



## Standing Committee on Environment, Climate Change and Biodiversity

### **Inquiry into Annual and Financial Reports 2021-2022** **ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

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Asked by Ms Nicole Lawder MLA on 7 November 2022: Mr Shane Rattenbury MLA took on notice the following question:

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In relation to: Healthy Waterways Stage 2

**MS LAWDER:** Of the remaining funding for Healthy Waterways stage two, have you determined what that is going to be spent on?

**Mr Rattenbury:** As in the full list of proposed projects?

**MS LAWDER:** Yes.

**Mr Rattenbury:** Yes, we do have a list. I cannot remember if it has been given to you before or not, Ms Lawder, so let me take that on notice and check.

**MS LAWDER:** Thank you.

**Mr Rattenbury:** Yes, there is a list of projects in mind. The final cost of them has probably got some movement in it still as they go through full design process, for example, we are out consulting on the project in Belconnen at the moment at Emu Ridge, and the community is already giving some feedback which is leading us to reconsider some of the design issues. So the cost of that project may move around a little bit. Probably what I can give you is a list of the intended projects but probably not a list of the final cost because through the consultation process, you know, we anticipate a degree of movement.

**MS LAWDER:** Great. Thanks.

**Shane Rattenbury MLA:** The answer to the Member's question is as follows:–

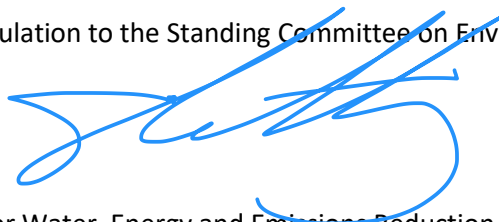
The Stage 2 Healthy Waterways program comprises a number of projects, namely:

- Water Quality Infrastructure – construction of up to 13 new urban water quality assets. One has been built, one is close to completion and up to eleven more will be built subject to approvals and final costs.
- Naas-Gudgenby River restoration project.
- Public education and engagement with businesses and Government to reduce the amount of leaf litter, grass clippings and fertilisers from entering stormwater.
- Continuing research into the sources of pollution in the Tuggeranong catchment.
- Monitoring of water quality across the ACT to support modelling and assessment of the effectiveness of assets and projects.
- Catchment and lake/river water quality models for Lake Tuggeranong, Lake Ginninderra, Lake Burley Griffin, Yerrabi Pond and Paddy's River.
- From the information provided by the models mentioned above, develop catchment plans for managing water quality in Lake Tuggeranong, Lake Ginninderra, Lake Burley Griffin, Yerrabi Pond, Naas-Gudgenby River and Paddy's River.
- New technology and communications resources for the Government and public to access water quality data (in real time) and information about the status of water resources.

Information about these projects is available online at [www.environment.act.gov.au/water/ACT-Healthy-Waterways/infrastructure-projects/act-healthy-waterways-program/stage-2](http://www.environment.act.gov.au/water/ACT-Healthy-Waterways/infrastructure-projects/act-healthy-waterways-program/stage-2).

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