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Subject: Paths and safe access to local schools

To whom it may concern,

I'd like to raise concerns around accessibility to 'local' schools. ACT has found itself in a state where primary aged school children are traversing multiple suburbs, arterial roads and navigating busy intersections just to get to their local catchment primary school.

The closure of so many suburban schools that were replaced with super schools, has led to disjointed communities, unsafe pedestrian access to schools and unnecessary traffic congestion in already choked areas such as Phillip.

Many bike and pedestrian paths in the Woden Valley area are incomplete and fail to address the natural flow of pedestrian traffic. Children who live in Lyons and attend their local school in Hughes for example, have to embark on lengthy dog leg tracks to get to school or face the traffic chaos of Melrose Drive, Phillip and Yamba Drive.

Public bins and toilet facilities are also greatly lacking in the Woden Valley suburbs.

Many Thanks for your consideration,

Afton Bell

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