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Ms Nicole Lawder MLA  
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Dear Ms Lawder

Thank you for your letter about Fadden Pond.

We appreciate concern of the residents regarding wellbeing of the wildlife in the Fadden Pond.

The main purpose of the maintenance works carried out at Fadden Pond was to improve capability of the pond to capture the sediment and to improve quality of water fed to waterways. The purpose of the inlet structure is to redirect the overflowing water to prevent flooding of the area. Residents' request for installation of the mesh over the structure would prevent ducklings from falling into it however, it would also prevent the free flow of water due to debris captured in the net which would significantly increase complexity and cost of maintenance of this pond.

The Environment Protection Authority has been contacted seeking advice on the probability of ducklings being captured in the inlet structure and, Transport Canberra and City Services is currently looking at various options of preventing this from happening.

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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