



Standing Committee on Planning, Transport and City Services

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

Asked by Ms Joy Clay MLA:

Reference: Hearing on 17 November 2023, Annual Report of Suburban Land Agency

In relation to: Ginninderra Falls

When will the Ginninderra Falls be reopened for public use?

Yvette Berry MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:–

While Ginninderra Falls has been considered as part of the Ginninderry rezoning process, the land is privately owned, so the Ginninderry Joint Venture (Ginninderry JV) has no control as to when the Ginninderra Falls may open to the public again.

Representatives of the Ginninderry JV have been in communication with current owners since 2011, including discussions regarding land acquisitions. As part of a Joint Venture with the ACT Government, all considerations related to the sale and acquisition of land follow a strict process as upheld by ACT Government's Valuation and Acquisition Policies, the latter underpinned by Legislation.

Two independent assessments informed the last acquisition discussion between the Ginninderry JV and the landowner in 2020. At the time, the landowner responded that future discussions should only occur if their value assessment was met. Unfortunately, the figure identified was significantly higher than the independent advice provided to the Ginninderry JV. Despite this, representatives of the Ginninderry JV are open to continuing discussions at any time, provided the value discussions are based on independent advice.

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By the Minister for Housing and Suburban Development, Yvette Berry MLA