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Pedal Power and the Woden Valley Community Council come together to oppose hazardous traffic changes in CIT Development

Pedal Power ACT and the Woden Valley Community Council have joined forces to oppose the proposal for a new road between Bradley and Bowes Streets, as part of the new CIT Woden development. The two organisations have called on the Government to stop the proposed road in the current development application process.

Media opportunity: Executive Director of Pedal Power ACT, Simon Copland, and the head of the Woden Valley Community Council, Fiona Carrick, will be available for photo opportunities at the location of the proposed road.

When: Wednesday 2nd August, 12:30pm

Where: 20 Bradfield Street (outside the Piccolo Mondo café)

“We oppose the proposal for a regular traffic connection between Bradley and Bowes Streets,” explains Simon Copland. “This connection should be for walking and cycling only, aside from emergency and service vehicles.

“The proposal would create a safety hazard by introducing through traffic into a site intended as a people-friendly place. It would cut across the main east-west walking and cycling route between the town centre and the CIT/interchange. The road is an accident waiting to happen.”

“The road is not necessary for traffic management given Easty St is able to accommodate the north-south traffic flow following closure of Callum St,” says Fiona Carrick.

“The West Plaza should be a green cool park, a destination for events and markets to create activity in the heart of Woden. It should attract people to meet and socialise and catalyse businesses around it and the town square to create community. The site is protected from the winds in the town square and has more sun, and chance of social and economic success, than the Boulevard.

“The road connection will take a significant part of the space and will cause a safety risk to pedestrians and cyclists. There has never been a connecting road and it will not be missed. It is not required when there are significantly better options for the space.”

Pedal Power and the Woden Valley Community Council recommend that the proposal for a regular vehicle connection between Bradley and Bowes Streets be rejected. Only emergency vehicles and vehicles setting up for events, maintenance etc. should be permitted, with pop up bollards



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preventing other motor vehicles using it as a thoroughfare. Pedal Power also calls for adequate and conveniently-located bike racks as part of the DA approval.

Pedal Power and the Woden Valley Community Council have both lodged submissions with recommendations for the project:

- [Pedal Power a submission.](#)
- [Woden Valley Community Council Submission.](#)

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