



**Inquiry into Annual and Financial Reports 2020-2021**  
**ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE**

**NICOLE LAWDER MLA:** To ask the Minister for Planning and Land Management

In relation to: Demanding and Mac and Bert Oldfields Huts

1. Given that the Consultant's Report commissioned by the ACT Government recommended the restoration or reconstruction of both the huts, why won't the government commit to rebuilding these huts?

**MINISTER GENTLEMAN:** I am advised the answer to the Member's question is as follows:–

The Consultant's recommendation was put to the ACT Heritage Council for their consideration. The independent Council advised the ACT Parks and Conservation Service (PCS) that given the extensive damage and loss of original fabric, the best course of action would be to stabilise the ruins and not seek restoration of either structure on site.

Pending further discussions with the Heritage Council Chair and with the Kosciusko Huts Association, PCS is currently exploring an option to build a new hut structure, at a nearby site, using traditional methods, and materials most like those employed by the original builders of one of the destroyed huts.

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Signature:

Date: 16/3/2022

By the Minister for Planning and Land Management, Minister Gentleman