



# Inquiry into Annual and Financial Reports 2023–24

## Answer to question on notice

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Asked by: Mr James Milligan MLA

Addressed to: Minister for City and Government Services

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Hearing: 14/02/2025

In relation to: Yerrabi Pond Upgrades

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Answer Due: 25/02/2025

Page 53 states that one of the priorities for 2024-2025 is to finalise the current path lighting project around Yerrabi Pond.

1. How long has this project been in development for?
2. Can the Minister provide an update on all the upgrades planned and completed for Yerrabi Pond?
3. When is completion expected?
4. What is being done to improve the water quality of the ponds?

**Ms Tara Cheyne MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:**

1. Planning and design for path lighting commenced in 2021. The path lighting installation was completed in 2024.
2. Works completed in the 2021-22 financial year included new seating, landscaping and additional path signage and line marking, drainage along the path network surrounding the ponds, solar lighting, new soft fall to the flying fox area, a new half climbing wall and new bin shrouds. The following works are currently underway:
  - Yerrabi Pond District Park, Wunderlich Street – Replacement of existing toilet facilities, upgrades to picnic facilities and refurbished shelter and new BBQ's as well as additional tables, rubbish bins and lighting.
  - Bizant Street – construction of a new toilet facility, new picnic tables and shelters, line marking to the existing carpark including two new accessible parking spaces and new landscaping and trees.

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- Phyllis Ashton Circuit, Strayleaf Crescent and Nellie Hamilton Avenue – parking improvements including construction of over 20 new parking spaces, line marking along parallel parking locations to improve efficiency and changes to parking signage to support local businesses.
3. Works at the Yerrabi District Park are nearing completion and will be open to the public before the end of February 2025. Works at Bizant Street are expected to be completed in May 2025. Works at Phyllis Ashton Circuit/Strayleaf Crescent and Nellie Hamilton Avenue are expected to be completed in April 2025.
  4. The Environment Planning and Sustainable Development Directorate recently installed a floating wetland, comprised of two platforms, in the pond near where a drain enters from Amaroo. Water plants are becoming established on the platform and will improve the water quality of the pond as they grow.

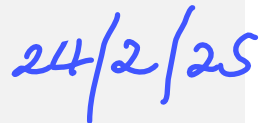
The Government is trialling other infrastructure and pollution prevention programs across Canberra. A recent example was a 2023 program to encourage residents to manage leaves and grass clippings in a waterway friendly manner in the Yerrabi Pond catchment.

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By the Minister for City and Government Services, Ms Tara Cheyne MLA