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Dear Mr Duncan

Thank you for your letter concerning petitions E-PET-066-25 and PET-082-25 regarding the need for a cycle path to connect Kippax shops to the Belconnen Town Centre and to also connect to the William Hovell Drive Duplication Project via an offroad path along Kingsford Smith Drive.

In addition, at its meeting on Wednesday, 3 December 2025 the Assembly passed a resolution titled '*Active travel network in Belconnen – Feasibility study and funding consideration*', which relates to petitions E-PET-066-25 and PET-082-25 as the Assembly resolution calls on the ACT Government to:

- a) Conduct a feasibility study in consultation with targeted stakeholders – children and adults who can no longer drive, Belconnen Community Council, Pedal Power, SEE-Change, Canberra By Bike, and Living Streets Canberra – to deliver a complete active travel network between West Belconnen and Belconnen Town Centre based on the MIS-05 Active Travel Facilities Design; and
- b) Table the feasibility study by the second last sitting day in 2026.

The requested path segment along Southern Cross Drive between Kippax shops and Belconnen Town Centre has also been identified as a potential future priority through ACT's Active Travel Plan. This path segment is intended to be a shared community path (e.g. for pedestrian and cyclist use) – not a dedicated bicycle-only path.

I'm pleased to advise that a feasibility study will be undertaken for the overall route along Southern Cross Drive. Funding has also been committed for delivery of two priority segments along this route to improve connectivity between Kippax shops and Belconnen Town Centre.

The segments funded for delivery as part of the C3 Principal Route along Southern Cross Drive include:

- Segment 01 - Ratcliff Crescent to Pawsey Circuit reserve; and
- Segment 02 – Pawsey Circuit to Kingsford Smith Drive.

I note that this is an infill/retrofit project in an area with existing site constraints. However, as standard practice, the design and construction of this project will aim to be in accordance with the Active travel Facilities Design standard (MIS 05).

I also recognise your request to further construct an additional separated bike path from the corner of Southern Cross Drive and Kingsford Smith Drive up to the roundabout at Drake Brockman Drive (west side). This suggestion will be investigated following completion of other active travel network upgrades in the area, namely the William Hovell Drive Duplication and Drake Brockman Drive Duplication Projects.

I trust this information is useful and I look forward to tabling the feasibility study on the second last sitting day in 2026.

Yours sincerely



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