



## BUS FARE FREEZE

# Keeping our public transport fares fair

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The Greens have committed to connecting the North and South of our city with light rail and to significantly improving the bus network right across Canberra. In addition, the Greens commit to **freezing public transport fares** so there will be no cost increases for anyone using public transport over the course of the next term of the Legislative Assembly.

The ACT Greens will:

- » Connect our city by extending light rail from Gungahlin to Woden; and
- » Keep public transport affordable by freezing public transport fares.

By 2020 Stage 1 (Gungahlin to Civic) of light rail will be operating, and Stage 2 (Civic to Woden) will be near completion, giving people from North to South Canberra access to rapid, reliable, high quality public transport through an integrated light rail and bus network.

The fare freeze will ensure Canberra travellers have an attractive and affordable public transport service with costs that compete effectively with car travel. It will encourage people to leave their cars at home and take sustainable, public transport to get around our city.

Freezing fares will also help people who are struggling to make ends meet. Fares are often overlooked but they can make a real difference to people's cost of living. Further, transport costs are now the second highest household expenditure for Canberrans primarily due to expenses and other costs associated with running cars.

Without the Greens' commitment to freeze fares, public transport fares are likely to increase by 5% per year. The Greens' public transport fare freeze will save people catching buses during the working week between \$160 and \$315 per year – or for a family with 2 bus travellers, between \$320 and \$630 per year.