



STANDING COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT, CLIMATE CHANGE AND BIODIVERSITY
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**Inquiry into referred 2019–20 Annual and Financial Reports and Budget Estimates 2020-21
ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE**

Asked by Jo Clay:

EPSDD budget P. 12

In relation to: Green space

Strategic Indicator 2.3 is to “improve access to community facilities and enable people to experience nature and culture to improve people’s physical, emotional and social wellbeing”.

Can you please explain how you will be implementing the new Wellbeing Indicator on Environment and Climate in light of Strategic Indicator 2.3 and the ongoing difficulties in watering and maintaining green spaces in a time of drought and climate change?

MINISTER VASSAROTTI: The answer to the Member’s question is as follows:–

The wellbeing framework, indicators and strategic indicator 2.3 are aligned. They both recognise the role nature plays in the health and wellbeing of Canberrans.

The Environment, Planning and Sustainable Development Directorate (EPSDD) continues to undertake research, monitor and adapt to the impacts of a changing climate on the Canberra community and the ACT’s flora and fauna.

The watering and maintenance of green spaces is a function undertaken by Transport Canberra and City Services and does not relate to the EPSDD strategic indicator 2.3.

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Signature: 

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By the Minister for the Environment, Rebecca Vassarotti