



## Standing Committee on Public Accounts

### **Inquiry into Annual and Financial Reports 2022-2023** **ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

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Asked by Andrew Braddock MLA on 23 November 2023: Ray Hezkial took on notice the following question(s):

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In relation to: Status of access roads (Icon Water)

**MR BRADDOCK:** Whilst we have got Icon Water here. I would just like an update in terms of the access roads that Icon Water is responsible for in terms of the state and your works to remediate that?

**Mr Hezkial:** Just to clarify, are you referring to the access roads within catchments or?

**MR BRADDOCK:** Yes.

**Mr Hezkial:** Yes. So I cannot speak to the status off the top of my head, but I am happy to take that question on notice. But in terms of arrangements, that is definitely a partnering arrangement with ACT Parks. Icon Water does not own the catchments so to speak. We own the dam wall, which sounds a little bit perverse, and we work in partnership with Parks around routine and regular maintenance of access roads. But that is something that we would be in constant conversation with Parks on them. But I will have to take on—your specific question on status on notice.

Andrew Barr MLA: I have sought advice from Icon Water and their answer to the Member's question is as follows:—

To facilitate access to Icon Water assets in some parts of the ACT like Namadgi National Park and Canberra Nature Park, Icon Water works collaboratively with the ACT Parks and Conservation Service (PCS) as the public land custodian and manager of land and water.

In the drinking water supply catchments, PCS undertakes the strategic asset management of access roads within reserve areas for the dual purposes of protection of water supply and biodiversity conservation.

Critical water supply infrastructure includes water supply reservoirs and bulk water distribution assets as well as enabling electricity, communication and transport networks. Icon Water confirms that

access tracks required for management of drinking water supply catchments are monitored and maintained to ensure they are trafficable to support network operation and provision of water utility services to the community.

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By the Treasurer, Andrew Barr MLA