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Mr Brendan Smyth
Through Mr Zed Seselja
Chair of the Select Committee on Estimates
ACT Legislative Assembly

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Dear Mr Smyth (and your fellow committee members)

When we appeared before the committee on Friday you asked us if there were things we would not be able to do because the ACT budget has provided less money than we had expected.

Dr Tennant-Wood, with one eye on the clock, gave a general answer. We thought afterwards that you might have been looking for something more specific, and we offer it here:

1. The Green Technology Studio, with seed funding from Australian Ethical Investments, which would have demonstrated and showcased alternative energy systems, will now be on hold.
2. Food for Life, a collection of projects in collaboration with other community groups aimed at increasing both the production and consumption of locally-grown food, will now wait on other funding before going ahead, and will get little or no administrative support.
3. The Sustainable and Affordable Housing project will be shelved.
4. The Waste-to-Soil project, which would have diverted organic waste from landfill for composting, will not now go ahead without a separate grant (e.g. through ACT NoWaste).
5. The Solar Power Co-op, which would have put community-owned solar arrays onto large roof spaces, will also now await other funding before going ahead, and will go without previously-planned levels of administrative support.

We hope this more fully answers your question.

Yours Sincerely

Greg Carman

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Dr Robin Tennant-Wood

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