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Dear Mr Duncan

Tom

Thank you for your letter concerning petition 042-24, lodged by Ms Jo Clay MLA, regarding the active travel needs of Cook and Macquarie.

The ACT Government takes road safety, and in particular pedestrian safety, seriously and is keen to encourage greater uptake in active travel with the many benefits this provides for health and sustainability. The ACT Government manages and maintains approximately 3,190 kilometres of community paths across Canberra. Each year improvements and maintenance activities are carried out across the network. This includes adding new connections and upgrading existing connections as needed.

The C5 cycle path through Macquarie and Cook is a principal route between Belconnen and Tuggeranong via Weston Creek. The width of this route has been assessed and meets the requirements of a trunk path (between 2.5 to 5 metres).

In regards to maintenance, Roads ACT conducts regular path inspections across the ACT to identify areas that require work. Maintenance and repairs are also undertaken in response to reports from the community. I would encourage local residents to submit such request via the Fix My Street Portal at services.accesscanberra.act.gov.au/s/forms/fix-my-street.

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The determination of speed limits in the ACT is based on the classification of roads through a formal road hierarchy. This classification fundamentally relates to the predominant function of a road and to the extent it serves the two basic purposes of the road network – the movement of traffic and access to property.

Redfern Street and Lyttleton Crescent have been designed and constructed as major collector roads with a desirable environmental capacity of 6,000 vehicles per day. They have a posted speed limit of 60 km/h as per the design standard of a major collector road. Transport Canberra and City Services (TCCS) will investigate the concerns raised regarding travelling speeds on Redfern Street and Lyttleton Crescent.

I am pleased to advise that as part of the School Safety Improvement Program, new pedestrian crossings and infrastructure is being constructed in the vicinity of the Jamison Centre, to improve connectivity with the local community and Canberra High School. This includes:

- A new zebra pedestrian crossing across Bowman Street near Wiseman Street;
- Two new zebra pedestrian crossings across Bowman Street near the YMCA Early Learning Centre; and
- A new refuge island, footpath and kerb improvements at the intersection of Bowman Street and Redfern Street.

Additionally, improvements will be made to the crossing across Redfern Street near Dexter Street. Access ramps will be realigned with the refuge island and kerb blisters will be constructed to reduce the crossing distance across this major collector road. This work has been added to the Roads ACT minor new works program to be constructed this financial year.

I have also been advised that TCCS intend to undertake design planning for crossings along the C5 cycle route at Catchpole Street, Redfern Street and Lyttleton Crescent.

A desktop assessment of active travel needs around the Jamison Shops and catchment has been undertaken. This assessment identified potential future routes from the Jamison Shops to the existing route that runs parallel to Belconnen Way, and broader connections along Redfern Street and Catchpole Street towards C5 in Macquarie and Bindel Street. Specific 'accessible pedestrian routes' for Jamison can be found on the Active Travel Infrastructure Practitioners tool (refer to <https://activeinfrastructure.net.au/>). This includes connections from Bowman Street and Redfern Street to the Jamison Shops.

At the recent ACT election, ACT Labor committed to a raft of active travel improvements this term, including delivering a \$5 million fund for new and upgraded footpaths across Belconnen. The location of new and upgraded footpaths to be constructed in Belconnen from this fund will be determined through a prioritisation process to ensure improved infrastructure is constructed where it is needed most.

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

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Tara Cheyne', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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