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Dear Rifaat,

**Re: Tillyard Drive traffic study**

The Belconnen Community Council (BCC) thanks Roads ACT for the invitation to participate in the traffic study around Tillyard Drive. Tillyard Drive and Kuringa Drive are major arterial roads in West Belconnen and have served residents well over several decades. Although they have handled outgoing traffic well, they now face increased pressure from traffic coming in from Casey via the upgraded intersection at Kuringa Drive and the Barton Highway, and will soon be severely stressed when the CSIRO redevelops the Ginninderra Field station into a residential area.

The timing of this study is very good, as it will enable the ACT Government to factor into its long range infrastructure plans appropriate road works, facilities upgrades and funding forecasts, to enable both Tillyard Drive, Kuringa Drive and associated roads to be adapted for increased traffic pressure.

Our recommendations below are short-term suggestions focused on immediate work that must be funded and completed ahead of any works related to upgrades to Kuringa Drive associated with the CSIRO field station becoming a residential development. That is a longer-term proposal with many years of planning and environmental impact statements ahead, before any sod is turned.

We expect that when that residential redevelopment occurs, Kuringa Drive would be duplicated along its entire length to Tillyard Drive, with appropriate intersections.

For the purposes of this study, the BCC have identified the following as the top three priorities in the area being studied, and one intersection just outside the study area:

1.     **The Kuringa Drive/Kingsford Smith Drive** intersection.

This intersection desperately requires signalisation. The volume of vehicles turning into and out of this intersection during both peaks is significant and causes stress and many accidents both minor and major. Even during non-peak traffic it is a dangerous intersection.

2. Kuringa Drive between the Kingsford Smith intersection and joining Tillyard Drive

This stretch of road requires at minimum straightening and the soft edges removed and made visible at night. The corner needs engineering to make it safer and less prone to accidents, especially in wet and icy conditions. It must be better illuminated at night. Ideally, it would be duplicated and the 90 degree corner smoothed out and made safer.

3. The **Bicentennial Trail crossing** at the corner where Kuringa Drive and Tillyard Drive meet.

One of the more popular tourist attractions in the Belconnen region, and a significant piece of local history, the Bicentennial Trail crossing is unkempt and unsafe. It looks like a poorly maintained rural truck stop. This crossing needs to be made safer and to have amenities provided such as a water bubbler and a place for people to rest that has shade and seating. The soft edges where the trail meets Tillyard Drive are dangerous, especially in wet and icy weather for regular traffic using Tillyard Drive.

4. The intersection of **Kuringa Drive and Owen Dixon Drive.**

Although the intersection of **Kuringa Drive and Owen Dixon Drive** is outside the boundary of this study, the BCC stress that this is an intersection that is not coping with current traffic demand, and will not cope with future traffic demand. It is a dangerous intersection with many accidents occurring that are reported, and unreported due to their minor nature. This intersection must be signaled or made into a roundabout.

We also note that the intersection of **Tillyard Drive and Ginninderra Drive** is problematic and has been addressed in a previous Federal Black Spot program. We are advised that this intersection may be subject to a specific future study and encourage that to occur.

As a stakeholder in this community consultation process, we would be pleased to meet with your team to discuss our recommendations in greater detail.

Sincerely

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