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**ATHLLON DRIVE DUPLICATION NEARER, AS MORE LAND
DUE TO BE RELEASED IN BONYTHON WEST**

Funding of \$200,000 in the 2006-07 Budget will result in detailed designs of new roadworks in Tuggeranong, including some Athllon Drive duplication — work that is necessary before the release of land in Bonython West, Planning Minister Simon Corbell said today.

“The forward design will look at a new Pine Island access road and Athllon Drive duplication between two new intersections,” Mr Corbell said.

“The Stanhope Government’s \$200,000 of funding will help improve future traffic flows in Tuggeranong and ensure adequate traffic access to the proposed residential development in Bonython West.

“The Bonython West estate – the last greenfield site close to Tuggeranong town centre – is scheduled for release in 2006-07. It is a great location for future residents because it is right next to the town centre, is very close to the Murrumbidgee River corridor recreational and open space facilities and will have panoramic views overlooking Stranger Pond and nearby ranges.

“The development of this site of up to 250 extra dwellings over three years will complete the Tuggeranong town centre and will signal its maturity in Canberra’s network of districts.”

Mr Corbell said the forward design funding would allow for the assessment of intersection options, traffic management options, road alignment and water sensitive urban design opportunities.

“The designs will implement the concept plan for the Bonython West estate, which defined the proposed road layout for the new estate and the necessary upgrading of Athllon Drive with a connection to the existing Pine Island Road,” he said.

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