



# LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

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STANDING COMMITTEE ON PLANNING, TRANSPORT AND CITY SERVICES  
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**Inquiry into Annual and Financial Reports 2020-2021**

## ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Asked by Ms Nicole Lawder MLA: To ask the Minister for Transport and City Services

Ref: Transport and City Services, Annual Report

In relation to: Mugga Lane

1. How many additional years of landfill capacity are provided through Mugga Landfill Cells 3 and 4, taking account of current projected levels of waste to landfill?
2. When would we have run out of landfill space without these additional two cells?
3. What localities have been considered by the ACT Government for future landfill needs?
4. The capacity is described in terms of cubic metres and most other waste figures are expressed in tonnes. How many tonnes of waste will fit into 2.4 million cubic metres?

**Mr Chris Steel MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:–**

1. Mugga Landfill Stage 5 Cells 3 and 4 provide an estimated 6.5 years of landfilling capacity.
2. Stage 5 Cells 1 and 2 provide capacity to 2023.
3. Based on current modelling and waste landfilling trends, Stage 5 has an estimated design capacity through to 2050. The ACT Government will continue to monitor landfill capacity and plan for future needs in line with the ACT Waste Management Strategy.
4. Compaction of waste into landfill cells ranges from approximately 850kgs to 1000kgs per cubic metre of landfill space. This equates to a range of 2,040,000 tonnes to 2,400,000 tonnes of waste that can be placed and compacted into 2,400,000 cubic metres of landfill space.

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By the Minister for Transport and City Services, Mr Chris Steel MLA

