



Inquiry into annual and financial reports 2024–25

Answer to question on notice

Asked by: Miss Laura Nuttall MLA

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

Redirected to: N/A

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Hearing: 17 November 2025

In relation to: Tuggeranong Creek

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Answer Due: 02 December 2025

- 1) A Ministerial Brief in November 2024 says the Tuggeranong Creek renaturalisation project under Healthy Waterways was ready to go. At the time, was there any funding committed to the project?
- 2) When did the Directorate realise that there was not money for the project?
- 3) Who made the decision to not proceed with the project, and when was the decision made?
- 4) The November 2024 Ministerial brief estimates the project would cost \$1million. What is the current estimated cost of the project?

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

In November 2023, the then Minister for Water, Shane Rattenbury, approved a proposed priority order for construction of the final 'Stage 2' Healthy Waterways water quality assets:

1. Stormwater recycling unit for irrigating Kambah Playing Fields.
2. Restoration of the Tuggeranong Creek anabranch.
3. A mini-raingarden in Higgins.

The cost of restoring the Tuggeranong Creek anabranch was re-estimated in September 2024 at \$1.6 million. The increase in cost from our previous estimate reflects a sharp increase in construction costs in recent years.

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In December 2024, the incoming Minister, Minister Orr, was briefed on the status of the work to develop options to restore Lake Tuggeranong as well as the priority water quality assets listed above.

The stormwater recycling at Kambah was subsequently built. Existing funding from Stage 2 does not cover the capital cost of the Tuggeranong Creek anabranch. A decision on progressing further water quality assets will be made after the options for Lake Tuggeranong work has been through public consultation and finalised.

Approved for circulation to the Standing Committee on Environment and Planning

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Signature:

Date: 28/11/25

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