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Dear Mr Duncan *Tom*

Thank you for your letter concerning petitions E-PET-031-24 and PET 036-24, lodged by Dr Marisa Paterson MLA, regarding footpath access and parking issues at Stephens Place in Garran.

The ACT Government supports building a more accessible and inclusive ACT, where people with disability can fully participate in all aspects of community life. The ACT Government also understands the need to balance different parking and active travel needs whilst keeping the road available for the safe movement of traffic.

Stephens Place in Garran is a residential cul-de-sac and a low-speed environment. Transport Canberra and City Services (TCCS) has previously been made aware of parking issues relating to building construction within Stephens Place over the past year and spoke with the relevant contractors to resolve these issues.

During September 2024, officers from TCCS inspected Stephens Place on several occasions across different times of the day during the week. On each occasion, vehicles were observed parking throughout the cul-de-sac, with most parked vehicles appearing to be associated with the nearby residential homes (residents or visitors).

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During the inspections, vehicles were not observed parking on both sides of the street in a manner that would prevent vehicle movements in and out of the street. However, some vehicles parked near the intersection with Robson Street during the weekday inspections may have been associated with the nearby shops.


Whilst TCCS has not observed the parking issues raised in the petition, Access Canberra's Parking Operations team has been notified and will take appropriate action if vehicles are observed parking in a manner which does not provide a safe flow of traffic. TCCS will continue to monitor the parking behaviours in Stephens Place and consult with the nearby residents about any changes to traffic control devices (signs and line marking).

The ACT Government is also working to better connect existing path networks and create new connections considering demand and community interests. This is a significant undertaking that needs to be approached strategically including assessing and prioritising requests. The request for a new path along Stephens Place has previously been received through Access Canberra and assessed by TCCS against other community requests for new paths. Requests for new community paths are assessed using parameters such as proximity to shops, bus stops, terrain and overall impact to the path network and the community.

The requested new path along Stephens Place has been classified into the category of paths with a medium positive impact. As such, the overall analysis has found that the works are not an immediate priority. However, the community path priority list is dynamic as new requests are received and works are completed. This means that the proposed path will be reconsidered as part of the annual review process and subject to relative priorities across the ACT and may be included as part of a future capital works program.

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

Sincerely



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