairbairn Park (Design)

Page	Description in Budget	Funding Allocation		Comments, concerns, questions and calls for clarification
164	This initiative provides for planning, design and documentation for the implementation of improvements for the Fairbairn motor sports facility.	2011-2012	\$500,000	The Youth Coalition supports the ongoing improvement and maintenance of our sports and recreational facilities, however, in this initiative there is no specific intention to engage with young people.
		2012-2013	\$0	
		2013-2014	\$0	
		2014-2015	\$0	

Gungahlin Pool

Page	Description in Budget	Funding Allocation		Comments, concerns, questions and calls for clarification
164	A contemporary leisure centre will be developed for the Gungahlin community, incorporating aquatic leisure facilities and dry activity areas, with appropriate support amenities	2011-2012	\$1,000,000	The Youth Coalition supports the ongoing improvement and maintenance of our sports and recreational facilities and welcomes this initiative as it supports the development of social and sporting activities in the Gungahlin area.
		2012-2013	\$6,325,000	
		2013-2014	\$15,180,000	
		2014-2015	\$3,795,000	

Supporting Our Local Sporting Clubs – Redevelopment of Kippax District Playing Fields

Page	Description in Budget	Funding Allocation		Comments, concerns, questions and calls for clarification
164	This project will redevelop Kippax District Playing Fields, in particular Kippax Enclosed Oval.	2011-2012	\$2,100,000	The Youth Coalition supports the ongoing improvement and maintenance of our sports and recreational facilities.
		2012-2013	\$0	
		2013-2014	\$0	
		2014-2015	\$0	

Multi-use Indoor Community Facility

Page	Description in Budget	Funding Allocation		Comments, concerns, questions and calls for clarification
164	A multi-use Indoor Community Sport Facility will be constructed at Greenway. The facility will include a separate area allocated for the Tuggeranong branch of the Men's Shed.	2011-2012	\$2,100,000	While the Youth Coalition welcomes this initiative, we seek further information as to whether there will be capacity for youth-specific activities.
		2012-2013	\$0	
		2013-2014	\$0	
		2014-2015	\$0	

Canberra Institute of Technology

Initiatives under the Canberra Institute of Technology are outlined below. Comments, concerns, questions and calls for clarification are raised.

New CIT Tuggeranong Learning Centre (Design)

Page	Description in Budget	Funding Allocation		Comments, concerns, questions and calls for clarification
185	This project provides for the design of a new Tuggeranong Learning Centre which follows on from the Feasibility Study included in the 2010-11 Budget. The new building will provide for an expansion in the range of learning services that CIT provides to the Tuggeranong community by increasing the capability of the existing Tuggeranong Learning Centre.	2011-2012	\$700,000	Increasing the capacity of the Tuggeranong Learning centre is welcomed by the Youth Coalition, however, we seek confirmation there will be appropriate and specific support services included for young people.
		2012-2013	\$0	
		2013-2014	\$0	
		2014-2015	\$0	

Master Plan Fyshwick Trade Skills Centre (Feasibility)

Page	Description in Budget	Funding Allocation		Comments, concerns, questions and calls for clarification
185	This project is to investigate options for future infrastructure development at CIT's Fyshwick Campus to meet forecast demand in education services. The Master Plan will help facilitate the development potential of the Fyshwick Campus in response to redevelopment in the Eastlake Precinct	2011-2012	\$180,000	The Youth Coalition welcomes this initiative, however, there is no indication of a time-line for this plan and we are concerned that the project might not be completed in time to meet the stated forecast demand for education services.
		2012-2013	\$0	
		2013-2014	\$0	
		2014-2015	\$0	

Sustainable Development Directorate

Initiatives under the Sustainable Development Directorate are outlined below. Comments, concerns, questions and calls for clarification are raised.

Urban Development Sequence for Affordable Housing (Feasibility)

Page	Description in Budget	Funding Allocation		Comments, concerns, questions and calls for clarification
176	This initiative will support the Affordable Housing Action Plan through planning and infrastructure investigations in new Greenfield areas, which will provide for long term planning options regarding land supply.	2011-2012	\$750,000	The Youth Coalition, in our submission to the discussion paper <i>Modernising Youth Housing and Homelessness Services (April 2011)</i> recommended that future city planning for the ACT include whole of government strategies to support the development of affordable housing for young people in areas with the appropriate infrastructure and support.
		2012-2013	\$650,000	
		2013-2014	\$0	
		2014-2015	\$0	

Territory and Municipal Services Directorate

Initiatives under the Territory and Municipal Services Directorate are outlined below. Comments, concerns, questions and calls for clarification are raised.

Transport for Canberra – Bus Stop Upgrades to Disability Standards

Page	Description in Budget	Funding Allocation		Comments, concerns, questions and calls for clarification
153	This project will improve bus stops and shelters to ensure they are compliant with DDA Standards. This will encourage patronage by people with a disability by ensuring that public transport infrastructure is accessible to all.	2011-2012	\$150,000	The Youth Coalition strongly welcomes this funding. All possible efforts should be made to ensure that young people with disabilities are afforded adequate support and equitable access to programs, services and opportunities that allow them to have a 'full and decent life', in accordance with the Convention on the Rights of the Child.
		2012-2013	\$0	
		2013-2014	\$0	
		2014-2015	\$0	

Transport for Canberra – Public transport Infrastructure

Page	Description in Budget	Funding Allocation		Comments, concerns, questions and calls for clarification
154	This initiative allows for the assessment of the adequacy of public transport infrastructure and implement measures aimed at improving identified locations to safely accommodate larger public transport vehicles.	2011-2012	\$500,000	The Youth coalition supports this initiative. Public transport is often a young person's primary means of transportation. There remains, however, some concern over regularity and location of bus routes.
		2012-2013	\$500,000	
		2013-2014	\$500,000	
		2014-2015	\$500,000	