



Dr Maxine Cooper
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20th August 2014

Dear Dr Cooper

Audit of the Capital Metro Project

The members of the TCC recently passed a Motion opposing the Capital Metro Project. I wrote to the Chief Minister on 20th July 2014 advising her of the TCC's opposition to this Project, letter attached. Her undated reply is also attached. We will be writing back to the Chief Minister expressing our disappointment with her reply in that it does not some of our questions that would have been simple to answer.

I am now writing to you as the Chief Minister suggests to request that you undertake an audit of the financial management structure of the Capital Metro Project. While our main concern is the likely huge cost of this project and its adverse impact on the cost of living of all Canberrans, we are concerned that the financial aspects of this project are not being managed in accordance with accepted project management principles. Capital Metro Minister Simon Corbell has publically admitted that the Government is spending money on works that are outside the current \$614 million budget.

Our fear is that all the costs that are legitimately part of this project will not be captured and the ACT public will never know the true cost of the project. I believe the Government has budgetted \$15 million both in FY 13/14 and 14/15 to undertake preliminary works, consultancies etc . This expenditure should be accounted for as part of the project budget. There is almost certainly other works being undertaken by Government Departments, particularly TAMS that should be attributed to the project.

If we can be provide any further information or justification for this urgent request, please contact me.

Eric Traise
President
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Attachments: TCC Letter to Chief Minister and her reply letter