



Inquiry into annual and financial reports 2024–25

Answer to question on notice

Asked by: Ms Jo Clay MLA

Addressed to: Minister for Climate Change, Environment, Energy and Water

Redirected to: N/A

Reference: Nature Repair Market

Hearing: 17 November 2025

In relation to: Nature Repair Market

Question received: 25 November 2025

Answer Due: 02 December 2025

- 1) What actions is the ACT Government undertaking to educate and/or support engagement in the ACT with the Nature Repair Market?
- 2) Is the government aware of any projects in the ACT?
- 3) Are there any challenges the ACT Government is aware of for rural lessees in the ACT wanting to engage with the Nature Repair Market?

Ms Suzanne Orr MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

- 1) The ACT Government is participating in multiple Commonwealth-convened working groups to develop the methodologies and functioning of the Nature Repair Market. ACT Government has provided updates on the progress of these discussions to the Nature Conservation Forum (which includes representatives of the Rural Landholders Association) and the Rural Landholders Association.
- 2) There are no current Nature Repair Market projects in the ACT. However, ACT Government is exploring projects that could be eligible, including projects run both by private leaseholders and by the Government.
- 3) The relatively small nature of potential Nature Repair Market projects in the ACT is likely to provide a challenge. Buyers may not be attracted to these projects as they may not generate enough biodiversity credits to sell them. The other challenge is the leasehold nature of the ACT's rural land which may limit the exact mechanism through which the required long-term commitment to deliver the specified biodiversity credit can be assured.

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Signature:

Date: 05/12/25

By the Minister for Climate Change, Environment, Energy and Water, Ms Suzanne Orr MLA