



## BELCONNEN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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Dear Minister Steel

### **Review of Traffic Management at the intersection of Ibbott Lane and Lathlain Street, Belconnen**

The Belconnen Community Council (**BCC**) requests a review of the traffic management arrangements at the intersection of Ibbott Lane and Lathlain Street, Belconnen. This is a highly trafficked intersection with safety (and traffic flow) issues that we believe should be addressed in the short term.

Ibbot Lane is a very busy road, and under the current arrangements, there is no right turn entry at the traffic lights after entering Lathlain Street from Belconnen Way. Access to Ibbot Lane is via Market Street, which requires a right turn across oncoming traffic (just after a 'form one lane') and another right turn just before the intersection with Benjamin Way.

It is difficult to exit from Ibbot Lane and turn left because of the amount of traffic travelling south along Lathlain Street, and traffic exiting the Bunnings car park. A vehicle wanting to move into the right-hand lane on Lathlain Street, prior to turning right on to Belconnen Way, has to move across the left-hand lane with fast traffic, which then often backs up when the lights are red (leaving no space to move into because of the short distance to the Belconnen Way intersection).

This issue will be exacerbated by the increased traffic resulting from the Belconnen Markets developments currently under construction. With limited active travel alternatives nearby, such as protected bike lanes or public transport within short walking distance, most new residents will likely rely on car travel for the foreseeable future. It is, therefore, imperative to examine these arrangements now to ensure they are future-proofed and prevent congestion or a traffic collision.

We request an upgrade of the traffic management arrangements at the busy intersection of Ibbot Lane/Bunnings car park/ Lathlain Street, including right-hand turn entry to Ibbot Lane. The traffic lights would then control all 12 possible traffic movements for the intersection.

If it can be implemented safely, traffic flow would likely be improved if the right turn onto Belconnen Way was available from two lanes (with the left lane also for straight ahead into Catchpole Street, Macquarie).



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In the longer term, an updated traffic and travel plan for the Belconnen Town Centre that reflects the higher number of residents living and working in the town centre should be prepared and implemented.

The BCC looks forward to further discussing the safety and traffic flow issues with you on Ibbot Lane and in the Belconnen Town Centre.

Kind regards

Lachlan Butler

Chair

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