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**THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY FOR THE AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL
TERRITORY**

**GOVERNMENT RESPONSE TO REPORT 24 OF 2007
BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY STANDING COMMITTEE FOR
PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT**

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Government Response to Report 24 of 2007
from the Standing Committee for Planning and Environment

Recommendation 1

The Committee recommends that the Minister request the Department of Territory and Municipal Services amend the *Draft Plan of Management for Urban Open Space and Public Access Sportsgrounds in the Gungahlin Region (2006)*, so that it refers to, and is consistent with the *Service Charter for ACT Sportsgrounds*.

Agreed. A paragraph has been inserted at 5.11 Sportsground Uses making reference to the *Service Charter for ACT Sportsgrounds*.

Recommendation 2

The Committee recognises the challenges created by drought in managing sportsgrounds and commends the ACT Government for its responses to date. The Committee recommends that the ACT Government continue to diversify the water resources it relies on for irrigating sportsgrounds in the ACT.

Agreed. The ACT Government will continue to investigate the use of non-potable water for the irrigation of sportsgrounds.

Recommendation 3

The Committee recommends that the *Draft Plan of Management for Urban Open Space and Public Access Sportsgrounds in the Gungahlin region (2006)* be amended to better acknowledge the role of stakeholders in the management of sportsgrounds and urban open space in the ACT.

Noted. The purpose of the Plan is to inform the Government and community of the types of urban open space and public access sportsgrounds in the Gungahlin region and how they are managed by TAMS. The role of other stakeholders has been acknowledged in Table 3 of the Plan.

Recommendation 4

The Committee recommends that the Minister ensure that the *Draft Plan of Management for Urban Open Space and Public Access Sportsgrounds in the Gungahlin Region (2006)* is updated before he approves it.

Agreed. The Minister for Planning will read the updated Plan prior to approving it and lodging it with the Legislative Assembly as a disallowable instrument under the *Land (Planning and Environment) Act 1991*.