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Dear Mr Mobbs

Thank you for your email and letter of 21 July 2020 regarding traffic calming and other various issues in Hackett. I apologise for the delay in responding to you.

Transport Canberra and City Services (TCCS) considers a range of factors such as traffic volume and speed data, crash history and surrounding land use to identify the need for, and priority of, traffic calming measures on residential streets. High priority streets are then further investigated, and traffic calming measures are generally recommended on streets where inappropriate speeds are identified as a major safety concern.

The most recent traffic surveys on Madigan Street, Mackenzie Street, Maitland Street and Phillip Avenue indicate that motorists are travelling at average speeds of 50km/h, 45km/h, 41km/h and 51km/h respectively, which are within acceptable limits.

Given the above, there are no immediate plans for any additional measures on these streets. TCCS will continue to monitor traffic conditions in Hackett and take action as necessary.

I acknowledge that some motorists speed and exhibit other anti-social behaviour on ACT roads and this is an enforcement issue for ACT Policing. I would encourage you and your neighbours to report such behaviour to ACT Policing on 131 444 or to Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000 so that appropriate action may be undertaken, and records of incidents maintained.

I have been advised that City Presentation has removed the dead Westringia plants in the median strip on Madigan Street on the western side of the pedestrian crossing near the Hackett Shops. This work has enabled a safer line of sight for both pedestrians using the crossing and vehicles turning out of Hackett Place onto Madigan Street.

Access Canberra operates mobile speed camera vans from locations on Madigan Street and Phillip Avenue in Hackett and will increase visits to both streets in the coming weeks depending on operational requirements.

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Mackenzie Street and Maitland Street will be assessed for camera van location suitability. Potential locations must meet specific physical, distance, line-of-sight and safety criteria before being considered as appropriate for camera van operations.

With regard to your request for kangaroo warning signs, TCCS does not currently provide this signage on low speed urban roads (60km/h and below) as there is little evidence that the erection of wildlife signs can effectively reduce wildlife and vehicle collisions. Research also indicates that the erection of wildlife warning signs that indicate wildlife crossing areas do little to change driver behaviour. The signs are often ignored by motorists when the particular animal is not seen regularly. Motorists who are interested in looking out for wildlife might be expected to pay attention to the road conditions without the aid of a sign.

Thank you for raising this matter. I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely



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Minister for Roads and Active Travel
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