## A fresh opportunity for Canberra

A Canberra Liberals Government will:

# Invest in Weston Creek, Woden and Molonglo

#### **KEY MEASURES:**

- Deliver a stand-alone police station in the Molonglo Valley
- Build a multi-purpose sports arena
- New and upgraded parks, playgrounds and sports facilities
- Faster transport links to the city
- Cost of living relief for households

- Upgrades for the Mawson shopping centre
- A new multi-storey Canberra Hospital car park
- Dedicated school busses and investigation into future schools and colleges.
- Upgrades to local roads and intersections to reduce congestion and increase safety

### Community Infrastructure

The Canberra Liberals will:

- Build a new Southside Arena, including an Olympic size swimming pool, multi-sports facility, and community meeting and event spaces
  with recreational and aquatic facilities such as water slides, a splash park, and a hydrotherapy pool, the arena will be all-ages friendly.
- Build a standalone police station in the Molonglo Valley to service the rapidly growing population.
- Investigate upgrades for the ageing Ambulance station in Woden.
- Build the Molonglo Town Centre

- Provide additional funding for footpath maintenance across the ACT to improve accessibility access our established suburbs.
- Provide urgent upgrades for the Mawson Group Centre which could include improvements to the exterior of shops, repairing and repainting parking and roads, landscaping works including more green spaces, repairs to crossings, paths, and stairs.
- 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".







# Investing in Weston Creek, Woden and Molonglo

### Parks, Playgrounds, and Ovals

The Canberra Liberals' plan for parks, playgrounds and ovals in the Woden, Weston Creek, and Molonglo Valley region focuses on enhancing public spaces, sportsgrounds facilities and lighting, as well as enhancing environmental conservation, aiming to create a cleaner, safer, and more sustainable community.

 Increasing resources for mowing and maintenance to ensure that our suburbs are tidy, presentable, and safe for all Canberrans throughout the year.

- Protecting the Western Edge from future urban development to preserve environmentally significant bushland to west of the Molonglo Valley.
- Allocating additional resources to improve ACT Sportsgrounds storage and change room facilities as well as undergoing a program of turf improvements and lighting at sports grounds.
- Providing additional funding to renew neglected playgrounds and parks such as Lyons oval, Ruth Park, and Torrens oval.

### Roads, Parking, and Transport

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

- Invest in bus prioritisation between Woden and the City to significantly reduce commute times compared to the Labor-Greens current plan.
- Introduce bus priority measures on John Gorton Drive and Cotter Road to speed up Rapid busses between Molonglo and the City.
- Introduce a new seven-day timetable removing 2 hour waits on local services on weekends.
- Implement Xpresso bus services from the suburbs during peak hours to the city and parliamentary triangle.

- Better bus routes to new suburbs of Molonglo.
- Deliver improvements to key intersections and choke points to reduce traffic congestion and by prioritising the construction of the Molonglo East-West arterial road in locations such as between Cotter Road and Streeton Drive, Cotter Road and Kirkpatrick Street, William Hovell Drive and Bindubi Street
- Duplicate Athllon Drive to improve commute times between Woden and Tuggeranong
- Upgrade three intersections in Isaacs and O'Malley to improve safety on Hindmarsh Drive and Tyagarah Street, Yamba Drive and Julia Flynn Avenue and Yamba Drive and Numeralla Street.







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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 Weston Creek, Woden and Molonglo region more than \$2,000.
- \$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.

- 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 in Jacka and Whitlam 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 Woden, Weston Creek, and Molonglo Valley region aims to improve accessibility and quality of care through:

- Building a new walk-in clinic in the Inner South to be staffed with GPs to provide more services, prescriptions and emergency care as well as providing additional funding to GP clinics to boost after hours GP care.
- Delivering 70,000 elective surgeries to reduce surgery wait times.
- Establish a dedicated endometriosis and pelvic pain clinic in the ACT.
- A new car park at Canberra Hospital for staff and families.
- Expanding and enhancing the Perinatal Wellbeing Centre's capacity to provide essential services, including face to face and telephone support to families across the ACT.

#### 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.

- Undertake feasibility studies for future new Primary and High school infrastructure in South Canberra.
- Restore dedicated school bus services to local and major schools in the Woden, Weston Creek, and Molonglo Valley region.





