



Inquiry into annual and financial reports 2024–25

Answer to question on notice

Asked by: Ms Fiona Carrick MLA

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How does the climate change minister assure herself that the future public transport network will encourage mode shift?

Ms Suzanne Orr MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

The ACT Government is investigating all options to reduce transport emissions, including transitioning to zero emission vehicles and mode shift options to public and active transport.

Current and future mode shift policies are guided by a variety of strategies, including the Transport Strategy and the Climate Change Strategy. The Transport Strategy (2020) focuses on delivering convenient and connected public transport and high-quality environments for walking and cycling to improve flexibility, reliability and sustainability of travel options for all Canberra residents. The Climate Change Strategy (2019-2025) set a pathway for reducing transport emissions by reducing car use and encouraging a shift to active and public transport.

To support the transition to net zero emissions by 2045 and help prepare for a changing Canberra climate, the ACT Government is developing a new climate change strategy. The new strategy will serve as an overarching framework for 2026–35, setting out clear outcomes, highlighting existing work already underway, and identifying gaps and opportunities to focus future emissions reduction and climate adaptation efforts.

These strategies guide actions to improve the ACT's public transport network. This includes investing in public transport infrastructure, such as the Light Rail stage 2A and 2B, electrifying the city's bus fleet, and increasing bus service reliability, frequency and safety. These steps will enable access to high-quality, zero emission public transport which connects major population areas, employment centres, social and cultural hubs across Canberra.

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Work to assess how the city's transport network will meet the needs of its growing population and exploring how to integrate transport planning across active and public transport and zero emission vehicles, to support an efficient, connected, decarbonising transport system is ongoing.

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Signature:

Date: 28/11/25

By the Minister for Climate Change, Environment, Energy and Water, Ms Suzanne Orr MLA