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Dear Mr Duncan

Tom

Thank you for your letter concerning petitions E-PET-029-25 and PET-050-25, lodged by Mr Taimus Werner-Gibbings MLA regarding an Increase to carparking and accessibility for the Tuggeranong 55 Plus Club.

The Tuggeranong Seniors Club is located on Cowlshaw Street in Tuggeranong and has approximately 12 off street parking spaces.

The City and Environment Directorate (CED) is aware that the ACT Education Directorate offers a permit system in the adjacent carpark for students who attend Lake Tuggeranong College. CED however does not support the introduction of new permit parking scheme for groups, businesses or residents throughout the Territory, as they introduce inequitable parking arrangements for the public.

The time restrictions on the parking spaces alongside the club on Cowlshaw Street currently have a 2-hour restriction in place. Any proposed changes to parking restrictions in the area need to be consulted with affected residents and businesses prior to any change being made. However, CED believe the current time restriction is the most appropriate for the land use and parking patterns in this location and therefore has no plans to make amendments.

A refuge island pedestrian crossing facility is provided close to the club. This crossing point is supported with warning signs to alert drivers to the presence of seniors crossing the road.



Providing an improved crossing, for example a zebra pedestrian crossing, close to the club cannot be achieved without major road and carpark realignment works. This due to a number of reasons including the club being located adjacent to a sharp bend in the road, with the vehicle access to the club provided on the apex of the bend.

Relevant Australian Standards require appropriate conditions to be met, including sight distances to be provided for the safety of users. These standards cannot be achieved at this location.

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However, CED has informed me that they will continue to monitor the movements of pedestrians in the area and take action if required.

Thank you for bringing these petitions to my attention. I trust the information provided is helpful.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Tara Cheyne', with a stylized flourish extending to the right.

Tara Cheyne MLA
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