



**ACT**  
Government

Transport Canberra and  
City Services

## Dot Point Request

**Requested by:** Minister's Office

**Business Unit:** CP – Place Management

**Subject:** Changing bins to permanent structures at North Weston Pond

### **Dot Points:**

- North Weston Pond is a water quality control pond that receives water from stormwater drains covering a large area in the Weston region. It is designed to protect the Molonglo River from Urban runoff including litter.
- Any litter in the stormwater system will inevitably be washed into the Gross Pollutant Traps (GPT) located at the stormwater inlets to the pond.
- GPT's are very efficient at capturing litter and debris before it enters the pond. They are however not 100% effective and not able to intercept all the litter in the system, some litter will end up in the pond after rain and particularly during large storms.
- City Services has a lakes cleaning team that remove litter from Canberra Urban lakes and ponds.
- The team remove litter from North Weston Pond between 4 to 6 times per year, depending on storm activity.
- The concerned area/surrounding tracks near the RSPCA near the North Weston Pond is litter picked daily.
- It is not envisaged that installing bin shrouds will completely solve the littering issue in the area due to its proximity to fast food restaurants.; however, City Services has considered the constituent's request and will install bin shrouds by mid-October 2024.
- The ACT Government is very conscious about littering and the negative impact it has on our city's amenity. It is unfortunate that the irresponsible actions of a few can have substantial impact on our city's appearance. The *Litter Act 2004* provides a deterrent to littering and City Rangers and ACT Policing can issue on-the spot fines to offenders ranging from \$60 to \$1,000. More information is available at <https://www.cityservices.act.gov.au/public-land/maintenance/littering>
- Maintaining a clean city requires a whole of community effort and cannot be tackled by the government alone.
- The ACT Government currently services 1,225 public bins across Canberra up to seven times a week for Canberrans to dispose of their waste and recycling in public places appropriately.
- Where no bins are located, it is the ACT Government's policy that people using public open space areas are responsible for taking their rubbish with them and disposing of it in an appropriate manner.

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**Date:**