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Mr John Keeley OAM

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Dear Mr Keeley

Thank you for your email to members of the ACT Legislative Assembly about a request for a path linking Old Narrabundah to the Jerrabomberra Wetlands. I am responding as this matter falls within my portfolio responsibilities.

The ACT Government's Transport Strategy has a strong focus on encouraging active travel as a key way for Canberrans to move around our city.

All suggestions and requests for missing links and paths are assessed against safety criteria (if the path is safe, reasonably well lit, not a subject of flooding etc). Once the safety criteria are satisfied, the request is prioritised against other criteria such as strategic placement in the whole network, either by being on primary, secondary or tertiary link within the existing path network.

Other criteria considered includes public transport facilities, proximity to other activity generators (shops, schools, recreational facilities, hospitals etc.), cost, type of pavement, length, width, kerb ramps, desire line and street lighting.

Your request for a path connection will be placed on the list for further assessment against these criteria.

You may also be interested to know that as part of the ACT Government's strategic cycle network planning, we are considering a future separated cycling path along the northern side of Canberra Avenue that would connect the City to Queanbeyan from Bowen Drive through Wentworth Avenue and along Canberra Avenue.

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Thank you for raising this matter. I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Chris Steel".

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Minister for Transport and City Services
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