



STANDING COMMITTEE ON PLANNING TRANSPORT AND CITY SERVICES
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Inquiry into ACT Budget 2021–22
ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Asked by Nicole Lawder MLA:

Ref: Better Infrastructure Fund, Budget Paper H, Page 39

In relation to: Local Shopping Centre Upgrades

Rightly or wrongly, residents at the Retirement Village and Aged care in Monash just down the road from the Monash shops, advised me of their unwillingness to visit the Monash Shops due to the nature of one of the businesses operating there.

1. How will improving the shops bring people back when the same concerns remain?

Mr Chris Steel MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:–

1. Upgrades to local shopping centres help to revitalise and improve safety, access and the quality of the public realm around the centres, encouraging people to shop locally and supporting the changing needs of the community.

Early planning is underway for improvements to the publicly owned areas at Monash shops with a focus on safety, accessibility, amenity and look and feel. These might include new landscaping elements (trees and shrubs), lighting improvements, improved path access to and from the shops, car park upgrades and new street furniture such as seats, tables and bins.

Consultation will be undertaken with the local community to inform the proposed improvements and design.

Approved for circulation to the Standing Committee on Planning, Transport and City Services

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By the Minister for Transport and City Services, Mr Chris Steel MLA