

ATTACHMENT A

Milestone	Project description
August, 2014	The ACT WSUD Review release Cab Sub 14/122 recommended government look at eight priority projects including Priority Project 2: Alternative management and funding models for sustainable operation and maintenance.
2015	ACT Health Waterways (Basin Project) looks at improving long-term water quality for the ACT and Murrumbidgee River. Provided funding for project.
July, 2015	First briefing to DGWG which included: • MJA had been engaged to look at alternative management and funding models. • Information overview on producing a Cabinet Submission. <u>Note:</u> Briefings have been provided at every DGWG meeting since this date.
November, 2015	The URSC considered this work (15/180). The final draft report by MJA was presented to the URSC. The information paper highlighted: • the need for change management (including the Basin Project's infrastructure audit which looked at a sample of 42 water quality infrastructures ranging from lakes, ponds, wetlands, raingardens, swales and gross pollutant traps (GPTs) and trash racks. An additional 21 GPTs and trash racks were assessed further upstream of these sites. Key finding were 4 GPTs were limited by maintenance and 27 GPTs limited by maintenance and structural issues). • current arrangements (funding and management) including a funding shortfall (e.g. 2014 optimal O&M modelled at \$6.7m compared with an actual spend of \$2.5m) • the alternative options, including the preferred options and its relationship to other government priorities.
April, 2016	The URSC considered the progress of this work. It reiterated the need for the work and also the findings that we could improve some weaknesses. The paper (16/037) informed the URSC of the proposal to commission a pre-feasibility: options assessment study. The URSC noted that the study would provide specific information on the transaction costs of establishing a stormwater charge, and a proposed transfer of assets to Icon Water, or the establishment of a stormwater utility. This study would also further explore the options that best meet the ACT Government's strategic directions and other high level policy objectives as mentioned above in the most cost effective manner.
6 September, 2016	Cabinet (16/148) considered this body of work and formally endorsed the further investigations of the preferred models, but also including refining current arrangements. The background above provides a summary of this decision.
October/ November, 2016	DGWG meeting including invitation to executives to provide an information briefing on the project.
Jan 2017	Briefing to the new Minister(s) regarding this proposal.
2017	Possible executive level workshops and meetings before the Cabinet Submission which is aimed for second quarter of 2017.