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Parking and Roads

Cotter Road – Streeton Drive intersection – completion of carriage duplication to allow both Weston Creek bound lanes of Cotter Road to turn left into Streeton Drive. This will require some changes to the intersection to enable vehicles to turn right from Cotter Road into Streeton Drive in safety. **The highest priority should be given to this work.**

WCCC still waits on the development of a **formal traffic management plan** for the area of **Weston** bounded by Streeton Drive (including the Dixon Drive intersection) – Unwin Place and Hickey Court.

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Hindmarsh Drive –maintain two lanes of west-bound traffic by providing slip-lanes for vehicles turning left into Carbeen Street, Rivett and right into Williamson Street, Holder

Urban Services

Weed control in the bushfire damaged areas surrounding Weston Creek remains an issue of concern to the local community. The WCCC requests that weed control programs, coordinated and administered by ACT Forests and Environment ACT, continue to be supported and fully funded by the government.

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There have been many requests for better lighting of pedestrian pathways and underpasses, especially for lights that are more vandal-proof than the lights used at present.

Lastly, the Weston Creek community requests the introduction of angled parking for cars using local shopping centre car parks. At the present time, all shopping centre car parks in Weston Creek have perpendicular parking which is more difficult to enter/exit a vacant car parking than for an angled car parking space, especially when an adjacent vehicle is a 4WD or people mover.

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Arts

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