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Dear Minister

SPEED LIMITS ON CAPTAIN COOK CRESCENT BETWEEN MURRAY CRESCENT AND CANBERRA AVENUE, MANUKA

In February 2016 we wrote to you regarding our concerns relating to safety on Captain Cook Crescent between Murray Crescent and Canberra Avenue, particularly the northbound lanes.

This short stretch of road is a very congested part of our road system. On the northbound side there is a bus stop, vehicles queuing to go to McDonalds, cars reversing from the short term park at the side of the road, pedestrian crossing, vehicles exiting from the Coles' car park and also crossroads where Franklin Street intersects Captain Cook Crescent. Southbound there is the pedestrian crossing, the entrance into St Pauls Church (quiet at times, but at others very busy) a bus stop, further parking, and shoppers and residents of the Stuart flats crossing the road directly to pass south of Manuka Plaza because it is too far to walk north to the pedestrian crossing.

In addition the cycle path on the west side of Captain Cook Cr appears to have disappeared since the construction of Manuka Plaza and the paving of the footpath with bricks. This is a major bike route for cyclists heading for the lake and surrounds and the city. The gap in the bike path forces cyclists out onto the roadway adding to the congestion while they face the hazard of cars reversing out of parking spaces.

And all this complexity exists in a 60 km/hr speed zone.

One of our committee members was almost run over on the pedestrian crossing a couple of months ago. A particular problem is due to cars speeding up or refusing to slow down when trying to catch a green light before it changes to red on Canberra Avenue.

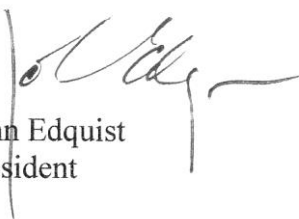
In your reply of 7 April 2016, you stated that you had asked Roads ACT to re-visit the speed limits in this section of Captain Cook Crescent. We are consequently following up on your letter to inquire if this analysis has been completed. Would it also be possible for the former

bike path to be restored (with suitable requirements that cyclists recognise that pedestrians also use the pavement over this stretch)?

It could well be argued that this stretch of Captain Cook Crescent is in greater need of a 40 km/hr speed limit than are Bougainville St and (particularly) Franklin St, which because of their short lengths, narrowness and the traffic calming effects of their pedestrian crossings tend to generate slower traffic speeds.

We would be pleased to meet with your officers on site if it was thought that this could be helpful.

Yours sincerely



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President

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