

**LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY FOR THE  
AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY**

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**NOTICE OF MOTION**

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Jo Clay MLA: I give notice that I shall move -

1. That this assembly notes:
  - a. In 2011 the ACT Government commissioned a report titled “Belconnen to City Transitway Stage 1 and City Bus Services and Facilities Improvement Forward Design” and some but not all of the upgrades recommended in this study have since been delivered;
  - b. Infrastructure Australia identified the Belconnen to City bus corridor as an Infrastructure Australia Priority Project in February 2016, with a probable timeframe of 5-10 years;
  - c. Between 2011 and 2021 the population of the Belconnen Town Centre has grown from 4,437 to 8,502 and the Belconnen District from 92,444 to 106,061;
  - d. The population of the Belconnen District is continuing to grow rapidly, with particular areas of growth including Belconnen Town Centre, Bruce and Lawson;
  - e. Buses which utilise the Belconnen to City bus corridor include the two busiest bus routes (R2 and R4) and the fifth busiest bus route (R3) and these routes, while servicing other parts of the city in addition to this corridor, represent 24.3% of all Public Transport boardings in the ACT in Q3 2022 and 30.5% of bus boardings in this period;
  - f. The ACT Government has made a \$1 billion commitment to delivering a new Northside Hospital campus in Bruce which will connect onto the Haydon Drive section of the Belconnen to City bus corridor;
  - g. The University of Canberra Master Plan which includes expansion of the campus to provide many more residences and buildings and is designed to incorporate a future Light Rail connection;
  - h. Light Rail Stage 3 is planned to connect Belconnen to the City. The route will likely service the University of Canberra and the new Northside Hospital, replacing buses on this corridor and necessitating enabling works for future Belconnen to City light rail connections;
2. That this assembly calls on the ACT Government to:
  - a. Commit to delivering upgrades to the Belconnen to City Bus Corridor within 3 years, in a phased approach which will eventually deliver bus priority for the entire Belconnen to City corridor and enable the future delivery of Light Rail Stage 3.
  - b. Commence early planning work for Light Rail Stage 3 alignment;
  - c. Report back to the Assembly on progress on these measures by the last sitting day of the 10<sup>th</sup> Assembly in 2024.