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Mr Tom Duncan
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Dear Mr Duncan

Thank you for your letter concerning petitions E-PET 029-24 and PET 037-24, lodged by Mr Peter Cain MLA, regarding reinstating the bus route along Macrossan Crescent, Latham.

Transport Canberra provides 4,192 services operating every weekday on the bus network with a fleet of 456 buses across our beautiful but dispersed city. Whilst the Government strives to provide as much coverage as possible across our city, this must be guided by service vision and principles, and balancing the costs and need for frequent, direct, and reliable fixed route service for the whole community.

Our public transport network vision has moved away from long, meandering, and circuitous routes to focus on frequent Rapid spines with shorter, straighter and more direct local or feeder routes. I am advised there are no current plans to reintroduce bus services on Macrossan Crescent, Latham.

I note reference to distance and access barriers to public transport in the area for vulnerable residents or those with reduced mobility. Eligible residents in the area have access to Transport Canberra's Flexible Bus Service or community transport services. Information on this can be found at <https://www.transport.act.gov.au/travel-options/bus/accessible-travel/flexible-bus-service>.

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I have asked Transport Canberra to consider opportunities to address the concerns raised in the petition as part of future improvements to the public transport network. Particularly, whether there may be opportunities to better service the area with flexible or on-demand concepts that balance the desire for connectivity with the aforementioned vision for fixed route public transport service.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Chris Steel', is positioned above the typed name.

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