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Dear Mr Duncan

Tom

Thank you for your letter regarding petition E-PET-030-24, lodged by former member for Ginninderra, Mrs Elizabeth Kikkert, requesting the installation of a crossing on Coniston Street in Hawker.

The ACT Government takes road safety and residents' amenity seriously and encourages all road users to share responsibility for road safety. To identify the need for pedestrian crossings, Transport Canberra and City Services (TCCS) Directorate considers a range of factors such as traffic volume, pedestrian volumes, vehicle speeds and the surrounding land use.

For a priority crossing (including a raised zebra crossing) to be established there needs to be a reasonable level of demand for the facility. Transport research has demonstrated that pedestrian facilities used infrequently may become ignored by drivers, thus giving a false sense of safety to pedestrians and potentially leading to poor safety outcomes.

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TCCS has previously undertaken traffic surveys on Coniston Street. The traffic survey undertaken on Coniston Street in 2023 found that the average speed of vehicles travelling along the street was well below the posted speed limit of 50km/h.

Two separate pedestrian and vehicle surveys were conducted on Coniston Street during peak times in early September 2024. On both occasions, the numbers of pedestrians observed crossing the road and vehicles driving along the street were low (less than 10 pedestrians crossing the road and less than 200 vehicles travelling along the street). These numbers are significantly less than the amount required to warrant the installation of a pedestrian crossing.

Zebra crossings are generally not installed/permitted unless minimum criteria is met as transport research has demonstrated that pedestrian facilities used infrequently can become ignored by drivers, thus giving a false sense of safety to pedestrians and potentially leading to poorer safety outcomes. The criteria is to observe at least 60 pedestrian crossings and at least 600 vehicles passing in close proximity to the site within two separate one hour periods, on a weekday.

Given the above there are no immediate plans to install a raised pedestrian crossing on Coniston Street in Hawker.

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

Sincerely



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