

ACT GREENS RESPONSES TO TWITTER QUESTIONS TO CANDIDATES AT THE TCC ELECTION FORUM

“[@tuggeranong](#) A cyclist was killed while cycling on the road to Tharwa what does the panel think needs to improve cycle safety” – Martin

The Greens support cycling for a range of purposes including commuting, leisure, exercise and competition, and believe there are many actions that can be taken to improve cycle safety. The ACT Greens have launched a pedestrian and cycling safety initiative which will:

- Commit an additional \$13.25M to new and improved cycling and walking infrastructure to help make Canberra Australia’s best city for walking and cycling. This includes much needed maintenance, such as fixing cracked footpaths; upgrades to streetscapes and new footpath links, shared paths, separated bike lanes and bicycle streets; better lighting and signage; and bike racks;
- Immediately inject \$600K for urgent improvements to pedestrian safety & amenity, including new crossings, lights, and 40kmh zones;
- Introduce progressive laws to better recognise and protect vulnerable road users, including introducing vulnerable road user training for all learner drivers;
- Progress Canberra’s first cycle highway with \$500K to plan for a high quality cycle highway from Molonglo suburbs to the CBD and Parliamentary Triangle;
- \$350K for a new ‘Canberra Rides’ grants project to promote and assist people to cycle more in Canberra;
- Modernise the *FixMyStreet* service to improve access and usability, especially from mobile devices so it is easy and practical for people on the move;
- Review and revise ACT planning codes to ensure better walking and cycling facilities in new suburbs and to encourage innovative developments.

More details about our Cycling and Walking package can be found at:

<http://act.greens.org.au/content/greens-launch-pedestrian-and-cycling-safety-package>

“[@Tuggeranong](#) will the Kambah Village masterplan give an unfair advantage to woolies & force smaller shops nearby to close?”

There are significant issues with respect to the growth of supermarkets in many shopping centres. These supermarkets are growing faster than the population which means that in some cases supermarkets in adjoining centres will become unviable. This is one of the reasons we moved a motion to have an assembly inquiry into Supermarket competition.

ACT Greens MLA Caroline Le Couteur chaired the Select Committee on ACT Supermarket Competition Policy. The Committee recommended that one objective of the ACT Supermarket Competition Policy be the preservation of viable local shopping centres, and this objective be reflected in the Territory Plan.

The Greens are strong supporters of having a range of supermarkets in the ACT, not just the big two. Most of the significant decisions on the supermarket duopoly need to be made at the national level including by the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission. However the ACT Government

does have a significant role via the planning system. As you have pointed out in your question, the expansion of Kambah Village will advantage the incumbents.

Another recommendation of the committee was 'that a small business impact statement is undertaken for similar businesses in a geographic area affected by a supermarket proposal under the ACT Supermarket Competition Policy Implementation Plan and the Territory Plan when assessing new supermarket proposals.' This is also Greens policy and was part of the Parliamentary Agreement. Unfortunately they are not being prepared as part of master plans. We believe that master plans should pay more attention to the surrounding area.

1. "[@Tuggeranong](#) For Libs: How will a shuttle bus service be more cost AND time efficient for commuters than more frequent regular bus services?" – Michael
2. "[@tuggeranong](#) Qt to Mick Gentleman if elected will he reintroduce a feed in tariff for home owners?" – Martin
3. "[@tuggeranong](#) Labor / Liberal, will you pledge to remove the quota on the number of teachers who can achieve 6 figure salaries?" – Shaun
4. "[@tuggeranong](#) Brendan, what exactly would you do to incr the number of school counsellors by 50%, particularly when you suggest ps job cuts?" – Shaun
5. "[@tuggeranong](#) as a former resident of Kambah QT to J.Davis what about the outcomes for Kambah 4 schools closed, 1 new youth detention school" – Martin

The ACT Greens successfully changed the Education Act in 2009, to increase government consultation and prevent the mistakes of the 2006 closures happening again. There also needs to be a greater focus on youth diversion programs, to keep young people out of the criminal justice system and out of Bimberi. We believe that more can be done to keep young people engaged in education, and we will be announcing our education policy in the coming weeks.

6. "[@Tuggeranong](#) What plans do you have to improve the security around and friendliness of the Town Centre and Bus Interchange?" – Michael

The Greens are strongly committed to improving public transport in Canberra, with comprehensive plans for better buses, light rail, and walking and cycling. You can see these plans at:

Bus Initiatives: <http://act.greens.org.au/content/transport-bus-boost>

Light Rail Initiative: <http://act.greens.org.au/content/greens-launch-plan-deliver-light-rail-canberra>

Wi-Fi Initiative: <http://act.greens.org.au/content/greens-pledge-wi-fi-better-connected-canberra>

Cycling and Walking: <http://act.greens.org.au/content/greens-launch-pedestrian-and-cycling-safety-package>

This vision of transport is to attract more people these transport modes and more peopled places usually means safer places. Our planning vision of having more vibrant public spaces and having active shopfronts also helps make public places safer.

However, we have also been looking into the specific problems at the Tuggeranong Interchange. This is an issue we have been concerned about, and we made inquiries to the Government this year about the level of crime at the Tuggeranong Interchange. There is a level of crime (less than Woden and Civic interchanges however) and we will look into ways we may be able to directly improve this problem.

7. "[@tuggeranong](#) what about all the animals dying on lake tuggeranong from all the pollution left by students, fisherman etc?" – Sarah

The Greens have committed \$30.5 million to clean up Canberra's lakes and waterways. This will include building wetlands at Tuggeranong, community education and better enforcement of pollution controls. For more information about our Lakes package:

http://act.greens.org.au/sites/greens.org.au/files/Lakes_Initiative_Final.pdf

8. "[@tuggeranong](#) Q for the Liberals. How much money will you provide to non govt schools if elected? Will it be an equal incr to Govt schools?" – Shaun
9. "[@Tuggeranong](#) Labor plans to give \$60m to lake burley griffin yet have nothing to say about the worse off lake tuggeranong?" – Sarah

The Greens Lakes package includes measures designed to improve all of Canberra's lakes, especially Lake Tuggeranong, given the considerable problems identified by the Environment Commissioner in the recent Lakes Inquiry. For more information about our Lakes package:

http://act.greens.org.au/sites/greens.org.au/files/Lakes_Initiative_Final.pdf

10. "[@tuggeranong](#) Liberals carbon reduction policy was 30% by 2020 has the liberals moved away from that target?" – Martin
11. "[@tuggeranong](#) If elected how does each party plan to tackle the blue-green algae and pollution problem in Lake Tuggeranong?" – Corey

The Greens Lakes package will see the construction of wetlands (which will greatly improve the quality of water flowing into the Lake), better enforcement of pollution controls at construction sites, and re-introduction of water plants (to filter out pollutants). It also includes a mapping project to identify major pollution sources entering the Lake. For more information about our Lakes package: http://act.greens.org.au/sites/greens.org.au/files/Lakes_Initiative_Final.pdf

12. "[@tuggeranong](#) QT to Brendan, with 1/2 [\\$Bill](#) already going to roads/park why can't the extra \$125 million go to cycling&walking Infrastructure" – Martin