


Submission

The Standing committee on Planning and Environment

Inquiry : ACTION Buses

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This is a very brief submission.

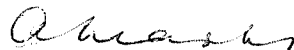
I have been using ACTION buses in Canberra for over twenty years. I can't use the buses now unless there is only one thing I want to do in a day. The new timetable has made it virtually impossible for me to use the bus system to do what I want to do. I now use the car. As I believe strongly in public transport this has caused me some grief. As I am also concerned with the effects of global warming and am a staunch believer in the individual's duty to do whatever is possible to reduce emissions, I am horrified that I have been forced to use a car more than I did before. It is my sincere hope that this inquiry into ACTION buses will reinstate the previous timetable, or something very similar to it so that the social dislocation experienced by bus users will be removed. I also hope that rhetoric about reduced emissions is matched with action. Not every one in Canberra is wedded to the use of private cars. It is a disgrace that using the alternative to cars has been made so difficult.

I have enclosed some information from the University of Canberra. Of particular interest is a course called Business Kinetics (page 12). My understanding of this course is that it is tailored to the participant's needs and that very early in the course modelling is undertaken relating to the business or organisation involved. It seems to me that if ACTION were able to use the modelling techniques taught in the course, they would not make the kind of substantial mistakes made in the recent bus timetable debacle. (I have no connection with this course whatever.)

Conclusion

I urge ACTION to come up with a reasonable timetable for both social and environmental reasons. I also urge ACTION to undertake modelling of any proposed changes to avoid the shambles of the last few months.

Yours sincerely



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