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Subject: Inquiry into ACTION Buses
Standing Committee on Planning & Environment
ACT Legislative Assembly

Dear Committee,

I wish to lodge the following submission for consideration to the Inquiry into ACTION Buses:

Route 48

The bus scheduled to arrive at Belconnen Interchange at 8.15 is too early. Could I suggest it gets in at 8.25 so workers can start at 8.30.

The last bus leaves the Belconnen Interchange at 1730. Could another service at 1800 and/or later be provided. This would allow workers to work later if needed and still get home with the one bus rather than changing at Civic, thus significantly increasing travel time.

Belconnen-Gunghalin

Increasing numbers of people are moving to the Gunghalin area who work in Belconnen, yet there is no direct service (Xpresso) between the two suburbs. Please consider an express service for those who wish to commute to work by bus.

General comment

a.. Please consider cross town buses, for example, Watson-Belconnen or alternatively schedule buses so people in Watson can get off the 39 in Dickson and catch the 48. This would be possible if the 48 was pushed back by 10 min as per above suggestion. This may be the same case in other suburbs.

b.. Upgrade the bus models - too many buses are breaking down and are outdated.

c.. Upgrade bus stop waiting areas. Some are so grotty, one does not even want to sit down.

d.. Increase the distance between bus stops. For example, there are three bus stops surrounding the Downer Business Park and whilst the service is heavily utilised, the frequent stopping slows down the speed of the service. Sydney's bus stops are more evenly distributed and people need the exercise these days too.

I am embarrassed to be living in the nations capital, which is serviced by the nations worst public transport system - it makes a real mockery of this 'developed' nation.

Thank you,

Ms Louise Rihova

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