

A **fresh** opportunity for Canberra

A Canberra Liberals Government will:

Invest in the Belconnen Region

KEY MEASURES:

- ✓ Funding to rejuvenate Fraser Oval
- ✓ Expediting the re-development of McKellar Shops
- ✓ Investing in all-abilities playgrounds for our community
- ✓ Upgrading local sports infrastructure, including Holt cricket ground
- ✓ Comprehensive noise and traffic study on Southern Cross Drive
- ✓ Delivering a new Northside Hospital
- ✓ Building a new Walk-in Centre in West Belconnen
- ✓ Cost of living relief for households

Community Infrastructure

The Canberra Liberals' plan for community infrastructure in the Belconnen region focuses on enhancing recreational and community facilities, as well as improving public services, transport and amenities.

The Canberra Liberals will:

- Engage local artists to produce public murals to beautify Belconnen local centres, including Higgins, Kippax and Spence.
- Expedite the re-development of the mixed-use commercial and residential complex at the McKellar Shops.
- Prioritise investment in West Belconnen by accelerating the proposed redevelopment of Kippax Fair.
- Promote mixed-use developments in established commercial centres, like the Belconnen trades and services area.
- Provide additional funding for a footpath maintenance blitz across the ACT.
- Boost funding for every suburb to choose local community projects such as BBQ and picnic facilities, shade sails and toilets through the "Putting Your Suburb First" policy.



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Parks, Playgrounds and Ovals

The Canberra Liberals will focus on enhancing our public spaces, sportsground facilities as well as enhancing environmental conservation, aiming to create a cleaner, safer, and more sustainable community.

The Canberra Liberals will

- Rejuvenate Fraser Oval to deliver a new wetland oval in Belconnen for use by schools, sporting organisations and the general public.
- Upgrade the Holt cricket ground to support and recognise the value of premier cricket in the ACT.
- Convert the MacGregor cricket ground's existing dilapidated concrete cricket pitch into a state-of-the-art synthetic cricket facility.
- Work with the leaseholder and the community to reactivate the old Hawker Tennis Centre for community use.
- Increased investment in key sporting infrastructure, including cricket, AFL, athletics, rugby, netball and tennis.
- Provide additional funding to renew neglected playgrounds, local parks and community amenities.

Roads, Parking, and Transport

The Canberra Liberals' plan for roads, parking and transport in the Belconnen region focuses on enhancing zero emissions bus transportation systems, reducing commute times, and improving road safety through various initiatives.

- Free public transport for students, seniors and concession card holders.
- Conduct a comprehensive traffic and noise study of Southern Cross Drive.
- Investigate the feasibility of a West Belconnen bypass road, to ease pressure on West Belconnen roads and improve efficiency for people heading into Canberra from the Barton Highway.
- Reinstate dozens of bus routes previously cut by Labor and the Greens, including along Macrossan Crescent in Latham.
- Implement a new ACT-built electric bus fleet to deliver world-class public transport for fast, reliable and frequent services, seven days a week.
- Restore the Xpresso bus service during peak hours to reach the City and Parliamentary Triangle.
- Expedite key pieces of road infrastructure across Belconnen, including the duplication of William Hovell Drive and the expansion of Drake-Brockman Drive and Gundaroo Drive.



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Cost of Living

The Canberra Liberals will alleviate financial pressures by:

- Capping rate increases at 2.2% which will save an average household in the Belconnen region more than \$1,500.
- \$150 voucher for every preschool to year 12 student to help with school costs
- \$100 voucher for every preschool to year 12 student to help pay for extracurricular activities.
- Free public transport for students, seniors and concession card holders and capped weekly fares at \$25 each.
- Vehicle registration rebates for passenger vehicles, caravans and camper trailers.
- \$50 household rebate on electricity bills for every household.
- Increase housing affordability by building 125,000 homes by 2050.
- Auctioning off overpriced land, with 10% reserved for first homeowners at 75% of current market value.
- Phasing out stamp duty to reduce the significant cost barriers facing Canberrans wishing to buy a home.

Health

The Canberra Liberals' plan for healthcare infrastructure in the Belconnen region aims to improve accessibility and quality of care through:

- Delivering a new Northside Hospital in Bruce to accommodate our district's growing health needs.
- Providing a new GP walk-in centre in West Belconnen, including a medical imaging service, as part of the Canberra Liberals plan for integrated GP health centres across the capital.
- Boosting after-hours GP care in clinics to provide Belconnen residents with more options for treatment than the emergency department.
- Retaining nurses and teachers in our hospitals and schools so that Belconnen residents have access to experienced, well-paid and happy professionals.



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Housing and planning

The Canberra Liberals will deliver 125,000 dwellings by 2050 which will improve housing affordability and choice in the ACT.

The Canberra Liberals' clear plan will set up Belconnen for future population growth and address the housing crisis now.

- Unlock CSIRO Ginninderra land for housing to provide 6,000 extra new dwellings in Belconnen.
- Accelerate land release in Macnamara and continue development in Ginninderry.
- Promote mixed-use developments in established commercial centres, like the Belconnen trades and services area.

Education

To address Canberra's growing population and limited school spaces, the Canberra Liberals are committed to expanding and upgrading education infrastructure, ensuring every child can access quality schools in their local community.

The Canberra Liberals will:

- Invest in the construction of all-abilities play spaces for use by the local community, including at Charnwood-
- Dunlop School and Melba Copland Secondary School.
- Explore the future development of a new primary school and a new high school in the Belconnen Town Centre.
- Reinstate dedicated school bus services to local and major schools in Belconnen.
- Fully fund and implement an evidence-based approach to literacy and numeracy.

