



MEDIA RELEASE

TCC opposes light rail

The Tuggeranong Community Council has come out in opposition to light rail in Canberra.

At its recent meeting the Council voted to oppose the project claiming it will be a cost burden to Tuggeranong residents and unlikely to ever reach the Valley in the near future.

A motion adopted by Council;

- considers that the ACT Government does not have a mandate to implement this most expensive and controversial of projects and that the Parliamentary Agreement for the 8th Legislative Assembly for the Australian Capital Territory, 2 November 2012, does not constitute such a mandate;
- calls upon the ACT Government to make public, without undue delay, the most probable estimates of the initial capital cost, ongoing annual net operating costs and the annual Government subsidy for the Gungahlin-Civic link, to be borne by taxpayers;
- does not support any general levy on Canberra residents, businesses or institutions, outside the Gungahlin-Civic corridor, to pay for either the initial capital or ongoing operational net costs of Capital Metro;
- does not consider there to be any significant benefit to the 90,000 Tuggeranong residents from the Gungahlin-Civic link;
- does not support Tuggeranong taxpayers having to contribute to any outlays for the Gungahlin-Civic link, budgeted by the ACT Government; and
- supports the continued development of public transport networks and to maximise their usage, but is not convinced that the Capital Metro network will ever be extended to Tuggeranong suburbs because of distances involved, low population density and unaffordable costs.

The motion was passed by members recognising that the policy is not endorsed by other groups, businesses or institutions in Tuggeranong.

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