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COMMUNITY AND INDUSTRY REPRESENTATIVE GROUPS SURVEY

SURVEY OF COMMUNITY AND INDUSTRY GROUPS ON THE
ACT BUDGET 2016-17 PRESENTED BY THE ACT GOVERNMENT ON 7 JUNE 2016

If you wish to respond to this survey, please return it to committees@parliament.act.gov.au by **3.00pm Friday 10 June 2016**. If there is insufficient room for any of your comments, below, please append additional comments.

1. Full name of group/organisation: Living Streets Canberra

2. Name of contact person for this survey and their telephone number and email address:

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[REDACTED]

3. Please provide a brief overview of your organisation/group and its purpose.

Promoting the interests of Canberrans who walk.

4. Has your organisation/group developed a written analysis of the ACT Budget that it would like to submit to the Committee?

Yes (If yes, please email it to the Committee Secretariat with your completed survey.)

No

5. Please list, in order of priority, your three key priority areas regarding the ACT Budget 2016-2017 (you can expand on these in Question 6):

a. Walking infrastructure, including routes to and from public transport.

b. Indicators to measure progress towards achieving walking, cycling and public transport targets.

c. Absence of mode share targets for travelling by car as a passenger.

6. Please provide detail of your views on the ACT Budget in relation to your three priority areas?

- a. We are pleased that the ACT has reached its 2015-16 target of 35 km of new community paths, after some years of falling short at 30 km, and has not reduced its target for 2016-17.

We estimate that, at the current rate, every Canberra street will have a footpath by 2045.

These footpaths will help to achieve [Transport for Canberra's](#) journey to work mode share walking targets of 6.5% in 2018 (deferred from 2016) and 7% in 2026, and the Government's [commitment to increasing the public transport share of all work trips to 10.5% by 2016 \(deferred to 2018\) and 16% by 2026.](#)"

We note that *Transport for Canberra* is yet to be updated to address its complete failure to increase public transport mode share, and its apparent failures to achieve its 2016 walking and cycling targets.

We estimate that walking-related works account for only 4% of infrastructure funding, even though at the 2016 census walking-only trips accounted for more than 4% cent of journeys to work, walking plus public transport accounted for a further 5%, and the new 2018 targets include 6.5% for walking and 10.5% for public transport (most of which will involve walking segments).

Amenity of bus stops is a significant factor in public transport use, especially given the Government's plans to increase the proportion of public transport trips that will require transfers.

- b. Census journey to work data need to be supplemented by inter-censal information such as annual Town Centre Cordon Counts (which in recent years the Government has omitted to publish) and by information on other trips such as journeys to schools (e.g. ACT General Health Surveys), to shops and for recreation.

- c. Car-as-passenger mode share targets must be set if traffic congestion or transport greenhouse emissions are to be reduced. Although the combined mode shares of walking, cycling and public transport increased by a quarter of a per cent between the 2006 and 2011 censuses, this provided no congestion or greenhouse benefits because car-as-passenger fell by half a per cent, allowing the car-as-driver mode share to actually increase.

7. Are there any other particular issues with the ACT Budget that you would like to bring to the Committee's attention?

Yes No

- a. If yes, please comment/attach further details:

8. Did you provide a budget submission to the ACT Government?

Yes (go to question 9) No (go to question 10)

9. Do you think that the ACT Budget has addressed the issues raised in your submission?

Yes No

a. If yes, please comment

The budget goes some way towards addressing our issues. But there is much more that can be done.

10. Does your organisation/group wish to give its views in a Committee public hearing on Friday 17 June 2016, at the Legislative Assembly, London Circuit, Canberra.

Yes No

If you indicate yes, and the Committee selects you to appear at the hearing, the Committee Support Office will contact you by close of business Wednesday 15 June 2016 to confirm arrangements. Please note that the Committee may not be able to hear from all groups/organisations.

Thank you for contributing to the inquiry.
