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MEMBER FOR MOLONGLO

Mr Tom Duncan  
Clerk  
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CANBERRA ACT 2601

Dear Mr <sup>Tom</sup>Duncan

I refer to your letter of 25 February 2014 about e-petition No 7-13 lodged by Mr Coe, MLA and received in the Assembly on 25 February 2014.

My response to this petition for tabling is at Attachment A.

Yours sincerely

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Minister for Territory and Municipal Services

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## Attachment A

### **E-PETITION No 7-13 TO THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY LODGED BY MR ALISTAIR COE MLA ON 25 FEBRUARY 2014.**

#### **REGARDING: SPOFFORTH STREET TRAFFIC, HOLT**

This e-petition of certain residents of the Australian Capital Territory draws to the attention of the Assembly the ongoing traffic issues in Spofforth Street, Holt. The installation of speed humps has moved traffic from Spofforth Street into neighbouring streets which has caused serious safety concerns.

Your petitioners, therefore, request the Assembly to call on the Government to (1) remove all the speed humps in Spofforth Street, (2) allow traffic to resume its normal flow and appropriately police the streets, (3) after at least 12 months, assess the traffic, and (4) then, and only then consider what measures might be appropriate to manage traffic flow.

#### **Response:**

The ACT Government notes the e-petition submitted by the petitioners, tabled by Mr Alistair Coe MLA on 25 February 2014 and makes the following comments.

The ACT Government has undertaken extensive investigation and community consultation in relation to traffic management in Holt. Its conclusion is that a traffic calming scheme is important in the identified Holt streets for community safety, to reduce speeding and to maintain residential amenity. The attached table demonstrates the impact that speed cushions have had on the significant level of speeding that was occurring in Spofforth Street Holt.

1. Work to amend and improve the local area traffic management (LATM) treatments in Holt on Spofforth Street commenced in April 2014. These improvements include the removal of a number of the existing speed cushions on Spofforth Street and replacing them with new chicane arrangements. New LATM arrangements, including chicanes and refuge islands, will also be implemented on Messenger, Beaurepaire and Trickett Streets.
2. In addition to the amendments on Spofforth Street, new treatments will be implemented on a number of other streets within Holt to ensure the road network in the suburb is better equipped to manage the growth in traffic in coming years. These works are due for completion by July 2014.
3. During construction and following the completion of the works the Australian Federal Police will be requested to patrol the area and assist in speed management in and around the suburb.

4. Continual monitoring of the new arrangements will occur to measure their impact.

**Spofforth Street (Southern Cross Dr- Drake Brockman Dr)**  
**Speed limit – 50 km/h**

**Speed survey data (from 7-day tube counts)**

% of vehicles travelling	On Weekdays					On Weekends				
	2005	2007	2011	2012	2013	2005	2007	2011	2012	2013
at or below 50 km/h	4	9	14	78	78	5	16	11	84	81
at 51 – 60 km/h	21	32	43	13	15	18	31	42	10	14
at 61 – 70 km/h	47	35	32	6	5	41	38	33	4	3
at 71 km/h or above	28	24	11	3	2	36	15	14	2	2

Traffic calming scheme implemented in **December 2011** - 13 sets of speed cushions

Traffic calming scheme modified in **December 2012** - 2 sets removed and 9 sets re-located