



2023-24 Budget Consultation - Tuggeranong Community Council Submission

The Tuggeranong Community Council (TCC) is an incorporated, voluntary, not for profit, non-aligned politically, community-based association operating within the Tuggeranong District of the Australian Capital Territory. The TCC is formally recognised as the peak community body representing the interests of individuals and groups who live, work and play within Tuggeranong Valley.

1. Police Resources

We are very concerned with the lack of police presence in Tuggeranong. We have in the ACT the lowest police per head of population in Australia. Police say they cannot do police walkthrough patrols through the Tuggeranong Interchange as they do not have enough police. They try to do 'drive throughs' on the way to and from work. This is inadequate as it in reality means no police presence in this area, reduces safety in this area and does not allow for police to be seen in a friendly light. We therefore need:

- a. More police to give better service to and better connect with the community
- b. Look at better/different ways to deal with some youth issues eg many young people at our youth forums mentioned concerns about 'Eshays' harassing them.

2. Transport

- a. Better bus network
 - Funding to increase frequency of buses from identified suburbs in Tuggeranong eg from Tuggeranong Interchange to Erindale interchange; from Chisholm and other suburbs into city. More routes and re-establishing more rapid bus services need to be considered.
 - Rapid routes from Kambah and the eastern suburbs along the Monaro highway to the city

There is a difference between need and want. A better network is needed.
- b. Upgrade roads and improve arterial roads
 - Athllon Drive and Monaro Highway.

3. Better support for active travel including:

- a. Better lighting that conforms to Australian standards
 - Better lighting on roads, at bus stops, under paths - identify hot spots
- b. Better and improved paths.
- c. Safer Footpaths and cycle paths especially at over paths and under paths at busy roads; identify hot spots
- d. More Cycle paths
- e. Hot desking at Greenway/Erindale - If the ACT Government set up an office with 'Hot Desking' facilities in Tuggeranong near the Interchange, people could take just one bus to work a couple of times a week to use these facilities. This would reduce the times they go into town and in many cases reduce the number of cars on the road. This would thus reduce emissions and road wear.



4. Environmental

- a. Continued funding and work to improve water quality in Lake Tuggeranong
- b. Weed reduction funding needs to be granted
- c. Provide finance for all suggestions per original plan and submission by TCC for “improvements“ around the lake regarding walking & cycling and the honour memorial at the entrance
- d. Provide funding to establish a state of the art air monitoring station at industrial estate of Hume. Preferably near the tip at the industrial “waste” precinct, where the old Materials facility was and the new facility and FOGO facility will be built. Currently only air monitoring station in Tuggeranong is at the residential suburb at Monash.

5. Facilities

- a. Upgrade sporting facilities in Tuggeranong - many are not up to current standards of new buildings and in great need of upgrades
- b. Indoor stadium/s
- c. Build on Western Greenway Eco Sports precinct idea proposed by us in 2019.
- d. Funding for upgrade to Tuggeranong Skate Park at Tuggeranong to bring the to the level of skate parks on the north side - Olympic standard
- e. Funding for youth centre

6. Health

- a. Establish key performance indicators to reduce long waiting times at Canberra Hospital Emergency department. This might mean encouraging new doctors to come into Canberra, and/or increasing number of Doctors being trained in Canberra look at better bulk billing to take the pressure off hospital outpatient facilities.
- b. Hydrotherapy pool for Tuggeranong

7. Population figures - difference between Treasury and Planning

- a. When talking about people moving from Tuggeranong, it should be noted that stamp duty has been removed from the plan property purchases up to \$600,000 stamp duty scheme (March 22) could save buyers more than \$15,000 when purchasing a new home. This is big incentive to move from established areas to the new places (para does not appear to connect with heading)

Thanks for the opportunity to provide input to the 2023/254 Budget planning process which reflect the needs of the Tuggeranong area.

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