



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY FOR THE AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

STANDING COMMITTEE ON PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT

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WATER USE MANAGEMENT

TERMS OF REFERENCE

The inquiry finalised on 5 August 2008.

At its meeting on Thursday, 7 June 2007, the Assembly resolved: "That this Assembly:

(1) resolves that the Standing Committee on Planning and Environment inquire into the best options for ACT Government investment in maintaining a sustainable water supply in the ACT with particular reference to:

- (a) likely impacts of climate change on water resources available to the ACT;
- (b) the extent to which demand reduction strategies outlined in Think Water, Act Water have been implemented;
- (c) international best practice principles and priorities for urban water management suitable for the ACT;
- (d) the role of Canberra as Australia's national capital and provider of water to the largest population in the Murray-Darling Basin;
- (e) the relative merits of staged water restrictions as compared to a permanent water conservation strategy;
- (f) maintaining the health of trees, sporting fields and gardens and the city's Bush Capital character;
- (g) the relative financial, environmental and potential health impacts of water capture and reuse practices; and
- (h) any other related matters; and

(2) the Committee report by the last sitting day in August 2008."