



# CONNECTING CANBERRA

## With Integrated Buses and Light Rail

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The ACT Greens **will invest an additional \$57 million into the ACTION bus network to improve bus frequencies and network coverage across all of Canberra.**

### > More Frequent Buses

The ACT's ACTION bus network will benefit in particular from investment to improve its frequency and directness, to make it more convenient for Canberrans who are commuting and travelling around Canberra.

The ACT Greens' network investment will:

- » Support new, convenient rapid bus routes to provide all day frequent services (for example, a 15-minute rapid service linking Woden, Weston Creek, Molonglo and Civic);
- » Improve the frequency of regular bus services;

» Integrate bus routes conveniently and seamlessly with Stage 1 light rail to allow for fast and convenient interchanging at Gungahlin, Dickson and Civic; and

### > Convenient School Buses

Parents and their children will benefit from more school buses and school bus routes. And, expanding the bus network will make it more convenient for Canberrans to travel by public transport, the will also help Canberra grow into a more sustainable city that is less car dependent, more affordable, and less polluted.

The ACT Greens' network investment will:

- » Provide more school buses and more school bus routes to assist more children to travel to school by public transport;

### > Accessible Public Transport

The ACT Greens believe that all members of our community should be able to get around using public transport. That's why we have committed to invest an additional \$1.5 million in the flexible bus service to ensure that Canberrans with disabilities, or who are older and less mobile, can participate fully in our community.

» Provide an additional \$1.5 million to improve the flexible bus service, the free service for older Canberrans and people with a disability. The funding will allow it to run more often and cover more parts of Canberra.

*The ACT Greens have already announced:*

### > **Extending Light Rail to Woden**

The ACT Greens' vision for light rail has always been for an integrated network across Canberra. Directing the second stage to Woden will create a spine that connects the city's north and south.

By 2040 we expect thousands more people travelling from Woden towards the City in the morning peak and employment in the Parliamentary Triangle is expected to dramatically increase between now and 2041.

The Greens believe that every Canberran should be able to travel to and from work easily, affordably and without having to sit in traffic for hours, which is why we included a light rail master plan in the Parliamentary Agreement.

Directing light rail to the south of Canberra will provide a fantastic opportunity to revitalise the Woden town centre with vibrant urban development that comes with light rail.

The Greens' plan is to extend light rail right across Canberra - connecting north and south - to create a vibrant city that is sustainable and easy get around.

### > **Bus Fare Freeze**

The ACT Greens believe public transport that is high-quality and affordable is the key to building a modern, sustainable, people-friendly Canberra. We will freeze public transport fares and stop cost increases.

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.