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Submission to inquiry into ACTION buses
Inquire into and investigate the services provided by ACTION buses:

Public transport is one crucial element in the strategy to abate climate change since private motoring is a huge contributor to Greenhouse gases. ACTION fills its role well as far as the inter-town services go, but the suburban feeder bus system is not always adequate. A network of smaller vehicles to serve the less populated routes should be looked into.

The experiment with Flexibuses in the evenings was very successful as far as the patrons were concerned. We hope to get that back again.

An excellent recent addition to the services is the opportunity to use bicycle racks on the inter-town services. A slight inconvenience is that buses without this option are frequently used, making an unnecessary waiting time for cyclists. This should be easy to attend to.

A major problem is, and has always been, the lack of services for Sunday evenings.

As to other transport operators in Australia, it is clear that the Sydney system is more comprehensive since it also includes rail traffic and since the population basis is much larger. I believe that the Canberra system would benefit from light rail addition, but in the absence of that, ACTION should be able to cope well with the minor adjustments referred to above.

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