

**LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY FOR THE  
AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY**

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**NOTICE OF MOTION**

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Dr Marisa Paterson MLA: I give notice that I shall move - That this Assembly:

- (1) notes that:
- (a) the ACT Government is committed to prioritising the use of public transport and active modes of travel to meet a range of policies, ambitions and commitments related to action on climate change by reducing transport emissions, improving the liveability of our city and promoting mental and physical health and wellbeing;
  - (b) construction works for light rail stage 2 have commenced, and will bring significant traffic congestion and disruption for years to come, particularly for southside residents;
  - (c) a Disruption Taskforce has been established by the ACT Government to help address this and provide solutions to relieve commuter stress;
  - (d) the 2021-22 ACT Budget provided significant investments in active travel infrastructure across the ACT;
  - (e) on 20 October this year, the Federal Treasurer, the Hon. Josh Frydenberg MP, launched Australia's first 'Cycling Economy Report' and noted the importance of cycling as a mode of travel and for the Australian economy;
  - (f) Australia's cycling industry sustains more than 34,000 jobs and contributed \$6.3 billion to the economy in 2020;
  - (g) research shows that women are around two thirds less likely to ride a bike than men and have different travel patterns and needs;
  - (h) there has never been a more important time to ensure greater uptake of public transport and active travel:
    - (i) we need to take action on climate change;
    - (ii) lack of physical activity is contributing to increased health costs;
    - (iii) petrol prices are rising; and
    - (iv) the COVID-19 lockdown has changed the way many people work, commute and live in their communities:
      - (A) There is an increased awareness of the need for social cohesion, community connectedness and safe, attractive suburbs and neighbourhoods, as well as support for local business; and
      - (B) Our daily transport routes and modes is an important consideration as we establish new routines coming out of lockdown. The ACT Government's 2021-22 Budget investment in flexi-hub workplaces is one example of this;
  - (i) that Dr Paterson launched a Discussion Paper on 9 August 2021, calling on women in my electorate to comment on whether they would consider making greater use of public transport and active travel, and to outline barriers and constraints;
  - (j) over 100 people responded via online survey, email and social media commentary. Some of the key findings are many women want to change their travel behaviour but key considerations and barriers are:
    - (i) time;
    - (ii) safety;
    - (iii) distance;

- (iv) trip-chaining and household logistics; and
  - (v) quality of life; and
- (k) Dr Paterson's 'Her Way' Recommendation Report, dated 22 November 2021, responds directly to the comments received with the report outlining a number of initiatives to help reduce reliance on private vehicle use, particularly for southside women who want to switch away from private vehicles to public transport and active travel;
- (2) calls on the ACT Government to:
  - (a) note the 'Her Way' Recommendation Report authored by Dr Paterson and dated 22 November 2021, including community comments and input; and
  - (b) seek to incorporate the recommendations, where considered appropriate by the ACT Government, in existing and future programs of work, including:
    - (i) initiatives of the light rail stage 2 Disruption Taskforce;
    - (ii) active travel infrastructure, initiatives and behaviour change programs;
    - (iii) public transport design and delivery;
    - (iv) urban planning design and delivery; and
    - (v) incorporating a range of user perspectives in the above; and
- (3) further notes that Dr Paterson welcomes the opportunity to remain involved in considerations by the ACT Government which relate to the purpose, objective and recommendations in the 'Her Way' Recommendation Report.

*M. Paterson*

Dr Marisa Paterson MLA  
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