



Inquiry into the Role and Future of the Woden Town Centre in the context of a compact city

Answer to question taken on notice

Asked by: Peter Cain MLA

Addressed to: Canberra Institute of Technology

In relation to: CIT Strategic Plan and light rail

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Mr David Jones took on notice the following question:

MR CAIN: Okay. How dependent is the fulfilment of your strategic plan upon light rail getting to Woden?

Mr Jones: The CIT strategic plan is delivered in the context of current government priorities around training, national priorities around training, and we are operating successfully in that location and our other locations based on the existing transport network of the territory.

MR CAIN: On the existing transport network?

Mr Jones: And any changes to that, to the transport network of the territory, that CIT would respond to. Sorry, Mr Cain. And that could be in terms of training that might be delivered for changes in the way that, you know, the territory's transport system also operates.

MR CAIN: So what would be the implication on your strategic plan if light rail was not delivered to Woden?

Mr Jones: So the current transport network, the current transport interchange that is being delivered will provide—

MR CAIN: The bus network?

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Mr Jones: —for current bus network and for future tram operations as well. Our network, it participates with and is supported by the Public Transport Network and enables people from the region and across Canberra to get to our organisation—

MR CAIN: But that is not my—

Mr Jones: —but it is not dependent on the tram—the, sorry the light rail.

MR CAIN: It does not depend on the light rail. So if the light rail does not happen, there will be no impact on your strategic plan being fulfilled?

Mr Jones: The strategic plan for the organisation is based on national and ACT training priorities.

MR CAIN: Sorry, if the light rail does not get delivered to Woden, how will that affect your strategic plan?

Mr Jones: I will have to take that question on notice. Our strategic plan is based on national and territory training priorities.

MR CAIN: So it is dependent at the moment on light rail getting to Woden, is that correct?

THE CHAIR: Peter, I do not think that is what the witnesses said, I think the witnesses—

MR CAIN: No, I will ask a question, so does the fulfillment of your strategic plan in its current form depend upon light rail getting to Woden?

Mr Jones: I will take that question on notice.

The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

The *Canberra Institute of Technology Plan - The Next 10 Years 2025-2035* identifies that CIT has a 5 campus footprint across the ACT that supports accessibility, allows for precinct specialisation and efficient delivery. Sitting alongside the ACT Government's economic, skills development and digital strategies that inform our direction, the Plan clearly articulates strategic objectives of:

- Our training meets the skills needs of today, tomorrow and beyond;
- Our teaching and learning is leading edge and enhances student outcome;
- Our people are equipped to achieve our strategy; and
- Our foundations support the delivery of our strategy and enable our future growth.

Consistent with our foundations supporting the delivery of our strategy and enable our future growth, the CIT Woden Campus being co-located with the new Woden transport interchange supports the provision of fit for purpose physical infrastructure; safe, secure trusted and accessible services and campuses, and campus utilisation.

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Signature:

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Date: 4 March 2026