

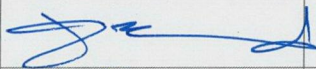


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SUBJECT	Lake Tuggeranong Water Quality
CORRESPONDENT	Nicole Lawder MLA
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Dear Ms Lawder ^{Nicole} MLA

Thank you for your letter of 14 December 2015 on behalf of your constituent, Ms Glenys Patulny regarding water quality at Lake Tuggeranong and the ACT Basin Priority Project.

I recall the correspondence received from Ms Patulny and advise that I have responded to her.

The ACT Government is working hard to find ways to improve long-term water quality in the ACT's lakes and waterways. The establishment this year of the new ACT and Region Catchment Coordination Group, along with the implementation of the ACT Basin Priority Project are two important examples of this work.

The ACT and Region Catchment Coordination Group is a statutory body that has the function of advising the ACT Minister for the Environment about matters relating to catchment management in the ACT and Upper Murrumbidgee catchment. This Group brings together key stakeholders across the ACT and NSW and the Commonwealth Government to collaborate and coordinate actions to manage the region's catchments.

The ACT Basin Priority Project is being delivered in partnership with the Commonwealth Government. Phase 1 of the project has focused on collecting water quality data, consulting with the community and analysing the overall effectiveness and suitability of options to improve water quality.

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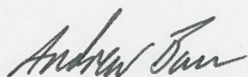
I understand that the Environment and Planning Directorate (the Directorate) has been engaging with a range of stakeholders including the Tuggeranong Community Council through Phase 1. This has ensured that these stakeholders have been actively involved in the identification and assessment of water quality treatment options.

The Directorate is currently discussing proposed treatment options with the Commonwealth, taking into consideration an analysis of the broader economic costs and benefits to the ACT. Projected costs of failure to act to improve water quality are also being highlighted. This is especially important in Tuggeranong and we have made sure that this is emphasised in discussions with the Commonwealth.

Phase 2, subject to the Commonwealth Government's approval, will involve the construction of water quality improvement infrastructure. I am pleased to advise that a number of investments have been proposed for the Tuggeranong catchment. However, the extent of works will be dependent on the Commonwealth's assessment.

I trust that this information has been of assistance.

Yours sincerely



Andrew Barr MLA
Chief Minister

12 FEB 2016