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## ALP 2022 FEDERAL ELECTION – IMPLICATIONS FOR THE ACT

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| <b>Party:</b>                       | Labor                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>Policy:</b>                      | Bravo: ALP revives the Murray-Darling Basin Plan to revive rivers                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>Funding announcement:</b>        | No                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>Policy outline:</b>              | Labor has created a five-point plan to revive the Murray-Darling Basin Plan. The plan will deliver 450 gigalitres of water back into the river, while also re-establishing the National Water Commission, which will publish data and modelling, invest in science, and increase compliance funding/ Furthermore, there will be a commitment to increase First Nations water ownership along the river basin, and undertake a review of the Murray-darling Basin Plan to take place over the next term of the federal government. |
| <b>Source:</b>                      | See attachment for media release by Nature Conservation Council of NSW, Environment Victoria, and Conservation Council South Australia.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>ACT Directorate</b>              | EPSDD                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>ACT Ministerial Portfolio(s)</b> | Minister Rattenbury                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |

### IMPACT ON THE ACT / REGION – WELLBEING ASSESSMENT

#### Wellbeing Domains: Primary and Secondary

Primary: 4. Environment and climate

Secondary (if required): Choose an item.

The sustainability of Canberra's waterways depends on having healthy waterways Australia wide, furthermore water quality in the ACT contributes significantly to improved water quality in the Murray-Darling Basin.

To ensure sustainable water quality in the Territory, the ACT Healthy Waterways initiative has been established to improve the quality of water entering our lakes and waterways and

flowing downstream into the Murrumbidgee River system and then into the Murray-Darling Basin.

**Financial impact:** Nil