

Minister Rattenbury: Environment, Planning and Sustainable Development Directorate Regular Meeting

MEETING DETAILS			
Date:	Friday, 04 November	Time:	9.45am – 10.45
Location:	via Microsoft Teams	Apologies:	

MEETING BUSINESS			
Item	Name	Requested by	Action Officers
1.	Declaration of Interest*	EPSDD	All
2.	Standing Items: 2.1 Weekly Brief, Media Forecast and FOI Report 2.2 Action Items/Ministerials in Action 2.3 Cabinet and Assembly Business 2.4 Budget*	Minister's Office EPSDD	Ben Ponton Jim Corrigan Bren Burkevics Alex Magee Fiona Wright
Water			
3.	Update on Belconnen Oval Wetland Project*	Minister's Office	Ben Ponton Jim Corrigan Bren Burkevics Alex Magee
4.	Update on non-potable water stakeholder consultation	EPSDD	Ben Ponton Jim Corrigan Bren Burkevics Tom Nielsen
5.	Office for Water – establishment update	EPSDD	Ben Ponton Jim Corrigan Bren Burkevics
6.			
Energy/Emissions Reduction			
7.	Non Residential blocks (gas) – Cabinet Brief (Planning System Review and Reform) *	Minister's Office	Ben Ponton Jim Corrigan Fiona Wright Megan Edwards
8.	Budget Planning* Budget Bids*	Minister's Office	Ben Ponton Jim Corrigan Fiona Wright Thao Le
9.	Arrangements for the minimum standards announcement and media event*	EPSDD	Ben Ponton Jim Corrigan Fiona Wright Alex Magee Perry Wiles

*Denotes no papers

Proposed Forward Agenda	
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To: Minister for Water, Energy and Emissions
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Tracking No.: 22/00037

Date: 4 November 2022**From:** Deputy Director-General**Subject:** WEEKLY BRIEF – Commencing 7 November 2022

- DDG, Environment, Water and Emissions Reduction

Purpose

To provide a summary of the current work from the Environment, Planning and Sustainable Development Directorate (EPSDD). This brief also includes matters scheduled to occur from 7 November to 13 November 2022.

Key Issues**Water**Update on Belconnen subsurface wetland design proposal

The ACT Healthy Waterways team is working with our construction partners on adjustments to the Belconnen subsurface wetland design proposal based on community feedback. A second round of consultation will occur before the end of the year on any new design options. The team is continuing to update the Healthy Waterways website with improved information on Stage 2 of the program and each of the 13 proposed wetland assets, a frequently asked questions page and description of infrastructure types.

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Media and Communications Forecast

Rattenbury forecast

Blue shading = Priority identified by MO

(As at 03/11/2022)

MEDIA, EVENTS AND PROACTIVE PITCHES

Date	Portfolio	Minister	Description	Communications Channel	Communications contact / Action officer	Comments
9 November 2022	Water, Energy and Emissions Reduction	Rattenbury	Minimum energy efficiency standards for rental properties	Media release, web, social media, FAQs	Erin Chancellor	Waiting for final confirmation on revised launch date of 9 November. All communications materials are approved.
Post 9 November 2022	Water, Energy and Emissions Reduction	Rattenbury	Unit Titles Sustainability update (timing dependant on Min Standards announcement)	Email/letter to key stakeholders - distributed through networks of members of the Consultative Group. No external media.	Will Downing	Content is being drafted to share an announcement with the Unit Titles Consultative Group for dissemination through their own networks (i.e. newsletters and emails to organisation members/stakeholders). Content will also share similar and complementary recent announcements (e.g. pathway to electrification). Letter content is currently being cleared through relevant line area EBMs.
10 November 2022	Chief Minister, Water, Energy and Emissions Reduction	Barr, Rattenbury	Pathway to Electrification Industry Forum Event	Industry stakeholder event (closed door), MO proactive media	Erin Chancellor	Confirmed attendance by the Chief Minister and Minister Rattenbury, both speaking with no changes to the proposed agenda. DDG Rutledge will also attend and present to the stakeholders. Invitations have been sent out, RSVP by 4 November.
w/c 28 November TBC	Water, Energy and Emissions Reduction	Rattenbury	ACT Greenhouse Gas Inventory Report	Web updates, social media, media release (TBC)	Jessica Oliver	Annual independent report on the ACT's greenhouse gas emissions and progress towards achieving the ACT's emissions reduction targets.
w/c 28 November TBC	Water, Energy and Emissions Reduction	Rattenbury	Minister for Water, Energy and Emissions Reduction Annual Report	Web updates, social media, media release (TBC)	Jessica Oliver	Annual report from the Minister outlining progress towards meeting the ACT's climate change and sustainability commitments.
Late November 2022 TBC	Water, Energy and Emissions Reduction	Rattenbury	Water Strategy Report Card	Media release, website updates	Hannah Evans	Media release and web updates have been prepared. Information briefing process to determine launch date.

