



Inquiry into annual and financial reports 2024–25

Answer to question on notice

Asked by: Mr Thomas Emerson MLA

Addressed to: Minister for City and Government Services

Reference: Telopea Park pedestrian crossing

Hearing: 13 November 2025

In relation to: Telopea Park pedestrian crossing

Question received: 14 November 2025

Answer Due: **28 November 2025**

The Better Suburbs Statement 2030 was released in 2018.

1. What is the status of this initiative?
2. Better Suburbs Progress Updates were published for 2021-22 and 2022-23. Why haven't updates for 2023-24 or 2024-25 been published?
3. Currently there is a proposal to reduce speed limits on the major collector roads in Kambah to 50km/h. Why was Kambah chosen?
 - a. Which other suburbs were considered?
 - b. Why weren't more suburbs chosen?
 - c. Will this be done across the entire Territory?

Ms Tara Cheyne MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

1. The Better Suburbs Statement 2030 was developed through a deliberative democratic process by community members, which came together at a citizen's forum to set a vision and priorities for City Services. [The Statement](#) reflects the value the community places on the different city services provided by the government and identified the efficiencies that could be drawn from this. This statement has been used to guide the delivery of city services since 2018.
2. The Better Suburbs Statement was tabled in the Assembly on Tuesday 18 September 2018. Separate progress reporting was not identified as a requirement through the Citizen's Forum. Progress reporting on the delivery of City Services is annually undertaken through

the Directorate's Annual Report. Previously the relevant annual reporting was through the Transport Canberra and City Services Directorate, which has now expanded into the City and Environment Directorate. For example, each of the 14 key priority areas detailed within the Statement are reported on through the TCCS Annual Report for 2023-24 and 2024-25.

3. The ACT Government completed a traffic study in Kambah in 2020 in response to community concerns regarding road safety. The objective of this study was to identify any existing safety or operational risks to road users and recommend potential mitigation measures. The study found high travelling speeds on the road (particularly during school hours), poor driver compliance with giving way at pedestrian crossings, and instances of irresponsible driving (e.g. extreme tailgating, unnecessary acceleration and deliberately losing traction) with safety concerns. The study recommended the reduction of the speed limit to 50km/h and traffic calming measures such as traffic lane width reduction, speed cushions and pedestrian crossing improvements to enhance safety for all road users.
 - a. There were no other suburbs considered as part of this study.
 - b. This was a discrete project initiated from safety concerns raised by the Kambah community and ultimately validated by Roads ACT.
 - c. No – changes to road speed limits are considered on a case-by-case basis.

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

Signature:

By the Minister for City and Government Services, Ms Tara Cheyne MLA

Date:

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