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Dear Mr Denham

Thank you for your letter about placing additional rubbish bins near bus stops in Manuka.

City Services provides bins in a number of public spaces which have high use and demand, such as shopping and town centres, interchanges, dog parks and sportsgrounds. However, bins are not provided at bus stops, most urban open space playgrounds and lower use parks.

I am advised that bins previously located near bus stops were removed across Canberra due to persistent vandalism and dumping of household waste. Reinstallation of bins at any bus stops in this area is currently not under consideration by City Services.

City Services undertakes litter collection every day at the Manuka shopping precinct and operational staff have been advised to inspect the concerned bus stops as part of their cleaning program.

The ACT Government currently services 1,225 public bins across Canberra up to seven times a week for Canberrans to dispose of their waste and recycling in public places appropriately. This includes an additional 150 waste and recycling bins installed in 2020 in high profile and high demand areas to meet the needs of residents and users of public open spaces.

Where no bins are located, it is the ACT Government's policy that people using public open space areas are responsible for taking their rubbish with them and disposing of it in an appropriate manner. Maintaining a clean requires a whole of community effort and cannot be tackled by the Government alone.

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The ACT Government is very conscious about littering and the negative impact it has on our city's amenity. It is unfortunate that the irresponsible actions of a few can have substantial impact on our city's appearance. The Litter Act 2004 provides a deterrent to littering and City Rangers and ACT Policing can issue on-the spot fines to offenders ranging from \$60 to \$1,000. More information is available at <https://www.cityservices.act.gov.au/public-land/maintenance/littering>

Any future litter issues can also be reported via fix my street portal at www.act.gov.au/fixmystreet or Access Canberra on 13 22 81. This system enables reports/requests to be tracked, logged and followed up in a timely manner.

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

Yours sincerely



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