

TERRITORY AND MUNICIPAL SERVICES

Inquiry into Auditor-General's Report No.3 of 2013: Restoration of the Lower Cotter Catchment

Minister: Planning and Land Management

ISSUE: Lower Cotter Catchment – Funding

KEY POINTS

- Government has identified funding to address enhanced land management outcomes in the Lower Cotter Catchment as outlined in the 2015-16 budget.
 - TAMS has been allocated a total of \$7.855M over four years to:
 - repair existing erosion control structures to better protect water quality;
 - deliver further fuel management activities such as the removal of some pine tree wildlings that may pose an increased fire hazard;
 - repair fire trails;
 - control pest plants and animals; and
 - increase staff presence in the area to ensure illegal activity is minimised and to complete a management plan for the area.
 - A program by program breakdown of funding is outlined in the following table.
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	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	Four Years
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
LCC Bushfire Management including Blue Range	799	1,229	1,004	1,574	
LCC Bushfire Management Staffing (one SPOC)	137	141	145	148	5,177
Staffing (Ranger Grade2 + GSO 5/6)	148	199	208	212	
Vehicle and operating costs	80	85	87	89	
LCC Reserve Management Plan	30	20	0	0	
LCC Erosion and Sediment Control	300	200	100	100	
LCC Delivery of integrated conservation management program (weeds[blackberry and pine wildings, excluding Blue Range project])	150	150	100	100	
LCC Delivery of integrated conservation management program (vertebrate pests)	30	30	30	30	
LCC Delivery of integrated conservation management program (rehabilitation)	50	50	50	50	2,678
TOTAL COTTER CATCHMENT SPENDING	1,724	2,104	1,724	2,303	7,855

Key:

	Fire fuel management works
	Other land management works

Cleared as accurate and complete as at 3 March 2016

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