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Mr Tom Duncan  
Clerk  
ACT Legislative Assembly  
London Circuit  
CANBERRA ACT 2601

Dear Mr Duncan

I refer to your letter of 14 August 2020 concerning Petition 14-20 lodged by Miss C Burch MLA regarding bus services in Symonston.

While the Government always attempts to provide as many public transport services as possible across our City, there are no current plans to reintroduce bus services on Narrabundah Lane, Symonston.

As part of the redesign of our public transport network in 2019, the Government had to weigh the benefit of providing bus services in different areas of the city. Unfortunately, in the past, when bus services have been provided in this area, very few passengers used them.

However, to accommodate school students living in this area, the Government provides two different school special services, each of which runs both morning and afternoon. These services, routes 2020 and 2024, provide access from the caravan park to local schools including Red Hill School, Forrest Primary School and Telopea Park School.

Eligible residents of the caravan park can also use Transport Canberra's Flexible Bus Service or community transport services.

I have asked Transport Canberra to consider opportunities to address the concerns raised in the petition as part of future improvements to the public transport network.

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

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Chris Steel', written in a cursive style.

Chris Steel MLA  
Minister for Transport

9 September 2020