

# Woden Valley Community Council Inc.

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Record of Meeting

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1. A/Chair Bill O'Brien welcomed attendees and said that apologies had been received from Andrew Barr.

2. Tom Elliott, General Manager ACTION and Tim Swift, Operations Manager, provided details of the revamped ACTION timetable and routes to take effect from 1 July 2008. The new timetable and routes was being introduced taking into account the criticisms received when the new network was introduced in 2006.

Central Woden and Curtin were areas that had been judged to need particular attention. All routes would be the same 7 days a week and information flows to the public would be increased. Timetables and routes would be available at all bus stops. More services would be provided to Woden as a highly populated area.

3. The current ticketing system did not provide sufficient information to determine where passengers got on and got off buses and the new system would be able to provide more details of actual journeys.

A new ticketing system would be designed and implemented by June 2009. It could not be introduced at the same time as the new bus timetables as all available funding would go on bus purchases.

Mr Elliott said that ACTION did not own or run the bus interchanges, Belconnen interchange was being redeveloped which would provide valuable experience for redeveloping Woden interchange. Current planning was moving away from interchanges to smaller bus stations. ACTPLA can provide details of planning for the Woden interchange. The Phillip bus layover would be returned to its primary use as a layover and would also service the new Molonglo development.

He said that the strategy was to invest in buses as a real time public information system was expensive and would be introduced as funding became available. The new network would have a lifespan of three to five years. Mr Elliott said that courtesy vans were now available at accident sites and breakdowns involving buses to get people to work

4. Derek Wrigley addressing the meeting on global warming said that everyone needed to be a part of the solution, electricity consumption in Australia was increasing at 7% a year mainly from coal fired generators. Australia was nearly equivalent to the US as a contributor to global warming on a per capita basis.

He said there were a number of means of reducing world emissions that could be undertaken by households. Proper orientation and insulation of houses in Australia would obviate the need for air conditioning. New houses were still not being built to take account of solar energy. Retrofitting of energy saving means could drastically reduce household contributions to global warming. 20% of emissions were generate by private housing and 80% from other sources.

5. Gina Pinkas presented the planning report and said that multi unit developments was no longer being approved in cul de sacs and that there were still concerns over multi unit developments in suburban areas.