



# Inquiry into Annual and Financial Reports 2023–24

## Answer to question taken on notice

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Asked by: Laura Nuttall MLA

Addressed to: Chris Steel MLA, Minister for Planning and Sustainable Development

In relation to: Details of any engagements with ANU on its leased block at Bluett's Block, and if no engagement yet, are they planned.

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Chris Steel MLA, Minister for Planning and Sustainable Development took on notice the following question(s):

**MISS NUTTALL:** Got you. Thank you. Let me just check if that is right. I am so sorry about that. So in the media last week about the protections for the nature reserve on blocks 402 and 12, a spokesperson from ANU said that they welcomed discussions with the ACT government about block 402. Have you engaged with the ANU?

**Mr Green:** We have not engaged on the planning side with the ANU, but I am happy to take on notice and ask that question of the conservator because there is ongoing land management discussions that occur. I mean, land management is not a boundary or a block issue, so I am happy to take on those and ask the conservator ...(indistinct)... [9.51.33]

**MISS NUTTALL:** Beautiful. Is there any intention from the planning side to have these discussions, or they would need to go through the conservator?

**Mr Green:** Primarily through the conservator at this stage.

**MISS NUTTALL:** Thank you. That is all from me.

**THE CHAIR:** Perhaps, Mr Green, if you would take on notice whether the discussions have been had, and if they have not been had, whether there are any plans to have those discussions?

**Mr Green:** Happy to take that on notice.

**THE CHAIR:** That would be great. Thank you. We will move on to Mr Cocks for a substantive.

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Chris Steel MLA, Minister for Planning and Sustainable Development: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

Environment, Planning and Sustainable Development Directorate officials engaged with the ANU in late 2024 as part of updating the Land Management Agreement for Block 402.

The Conservator of Flora and Fauna has confirmed that further engagement with the ANU will be required when further ecological assessments and monitoring on Block 402 has been determined. As the Conservator stated during the recent Annual Report hearings, the immediate priority is settling land management arrangements for the expanded Molonglo River Reserve.

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By Chris Steel MLA, Minister for Planning and Sustainable Development