

## Tara Cheyne MLA

Manager of Government Business Attorney-General Minister for Human Rights Minister for City and Government Services Minister for the Night-Time Economy

Member for Ginninderra

Our ref: 25/414

Mr Tom Duncan Clerk ACT Legislative Assembly London Circuit CANBERRA ACT 2601



September 2025

## Dear Mr Duncan

Thank you for your letter concerning petition E-PET 022-25, lodged by Mr Andrew Braddock MLA regarding bus lanes for Molonglo.

The ACT Government recognises the importance of the inter-town public transport corridor between the Molonglo Valley and the City. This is highlighted in the District Strategy for the Molonglo Valley.

John Gorton Drive and Cotter Road include public transport queue jumps at key intersections along the corridor. However, I recognise the congestion along Cotter Road between Streeton Drive and the Tuggeranong Parkway. As such, the ACT Government has committed to undertake an investigation to explore options to improve public transport and traffic flow on Cotter Road from Streeton Drive to the Tuggeranong Parkway.

I'm pleased to advise that the investigation for Cotter Road is underway and is testing options that support public transport movements (includes consideration of bus lanes amongst other treatments). Future improvements for Cotter Road will be informed from this study, which is anticipated to be completed this year.

In relation to the request for bus lanes for Bindubi Street Extension, the Suburban Land Agency plans to progressively design and construct the Bindubi Street extension between John Gorton Drive and William Hovell Drive as it develops the suburbs of Bandler and Sulman.

act.gov.au

The development of Bandler and Sulman will be staged to align with the ACT Government's Indicative Land Release Program, and the Bindubi Street extension will also progress in a staged manner as the suburbs are developed.

The Bindubi Street extension will be designed as a major collector road, to support traffic movement into and out of Bandler and Sulman and will operate as the intertown public transport route, initially for buses but with capability to be upgraded to Light Rail in the future. The design of Bindubi Street extension will consider options to support public transport priority.

I trust the information provided above has been helpful.

Yours sincerely

Tara Cheyne MLA

Minister for City and Government Services