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 Subject: PAY PARKING IN THE PARLIAMENTARY TRIANGLE



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I support any move that will lessen car dependence in the triangle. Introducing pay parking without vastly improving public transport is entirely inequitable and unfair to those of us who work in the triangle where there are no commercial, retail or health services available and should not be considered.

A service such as Perth and Fremantle's Red and Blue Cats (free, frequent, fast and easily accessible buses which link transport and retail hubs within the city precinct) or some other free and efficient system of accessing Civic/Kinston/Manuka from the triangle should be implemented prior to penalising workers in the triangle who have no choice but to drive to work due to the lack of services and efficient transport in the inner city/suburban areas.

I live in Ainslie. I have after work study and sports commitments in Braddon, Acton, Reid and Manuka every week day. I would prefer to travel to work by public transport and am prepared to put up with a fair amount of inconvenience (eg lugging sports gear, study materials, work clothes and work bag on and off buses, standing around windy bus stops on cold winters nights after having been swimming, extra travel time etc) in order to use public transport rather than my car.

I cannot cope with the added inconvenience of:

- * Lengthy bus trips to accomplish any business which needs to be attended to during business hours (ie lunch time).
- * Additional travel time greater than 1hr/day resulting from using public transport (this currently rules out public transport if I pursue any after-work activity which occurs more than 10 mins walk away from the Civic bus interchange).
- * Having to pay three or more bus fares in order to get to work and from work to another location (eg ANU, Reid, Manuka) and then home again.
- * Having to wait in the dark for long periods for buses (eg Manuka - City after 7pm, Civic - Ainslie after 7.30)
- * Having to bus home and pick up the car to accomplish after-work activities to avoid long bus journeys/connections, waiting for lengthy periods at night-time etc.

Please introduce some effective and free public transport to link the Parliamentary Triangle with business/retail centres prior to considering pay parking in the triangle.

Thank-you

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