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Dear Mr Duncan



Thank you for your letter about petition number E-PET-019-25 and PET-036-25.

The ACT Government is committed to continuing to ensure ACT public schools meet the learning and wellbeing needs of students and staff. This includes travel management, parking and road safety around our schools.

ACT Government implements a range of measures to manage the safety and vehicle movements around school sites. These include regulatory levers such as parking and speeding fines, parking space, speed bump infrastructure and traffic management solutions at schools.

The Education Directorate and City and Environment Directorate work together on traffic management and safety around schools including opportunities. This includes parking and traffic flow.

Guidance is provided to schools. This includes communications and education materials to encourage and support parents and carers to follow traffic management strategies to minimise congestion, promote active travel to and from school, and safe driving and parking around school areas.

Similar to most schools, Charles Conder Primary School experiences high volume traffic at peak times during pick up and drop off periods. During peak times parents and carers sometimes park on nearby land, which is not designated for car parking. Additional carparking spaces at the school would provide more spaces to park, but is unlikely to reduce congestion at peak times.



Parking Operations, Access Canberra is responsible for dealing with illegal parking. On occasion, schools request support to deter unsafe parking via regulatory enforcement.

The School Safety Program of City and Environment Directorate and Charles Conder Primary School have developed and shared with parents and carers, part-way drop-off and pick-up maps to assist parents and children with planning their routes to and from school.

There is a range of publicly available options away from the Charles Conder Primary School site and within walking distance at nearby facilities, sports grounds and parks.

The Education Directorate and the School Safety Program Team of the City and Environment Directorate will continue to work with the school to engage the school community to practice safety behaviours and use the identified options to mitigate the parking concerns raised.

Your correspondence on this matter is appreciated.

Yours sincerely

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