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Moving too slowly on rapid transit

ACT Greens MLA Deb Foskey has pointed to skyrocketing fuel prices as evidence that the ACT desperately needs a coherent plan for an integrated rapid transit system.

“It is chicken hearted and unhelpful to simply hope the market will solve our transport problems’ Dr Foksey said today.

Simply undoing the vandalism inflicted on ACTION Buses by the ACT Government in 2006 is an inadequate response to growing traffic and parking problems, fuel costs and global warming pressures.”

“Our appalling taxi system needs to be part of the transport solution, not the problem, and there has to be safe and convenient park and ride infrastructure.”

"This budget takes a few baby steps in that direction, with the belated funding for the night taxi service, a very limited investment in park and ride, and a small boost in bus numbers."

"But there is no vision for a system that delivers door to door integrated public transport that would provide the flexibility and convenience for people to be able to get around without a car."

“With oil now \$120 a barrel and expected to rise further, with transport emission being a key component of Canberra’s giant carbon footprint, and with urban infill putting parking at a premium, an integrated rapid transit system for Canberra is both necessary and possible – in the interest of the environment and social equity" Dr Foskey said today.

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