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Ms Nicole Lawder MLA  
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Dear Ms Lawder

Thank you for your letter about draining of Fadden Pond.

Transport Canberra and City Services (TCCS) is custodian of the stormwater systems and waterways in the ACT and is responsible for the management and maintenance of this infrastructure. The aim of maintenance activities is to improve the performance of these assets so they can capture sediments and improve quality of water fed into waterways and to retain water to prevent flooding.

TCCS understand that the maintenance process can be disruptive to the local flora and fauna and therefore, TCCS works closely with the Environmental Protection Agencies to minimise any adverse outcomes. The maintenance activities were scheduled outside of the breeding season, and native fish and turtles were relocated. The remaining wildlife has been closely monitored.

The Fadden Pond is now partially filled with water and we anticipate that the level of water will further increase during rain forecasted for the next week.

Thank you for raising this matter. I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

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Minister for Transport and City Services  
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