



STANDING COMMITTEE ON PLANNING TRANSPORT AND CITY SERVICES
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Inquiry into ACT Budget 2021–22
ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Asked by Nicole Lawder MLA:

Ref: Food organics and garden organics – household waste trial, Budget Outlook, Page 213

In relation to: FOGO Pilot

1. When can other Canberra suburbs other than Belconnen, Bruce Cook and Macquarie expect to access the FOGO program?
 - a. Given that the FOGO pilot material will be processed at Corkhill Bros at the Mugga Lane Resource Management Centre, what systems will be in place to combat any odour that the waste will cause in the area and in nearby suburbs?
 - b. Regarding the \$700,000 allocated to establishing a FOGO waste recovery facility, is it your intention that this will remain on site at the Mugga Lane Resource Management Centre, or will other sites be investigated?
 - c. Are there any sites in Belconnen that could be investigated for this potential facility given the ACT Government decided not to renew the lease of the West Belconnen green waste disposal facility?

Mr Chris Steel MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:–

1. The FOGO pilot will inform the broader rollout of the FOGO service to the rest of Canberra. A focus of the pilot will be to look at contamination rates, and how FOGO collection can be implemented successfully across a mix of single residential houses and multi-unit apartment dwellings before the service is delivered to the rest of Canberra. The commencement of the whole of Canberra service will be dependent on a number of factors, including the environmental approvals of a FOGO processing facility and associated procurement and construction timeframes.
 - a. The Corkhill Bros at the Mugga Lane facility will use an aerated static pile primary processing method to compost the FOGO material. This process uses an enclosed structure with reverse air pressure and a biofilter to manage odour. Leachate, water that leaches from the FOGO material, will be captured and reused in the composting process. Secondary processing will involve open windrow maturation on the Corkhill Bros Mugga site.
 - b. The Government is investigating suitable sites for a permanent, large scale FOGO processing facility for the ACT.
 - c. Refer to response to question b.

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By the Minister for Transport and City Services, Mr Chris Steel MLA