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Ms Nicole Lawder MLA  
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Dear Ms Lawder

Thank you for your letter on behalf of your constituent about leaves entering the stormwater and the request for more green bin collections or a second green bin.

In the ACT, households are allocated one green waste bin, serviced fortnightly, per household. Unfortunately, additional green waste bin services are not currently available for purchase. Several commercial service providers provide green waste collections in the ACT for a fee such as trash pack operators, gardeners or skip companies. Providers can be found in the yellow pages under Waste Services.

Alternatively, excess green waste can be dropped off free of charge to Corkhill Brothers at the Mugga Lane Resource Management Centre or Canberra Sand and Gravel in West Belconnen. Further information can be found at <https://www.cityservices.act.gov.au/recycling-and-waste/drop-off/green-waste>.

The ACT Government is funding research by the University of Canberra that is examining the impact of leaves dropped by trees on nutrient levels in stormwater and the relationship between inputs of nutrients to drains, from leaves and grass, and the response of toxic blue green algae in Lake Tuggeranong and the ACT's other lakes and ponds.

The Government is also investing in Leaf Collective, which is a public education program to encourage residents to take actions to reduce the amount of leaves in roadside drains and hence the impact of leaves on nutrient loads in lakes.

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The results from these investments will be incorporated into catchment plans for managing water quality. A draft version of the plan for Lake Tuggeranong will be released late in 2023, and plans for Lake Burley Griffin, Yerrabi Pond and Lake Ginninderra will be released in 2024 and early 2025.

Thank you for raising these matters. I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

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