

## **1,200 residents sign local petition, but NO Park and Ride yet.....**

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Over the past 12 weeks more than 1,200 residents have signed a petition to see the ACT Government provide local MY WAY terminals for Calwell and Chisholm group centres, backing the South East Tuggeranong Residents Association (SETRA) ongoing fight for the Park and Ride facility on Johnson Drive, Calwell, an election promise by the ACT Government.

Russ Morison, President of SETRA among local business said today " the park and ride project has been successful because of strong community support, that has clearly demonstrated that this project should have been operating by now."

"We have also seen strong support for our MY Way petition, and this is the largest petition I have seen in our local area during my time working on this project."

"What we have also said time over time, that car parking and public transport are still the major ongoing concerns for South-East Tuggeranong residents, and our community feel if we delay this project any further, it will only add up to a huge cost blow out on construction material, and loss of local trade and employment if this project doesn't get underway soon."

"Whilst one part of Canberra will be enjoying the benefits of Light rail in the near future, another part of Canberra is struggling to even get a park and ride developed"

"What we are sure of is that the \$500,000 or so funding has been allocated by the ACT Government and the tender process is completed."

"Our community now has a mixed idea that our park and ride won't be built, as member for Brindabella Joy Burch MLA back in September confirmed works for the project would commence on October 2012 to be completed by February 2013. "

" Mr Morison also said the park and ride site belongs to us all as taxpayers and our local residents are clearly saying that a park-and-ride now needs to start so we can get on with planning our area properly"

Tuggeranong Community Council President Nick Tsoulis said " The Tuggeranong Community Council fully supports the residents of South East Tuggeranong determination to see a final outcome to a lot of hard work including 40 community groups, schools, and local business that have spearheaded this wonderful transport initiative for all Tuggeranong residents to use."

A meeting with Chief Minister Katy Gallagher next week will include the Calwell park and Ride as a priority for discussion.

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