

## Summary of responses from candidates

### 1. Traffic congestion and 'rat running' through Curtin

Traffic congestion and 'rat running' through Curtin is a major issue for the Curtin community. The primary causes of this problem are:

- traffic cannot flow from Cotter Road on to Yarra Glen south towards Woden;
- traffic coming from the south cannot flow from Yarra Glen on to Cotter Road; and
- there is no direct access to the West Deakin commercial centre from Cotter Road

#### **Solution: Build the Mint Interchange**

The Mint Interchange addresses all three primary causes of traffic congestion and 'rat running' through Curtin.

- An ACT Government commissioned study of the Mint Interchange can be found at [http://www.cmd.act.gov.au/\\_data/assets/pdf\\_file/0014/601241/Documents-1-Part-1.pdf](http://www.cmd.act.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0014/601241/Documents-1-Part-1.pdf)
- Note that during community consultation for the Canberra Brickworks the ACT Government said that the construction of the Mint Interchange would be considered in the planning for Stage2B of Light Rail from Civic to Woden.

**Question:** Will you advocate for and support an ACT Government study for the construction of the Mint Interchange, including consultation with the community, to be completed within the next two years?

Candidate / Party	Response to question	Comments
Rima Diab (Independent)	YES	provided
Fiona Carrick Independent	YES	none provided
ACT Greens	YES	provided
ACT Labor	did not respond to question	provided
Independents for Canberra	did not respond to questionnaire	
ACT Liberals	did not respond to questionnaire	

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## 2. Poor bus service

Curtin covers a large area and only people living in the southern-most portion (about 15% of the suburb), which is within walking distance of stops for rapid routes R4 and R5 routes, have access to a satisfactory bus service. This is isolating for residents.

There are two issues with the 'local' bus service (route 58): frequency (every 30 minutes on weekdays) and duration of the trip to Civic (approx. 40 minutes). Duration of the trip to Civic is a particularly acute issue during the morning and afternoon commuting peak-times now that there is no longer an express bus between Civic and Curtin: commuting times have gone from 25 minutes door-to-door to an hour or more and so people have stopped using a bus.

### Question

1. Will you advocate for and support an increase in the frequency of route 58 to every 20 minutes within the next 2 years?

Candidate / Party	Response to question	Comments
Rima Diab (Independent)	YES	provided
Fiona Carrick Independent	did not respond to question	provided
ACT Greens	YES	provided
ACT Labor	YES	provided
Independents for Canberra	did not respond to questionnaire	
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### Question

2. Will you advocate for and support re-routing rapid (R7 or R10) or peak-hour express services (routes 180 or 181) that run along Cotter Road and Adelaide Ave to Cotter Road - McCulloch St - Carruthers St - Yarra Glen - Adelaide Ave.

Candidate / Party	Response to question	Comments
Rima Diab (Independent)	YES	provided
Fiona Carrick Independent	did not respond to question	provided
ACT Greens	"WOULD CONSIDER"	provided
ACT Labor	did not respond to question	provided
Independents for Canberra	did not respond to questionnaire	
ACT Liberals	did not respond to questionnaire	

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### 3. Declining community amenity and environmental value of the Yarralumla Creek corridor

The Yarralumla Creek corridor forms the Eastern and most of the Northern border of Curtin. It provides a high level of amenity for the community: recreation in the natural environment and a pedestrian/bicycle path.

The Yarralumla Creek corridor also has high environmental value as part of the ACT's 'blue-green' network. There is strong overlap between this environmental value and amenity for the community.

However, both the natural and built infrastructure in the corridor are not being maintained resulting in a slow, but steady, decline in amenity.

#### Question

1. Will you advocate for and support funding the development and implementation of an ecological connectivity landscape plan for at least that part of the Yarralumla Creek corridor that borders Curtin within the next 2 years?

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Rima Diab (Independent)	YES	provided
Fiona Carrick Independent	YES	none provided
ACT Greens	YES	provided
ACT Labor	did not respond to question	provided
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#### Question

2. Will you advocate for and support an upgrade of the main shared path for pedestrians and cyclists in the Yarralumla Creek corridor that borders Curtin to make it safe for a mix of pedestrians, cyclists and e-mobility devices within the next 2 years?

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Rima Diab (Independent)	YES	provided
Fiona Carrick Independent	YES	none provided
ACT Greens	YES	provided
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#### 4. Integrating the new residential area in North Curtin with existing residential areas.

Integration of the new residential area proposed for North Curtin with existing residential areas of Curtin is essential for the success of this new development. This requires the planning, design and development conditions for the new residential area, which are currently being developed within the ACT Government,

1. to be extended beyond the new residential area to include the broader urban context of the site; and,
2. to include social and environmental objectives.

The green open space of the Yarralumla Creek corridor including an old pedestrian/cycling path is adjacent to both the new residential area and existing residential areas of Curtin. Use of this space will be critical to effective integration of the two residential areas. Integration can be achieved by creating a well-treed park on both sides of a naturalised section of Yarralumla Creek that includes facilities supporting community gatherings and pedestrian/cycling through traffic.

#### Question

1. Will you advocate for and support
  - including the broader urban context of the North Curtin Residential Area in the planning, design and development conditions for this site; and,
  - explicitly including social and environmental objectives in these conditions?

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Rima Diab (Independent)	YES	provided
Fiona Carrick Independent	YES	none provided
ACT Greens	YES	provided
ACT Labor	did not respond to question	provided
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#### Question

2. Will you advocate for and support inclusion of a planning condition for the North Curtin Residential Area that requires a park-like linkage on both sides of a naturalised section of Yarralumla Creek with facilities supporting community gatherings and pedestrian/cycling through traffic?

Candidate / Party	Response to question	Comments
Rima Diab (Independent)	YES	provided

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Fiona Carrick Independent	YES	none provided
ACT Greens	YES	provided
ACT Labor	did not respond to question	provided
Independents for Canberra	did not respond to questionnaire	
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