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Dear Mr Duncan

Thank you for your letter concerning petition E-PET 038-24, lodged by former member for Ginninderra, Mrs Elizabeth Kikkert, regarding bus services for Hawker College.

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. Where there is a report of overcrowding or insufficient service timings, Transport Canberra has officers observe in person prior to further review.

The Network Scheduling Team has undertaken a review of the existing services in the area of Hawker College around school finishing time. I have asked Transport Canberra to consider the use of higher capacity bus services and adjustments to the timetables to address the concerns raised in the petition as part of future improvements to the public transport network.

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I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Chris Steel', with a stylized, cursive script.

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