OPEN CONSULTATION AND UPCOMING ENGAGEMENT

Timeframes	Portfolio	Minister	Description	Channels / Region of Canberra / Engagement spend	Comms contact / Action officer	Comments
Mid-November 2022 TBC	Water, Energy and Emissions Reduction	Rattenbury	Non-potable water review	Informal engagement, formal YourSay consultation, media release, social posts, web articles	Hannah Evans	The dates for formal consultation will be determined through the briefing process.

CAMPAIGNS AND ADVERTISING

Campaign dates	Portfolio	Minister	Description	Channels / Target Audience / Spend	Comms contact / Action officer	Comments
20 October - 3 November 2022	Climate Change and Energy	Rattenbury	Sustainable Business Expo	Channels: social, radio Audience: small - medium businesses and entrepreneurs Budget: \$7,000.00	Main contact: Danielle Forner Portfolio Manager: Megan Baker	Campaign went live 20 October. As of 31 October social saw 16,900 impressions, 81 clicks with a click through rate of 0.48%.



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Meeting Date	Item	Actions	Due date	AO	In progress (date/notes)	Completed (date/notes)
220819	Item 2 - Weekly Brief – Review of Large-scale Feed-in Tariff Legislation	Personal information to be provided copy of review Terms of Reference once developed.	December 2022	Fiona Wright	02/11 update: Evoenergy confirmed this has been shared with Personal information	COMPLETED
220923	Non-water potable water Government Response Update	Brief to be updated reflect MO comments. Also provide analysis/comparison in updated brief to what organisations pay to hire a cricket pitch or football oval	07/10/22	Ryan Breen/ Bren Burkevics	02/11 update: 22/107147 - Provided to MO 21/10	COMPLETED
220923	NextGen Program – wait time for installers	Engage with NextGen installers to provide some assurance we are working with Access Canberra around inspection timeframes	ASAP	Ros Malouf/ Fiona Wright	23/9 - discussed at briefing. NextGen to provide funding to employee Access Canberra inspector	
220930	Subsurface Wetland in Belconnen Oval and other Healthy Waterways Projects	EPSDD to send through the dates they are planning on doing consultation session for the Fadden healthy waterways project. Minister would like to attend some sessions.	ASAP	Bren Burkevics		
220930	Subsurface Wetland in Belconnen Oval and other Healthy Waterways Projects	Bio retention swales in Kambah Playing Field – Minister would like to visit	When ready	Bren Burkevics		

		with Ralph when they are ready				
220930	Rental Standards	Anna to advise whether additional talking points are needed, including on comparisons to situation in VIC.	ASAP	CCE	02/11 update: MO agreed can be completed as superseded with work on the Minimum Standards Announcement pack	COMPLETED
221021	Battery Storage and Grid Integration Program Funding	Potential savings offsets projects	ASAP	Ros Malouf	02/11 Update: 22/118029 – Provided to MO 21/10	COMPLETED

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Meeting date: 4 November 2022
Agenda item: Office of Water – Update

Key Points

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Establishment

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Background

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Annexure A

Background

- basis of the Non-potable Water Review
- Status of government response to the review
- context - 190 licensees and general community

Empathy

- acknowledge delays & desire for pricing certainty
- confirm each club's unique water requirements

Current policy

- discontinue annual rebates and offsets - effective 2022
- Market Equity Scheme retained. This gives golf clubs a 50% discount on the Water Abstraction Charge

Potential policy

- policy principles (equity, cost recovery, sustainability)
- potential policy options
- confirm desired policy of golf clubs

Formal consultation and timeline

- formal consultation late 2022 or early 2023
- Cabinet considers policy for 2023/24 financial year implementation



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