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Dear Mr Anderson

Thank you for your email and letter of 5 April 2020 regarding parking at the Weston Centre.

In response to community concerns and stakeholder requirements, the design for the temporary car park has been revised. I am pleased to advise that the revised design has addressed a number of the concerns raised by the community regarding amenity, security, removal of mature trees, retention of existing footpath and pedestrian safety. Albeit a reduced number of car parking spaces, the temporary car park will provide provisional relief for the visitors of Coleman Court until such time as the services and shopping facilities at the Molonglo Centre are completed.

I am also pleased to advise that the reduction in car parking spaces has allowed for the retention of several mature trees to the site, that were proposed to be removed as part of the original design and retains the existing footpath between Hindmarsh Drive and Parkinson Street to affirm pedestrian safety. Pedestrian safety and amenity will be further confirmed through the installation of a zebra pedestrian crossing to Parkinson Street and Liardet Street as part of these revised works.

The parking spaces provided will have a mixture of time restrictions and the revised design has a singular access point to Brierly Street, removing the driveway access to Watling Place and alleviating some of the raised concerns for traffic and emergency and service vehicle access. A traffic and safety analysis will be undertaken to assess the conditions at the Brierly Street roundabout. However, due to the reduced number of parking spaces and allocated mixture of time restrictions, the impact to Brierly Street roundabout is generally expected to be minimal.

Parking operations regularly patrol the suburb of Weston and in particularly the Coleman Court Shopping precinct. During the 2018-19 Financial Year inspectors patrolled Weston on 71 occasions and issued in excess of 240 infringements for offences such as No Stopping, No Parking, Loading Zone, Mobility Parking Spaces, Overstaying time restriction and Parking on Footpaths. To date in the 2019-20 Financial Year parking inspectors have attended on 65 occasions and have issued in excess of 180 parking infringements for similar offences in areas such as Trenerry Street, Mahony Court, Whitney Place and Brierly Street and other surrounding areas. This highlights that there is a need for additional parking to be provided to the Coleman Court area until the Molonglo Centre opens and alleviates some of the parking demand.

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Although the current climate of COVID 19 provides some uncertainties, the ACT Government is committed to providing future transport planning and services to the community to ensure it safely supports all modes of travel that keep Canberrans travelling efficiently.

I appreciate your suggestions for other ways to alleviate concerns about parking at Cooleman Court and have asked Transport Canberra and City Services (TCCS) to consider these proposals.

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', is positioned below the text 'Yours sincerely'.

Chris Steel MLA
Minister for Roads and Active Travel

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