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Mr Tom Duncan
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Dear Mr Duncan

Thank you for your letter concerning petition E-PET-022-24, lodged by Ms Rachel Stephen-Smith MLA, regarding CCTV and secure bike parking at the Phillip Avenue light rail stop. It is disappointing to hear reports of repeated theft and vandalism of bicycles parked at this location.

Transport Canberra and City Services (TCCS) currently provides several 'Bike & Ride' options including six bike cages at light rail stops, bus interchanges and 'Park & Rides'. These secure bike parking facilities are accessible using a MyWay Card and TCCS is working on the transition for this capability for MyWay+.

Since the opening of the light rail, TCCS has been monitoring the usage of bike parking at stops. In response to Ms Stephen-Smith's petition, I have asked TCCS to specifically monitor and investigate bike parking and usage at the Phillip Avenue stop, which has many customers accessing the stop by bicycle. This information will be used to inform future Bike & Ride planning, including the possibility of constructing a new bike cage subject to competing priorities, and what improvements to safety can be made in the short term.

The ACT Government and ACT Policing are committed to ensuring Canberra remains a safe and secure city for residents and businesses. In the 2023-24 Budget Review, the ACT Government provided \$207,000 in capital funding and \$417,000 in expense funding over four years from 2023-24 to replace 10 existing solar-powered CCTV cameras within the Public Safety CCTV Network (CCTV

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Network) with new models that provide enhanced video quality. This investment will support community safety by assisting ACT Policing in the identification, investigation, and prosecution of criminal offences.

The CCTV Network is administered by the Justice and Community Safety Directorate (JACS) and has been established to support public safety, emergency response and for criminal investigation and prosecution purposes. CCTV network deployments across Canberra occur in consultation with ACT Policing accounting for public safety risk, crime trends and resource availability.

Thank you for raising this matter. I trust this information is of assistance.

Sincerely



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Minister for City Services

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