

Response to question on notice

Questions on Notice Paper No 10

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Question No. 628

FIONA CARRICK MLA: To ask the Minister for Transport

Why was space for light rail from Sulwood Drive to the Tuggeranong Parkway not included in the planning for the duplication of Athllon Drive, given Government policy is to deliver light rail from Woden to Tuggeranong in stage 4 of the project.

CHRIS STEEL MLA - The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

Whilst the duplication of Athllon Drive from Sulwood Drive to Drakeford Drive does not preclude the future provision of light rail within this transport corridor, this specific project does not include specific provisions for light rail. This is because the precise location of the light rail and corridor stops is subject to planning and future decisions of Government.

A development application (DA) for the duplication is currently under assessment by the independent Territory Planning Authority (the Authority). The DA ([DA 202544309](#)) includes construction for the duplication of the current road, new underpass with upgrades to existing underpasses, new and temporary traffic lights, multiple bus stops, and other associated works.

Whilst DA-202544309 does not propose infrastructure for future stages of the Canberra light rail network, the road duplication works would not impact any future plans for potential light rail alignment along Athllon Drive.

Reasons for not including the alignment as part of this proposal are provided in the DA, which states the detail and timing of these future requirements are not currently understood, and as they have not been investigated, they were unable to be included in this design.

Approved for circulation to the Member and incorporation into Hansard.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'C. Steel', is written over the printed name.

Chris Steel MLA
Minister for Transport

Date: 3/10/25

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