

WHITLAM

MOLONGLO VALLEY, ACT

- Master Planning
- Urban Design
- Landscape Architecture
- Strategic & Urban Planning
- Stakeholder & Community Consultation
- Placemaking

SPACELAB was engaged by the SLA (Suburban Land Agency) to review the North Molonglo transport linkages, develop a structure plan and a detailed estate master plan, estate development plans and landscape master plan for the 4 stages of development within this 220-ha land release.

The existing Structure Plan for Molonglo and North Weston did not consider land north of the Molonglo River, and consequently the master planning process for Whitlam considered and designed the interface that Whitlam will have to the remainder of the North Molonglo Valley.

SPACELAB's master plan informed & guided the EPSDD's (Environment, Planning & Sustainable Development Directorate) Planning & Design Framework, which set the planning framework for Whitlam, as well as the rest of Molonglo north of the Molonglo River.

Almost one third of Whitlam is dedicated to open space. **SPACELAB** coordinated site analysis advice from numerous specialists including ecologists, civil engineers, hydrologists, heritage, and bushfire consultants. This coordinated advice informed a best possible outcome for the lot layout and master plan, which took the form of 'villages' or 'neighbourhoods,' reinforced by block typology, planting schemes, and the surrounding natural character.

Whitlam's villages are located across an undulating landscape surrounded by and interfacing with nature reserves, riparian gullies and the Molonglo River corridor. Although a very challenging design the flowing topography adds to the village feel of Whitlam. **SPACELAB**'s design provides sites for thousands of homes, a local school, shops, community facilities and hectares of manicured and native parkland with views across Canberra, the National Arboretum, and the Brindabella Mountains.

