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Mr Tom Duncan
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Dear Mr Duncan

Thank you for your letter of 19 September 2019 regarding petition No 27-19 lodged by Ms Nicole Lawder MLA regarding Wanniasa bus route changes.

To provide more frequent and reliable services for our growing city, it was necessary to make changes across the city. As a result, more Canberrans are using public transport. During the first quarter of 2019-20 (1 July to 30 September 2019), Transport Canberra recorded 6.4% more journeys on bus and light rail services than were recorded during the same period in 2018.

Wanniasa is served by several different bus routes, including:

- Rapid 5, which provides frequent services, seven days a week to destinations including the City, Woden and Lanyon along Langdon Avenue and from the Erindale Interchange;
- Routes 72 and 73 provide services to local destinations and the town centre along Wheeler Crescent; and
- Route 74 and 75 provide services to local destinations and the town centre along Sternberg Crescent.

Additionally, many residents of the area use the Wanniasa Park and Ride to access fast, frequent and direct buses to the City, Woden, Belconnen and Tuggeranong on Rapid 4 and Rapid 5. I recently announced that due to the popularity of this Park and Ride, the Government will provide additional parking spaces to make it easier for residents to access these rapid services.

Wanniasa residents will also benefit from other investments to public transport infrastructure in Tuggeranong, particularly upgrades to wayfinding and signage at both the Erindale Interchange and Tuggeranong Interchange. These upgrades and improvements will make it easier for people to access public transport and to find their bus easily, matching the signage recently rolled out in the City and Woden to ensure consistency across the Territory.

I am committed to continuing to invest in our public transport network and working with Canberrans to make practical improvements to the public transport services they rely on everyday.

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I have asked Transport Canberra to consider opportunities to improve services for residents of Wanniasa as part of future changes to the public transport network.

Thank you for raising this matter. I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

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Chris Steel MLA
Minister for Transport

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