

**REPRESENTATION ON DA202342442
JOHN GORTON DRIVE - MOLONGLO GROUP
CENTRE DESIGN**

PUBLIC TRANSPORT ASSOCIATION OF CANBERRA



The Public Transport Association of Canberra (PTCBR) appreciates the opportunity to lodge this representation to the development application (DA) for the Suburban Land Agency's *John Gorton Drive - Molonglo Group Centre Design* project (DA202342442).

PTCBR **unconditionally supports** DA202342442. We are particularly pleased to see the following public transport elements featured in the project design:

- ➔ the northbound **bus jump lane** at the intersection of John Gorton Drive and the future "East Terrace" and "West Terrace"
- ➔ the **public transport interchange** adjacent to the future Molonglo Town Centre, and
- ➔ the widening of the John Gorton Drive median through the future Molonglo Town Centre to provide additional space for **future light rail**.

PTCBR also welcomes the following urban design elements of the project:

- ➔ the **three new best practice intersections** ("Park Street", "Bus Street" and "Pond Street") and mid-block links providing safe access to the future Molonglo Town Centre and Denman Prospect Stage 3
- ➔ the **removal of the slip lanes** from the intersection of Holborow Avenue and John Gorton Drive, and the southern side of the intersection of John Gorton Drive and the future "East Terrace" and "West Terrace"
- ➔ the **protected cycle lanes** and parallel parking bays along the full length of John Gorton Drive through the future Molonglo Town Centre, and
- ➔ the extensive and high-quality **soft and hard landscaping** throughout the project area.

We believe DA202342442 **should be approved** because it is consistent with the relevant provisions of the Territory Plan, including the *Molonglo Group Centre concept plan* (specifically, R14, C14, R15, C15, C16, C22, C20, C21 and C60) as well as the recently finalised *Design Guide - Best practices for intersections and other active travel infrastructure in the ACT*.

Timely approval of this project will also ensure the ACT Government can meet its ambitious land release targets for the Molonglo Town Centre.

More information about PTCBR's support for this project can be found on our website, at: <https://ptcbr.org/2024/03/06/the-long-road-to-molonglo/>.