ACT CTP DELIBERATIVE DEMOCRACY PROCESS ON SCHEME DESIGN
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Synopsis: The ACT Government is undertaking a deliberative democracy process on its CTP scheme design. The Government has chosen to pilot a citizens’ jury so it can consider with the community and other key stakeholders how to improve the ACT CTP scheme so it reflects the priorities of Canberrans. The Government wants to understand what the community’s priorities are for the scheme after they have had the opportunity to understand and explore the issue in-depth.

In the deliberative engagement strategy developed specifically for the ACT’s CTP scheme, around 50 randomly selected residents, broadly matching the demographics of the community, are participating in a two-part citizens’ jury with deliberations supported by a Stakeholder Reference Group. In October the jury will consider the question of: What should the objectives of an improved CTP scheme be to best balance the interests of all road users? The jury will be provided with information from a variety of sources, including expert witnesses on matters relevant to their deliberations on CTP. They will have the opportunity to learn about the aspects of CTP from a range of different perspectives, including from members of the Stakeholder Reference Group. Broader consultation including a phone or online survey and a community feedback process will also feed into the jury process.

The Stakeholder Reference Group will then develop a number of workable models that are consistent with the jury’s priorities for an actuary to cost. The Stakeholder Reference Group will be comprised of representatives of government, legal groups, insurers, health consumers and rehabilitation researchers together with an actuary and scheme design expert. At their second sitting in March 2018, the jury will consider the costed options and determine which model best meets their identified priorities. Following this process, the Government has committed to pursuing the jury’s preferred model.

The presentation will explain why this process was chosen and the outcome of the first jury process identifying the objectives for an improved CTP scheme.