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Mr Tom Duncan  
Clerk  
ACT Legislative Assembly  
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Dear Mr Duncan *Tom*

Thank you for your letter of 31 July 2018 regarding petition No 8-18 from Ms Caroline Le Couteur MLA about the Sunday and Public Holiday Bus Timetable.

Transport Canberra has designed a new integrated public transport network, with a focus on providing Canberrans with the most efficient, convenient and reliable public transport system possible.

Through two stages of consultation in 2017 and 2018 the Canberra community told us they want faster trip times, more frequent and reliable services, more direct routes, and increased services on weekends and evenings. More than 13,000 pieces of feedback were received during the second stage of consultation and Transport Canberra carefully considered all the feedback and made a number of key revisions before finalising the network.

The updated integrated public transport network, released earlier this month, seeks to address long standing barriers to using public transport, including the issues raised in the petition. The new network of buses and light rail will make it easier for Canberrans to get where they want to go, offering an alternative to driving, seven days a week. The seven day bus network will be more reliable and easier to use, with the same route numbers whether it is a Tuesday, a Sunday or a public holiday. There will be more services on weekends and public holidays and services will run later into the evening.

With the revised network now settled, Transport Canberra is finalising the timetable which will be published before the end of the year ahead of the start of the new network in early 2019. To further assist users of the network, Transport Canberra is also working on an improved journey planner which will be released alongside the new timetable.

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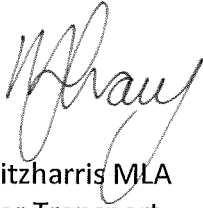
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While the timetable is not yet finalised, I can assure you that the feedback received through the consultation process has been taken into consideration I believe the network balances the needs of both new and current users.

Thank you for raising this matter.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Meegan', written in a cursive style.

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Minister for Transport

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