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**ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**  
**DURING PUBLIC HEARINGS**  
**ESD No 13**



Asked by Mr Smyth on 24 June 2014: Minister Corbell took on notice the following question(s):

Ref: Hansard Transcript, Select Committee on Estimates 2014-2015, 24 June 2014, page 86.

In relation to: the Isabella Weir spillway:-

What effect does the Isabella Weir spillway have on water quality in Lake Tuggeranong?

**Minister Corbell : The answer to the Member's question is as follows:-**

Lake Tuggeranong has been identified as a priority catchment under the ACT's Basin Priority Project. The ACT Basin Priority Project has distinct phases. Phase one is the development of an integrated water quality monitoring regime, incorporating detailed monitoring throughout the ACT, with particular emphasis on six priority sub-catchments.

Phase one will also include a water quality infrastructure audit. The aim of the audit is to determine the overall performance, effectiveness and provide recommendations on improvements and possible augmentation opportunities for these assets. Lake Tuggeranong as a stormwater detention and water quality facility has been identified on the list of assets to be audited. The tender for this consultancy is currently open and will close on 31 July 2014.

The impact of the Isabella Weir and spillway infrastructure will form part of the water quality and infrastructure audit of Lake Tuggeranong. Therefore the data obtained from this audit and from the integrated water quality monitoring regime will provide data on the impact Isabella Weir and the area it services has on Lake Tuggeranong. Any current studies/reports on the Lake and its catchment will also be considered in the Phase one process.

The analysis will be used to inform the business case required for the second phase of this Project - major development of water quality interception structures. Phase two is subject to the Commonwealth's approval of the infrastructure proposals.

Approved for circulation to the Select Committee on Estimates 2014-2015

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By the Minister for the Environment