

1 ROAD INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING AND IMPROVEMENT

Mr Werner-Gibbings, pursuant to notice, moved—That this Assembly:

- (1) notes:
 - (a) the importance of a fit-for-purpose and well-maintained road network for Canberra, particularly for residents in regions such as Tuggeranong, who rely on the road network for employment, education, access to public health services, caring responsibilities and recreational activities;
 - (b) that future population growth in regions such as Tuggeranong is contingent on an effective and resilient road network;
 - (c) that the 2025-2026 ACT Budget has—in partnership with the Commonwealth Government—committed more than \$650 million over the forward estimates to deliver new and improved roads across the Territory, including the duplication of Athllon Drive between Sulwood Drive and Drakeford Drive, as well as future upgrades to the Monaro Highway;
 - (d) that the Commonwealth Government is a joint funding provider for several road projects across the Territory;
 - (e) that investment in road infrastructure is critical to Canberra’s economic development and regional connectivity; and
 - (f) that investment in new and upgraded roads is vital for connecting new communities with the rest of the city, including supporting access to road-dependent public transport; and
- (2) calls on the ACT Government to:
 - (a) continue to work with the Commonwealth Government to invest in the ACT’s road network;
 - (b) prioritise infrastructure planning that supports regional growth and efficient transport movement; and
 - (c) ensure that the ACT has adequate infrastructure to provide safe, efficient and environmentally friendly transport by private and public means.

Debate ensued.

Mr Braddock, by leave, moved the following amendments together:

1. After paragraph (1)(f), insert:
 - “(1)(g) the ACT Government’s Transport Strategy 2020 recognises the ‘urgent imperative’ to have a future-focused investment framework involving a ‘continued rebalancing of investment towards public transport, cycling and walking’; and
 - (1)(h) the Tuggeranong District Strategy 2023 identifies reduced car dependence as one of its 10 target.”.

2. After paragraph (2)(c), add:

“(2)(d) rebalance transport investment in Tuggeranong towards public transport, cycling and walking as per a future-focused investment framework.”.

Debate continued.

Question—That the amendments be agreed to—put.

The Assembly voted—

AYES, 5

Andrew Braddock
Jo Clay
Thomas Emerson
Laura Nuttall
Shane Rattenbury

NOES, 16

Andrew Barr
Chiaka Barry
Peter Cain
Fiona Carrick
Leanne Castley
Tara Cheyne
Ed Cocks
Jeremy Hanson
Deborah Morris
Suzanne Orr
Mark Parton
Marisa Paterson
Chris Steel
Rachel Stephen-Smith
Caitlin Tough
Taimus Werner-Gibbings

And so it was negatived.

Debate continued.

Question—That the motion be agreed to—put and passed.