



Inquiry into annual and financial reports 2024–25

Answer to question on notice

Asked by: Ms Jo Clay MLA

Addressed to: Minister for Climate Change, Environment, Energy and Water

Redirected to: N/A

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(1) The Federal Government announced the Australian Bushland program in March with \$250m to form partnerships with states and territories to expand and better manage conserved areas, grow Indigenous Protected Areas, support Nature Repair Market Projects and help organisations buy and protect ecologically important areas.

Has CED explored avenues under the program for the ACT to receive funding for these objectives?

(2) Have any applications been made?

Ms Suzanne Orr MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

(1) Yes.

(2) Yes. The City and Environment Directorate (CED) has submitted a proposal under the Australian Bushland Program to help achieve the national 30 by 30 target through these avenues. Note that only a subset of the \$250m is specifically for partnerships with states and territories. The proposal aims to deliver new protected and conserved areas, climate-ready spatial planning, innovative policy and financing mechanisms, and strengthened governance frameworks that incentivise long-term restoration and conservation outcomes.

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Signature:

Date: 08/12/25

By the Minister for Climate Change, Environment, Energy and Water, Ms Suzanne Orr MLA