



Inquiry into Appropriation Bill 2026–2027 and Appropriation (Office of the Legislative Assembly) Bill 2026–2027

Answer to question on notice

Asked by: Ms Elizabeth Lee MLA

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

Reference: City and Environment Directorate - Conservation and promotion of flora and fauna

Hearing: 31 July 2026

In relation to: Wombat Management

Question received: 3 August 2026

Answer Due: 17 August 2026

1. What is the status of the Draft Technical Report to the Conservator for Flora and Fauna?
2. How much did it cost to produce this Draft Technical Report?
3. When is the review into the management of wombats due to be finalised?
4. Is the Government still considering declaring wombats a controlled native species?

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

1. The draft technical report called *Managing wombats: A review of current practice, issues and challenges to inform wombat management in the ACT* has not been finalised. Comprehensive feedback received from targeted stakeholders on the draft technical report, along with further targeted consultation, will be used to finalise the document.
2. Approximately \$20,000.
3. A date for the completion of the draft technical report has not been set as it is dependent on further targeted consultation, and other competing conservation policy priorities.
4. The Conservator of Flora and Fauna confirmed there is no plan to recommend declaring wombats as a controlled native species under the *Nature Conservation Act 2014*.

Approved for circulation to the Select Committee on Estimates 2026–2027

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Signature:

Date: 13/08/26

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