

EXTENDING LIGHT RAIL

From Civic to Woden

Investing in Canberra's transport future.

The Greens are committed to providing fast, clean energy powered public transport right across our city.

The ACT Greens will progress stage 2 of light rail (Capital Metro) from Civic to Woden. This will create a high quality public transport spine from Gungahlin to Woden. Woden is a good staging point for further expansion of the light rail network to Tuggeranong, Weston Creek and Molonglo, as part of a light rail network that ultimately will cover most of Canberra.

Woden is an area of high public transport demand. The Mawson and Woden area has excellent opportunities for expansion and revitalisation, which will improve the employment, residential and social opportunities in South Canberra.

The Greens have committed \$25 million to plan, assess and develop a detailed a business case for stage 2 light rail plan which will:

- Plan and assess the detail of the route from Civic to Woden, in consultation with the community.
 The assessment will include analysis of extension Stage 2 to Mawson.
- » Complete a detailed business case for stage 2 Woden by 2017, allowing for a final decision about construction, based on the detailed analysis, costs and benefits.

We anticipate that construction can be underway by 2019, with operation commencing by 2021. We anticipate that the full cost of constructing the stage 2 route be similar to the cost of stage 1 (Gungahlin to Civic). This is in the order of \$800M - \$1B - noting that this stage will overcome several engineering obstacles in the creation of a light rail network, such as crossing Lake Burley Griffin, and passing the Parliament House underpass.