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Inquiry into Environmental Volunteerism in the ACT

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Thank you for reaching out to us! I knew about the inquiry and did have a think about responding but had no urgent issues to raise. The ACT has, I believe, the highest level of environmental volunteerism in Australia.

As Coordinators, our role is to support and foster volunteering in the Upper Murrumbidgee Waterwatch Program for our respective catchment groups. I experience little difficulty recruiting and retaining volunteers and rarely have to 'advertise'. That said, as with any endeavour we could always do much more if we had more coordinator hours. Waterwatch Coordination currently gets 0.7 FTE equivalent (3.5 days a week) in each of the 3 catchment groups. I'm not sure about the Frogwatch program now. It used to be 0.4 FTE if/when funded. We are now reasonably well supported by the ACT Government to do this. This has not always been the case. Happy to be contacted anytime and happy to provide more information."

Kind regards,

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| *acknowledge and respect this land and people of the Ngunnawal, Ngunawal and Ngambri nations.*