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Transport Canberra and
City Services

Dot Point Request

Requested by: Minister's Office

Business Unit: Place Management

Subject: Condition of Ormiston Circuit Pond

Dot Points:

- Canberra's urban ponds' primary function is to capture stormwater and allow sediments and pollutants to settle thus improving the water quality when it exits the pond.
- Insects are a normal part of any still waterbody. Unfortunately, insects such as mosquitos are a part of Canberra's environment, particularly around still water. The mosquito breeds in Canberra are considered very low risk in terms of carrying any disease. However, if individuals are allergic it is recommended to take precautionary measures such as using repellents.
- The pond at Ormiston Circuit is litter picked a minimum 6 times per year. If excessive litter is reported, the lake cleaners are able to schedule additional cleaning operations.
- Litter picking was recently conducted on-site the week of 2 October 2023. Some brush cutting of long grass where mowers can't reach was also undertaken on 10 October 2023.
- The pond will be added to a weed control program this season, targeting the woody weeds and other significant weeds. For noting, there are many native aquatic reeds within the waterway that are beneficial to filtering pollutants and providing habitat.

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