



Inquiry into Appropriation Bill 2026–2027 and Appropriation (Office of the Legislative Assembly) Bill 2026–2027

Answer to question on notice

Asked by: Ms Fiona Carrick MLA

Addressed to: Minister for Planning and Sustainable Development

Reference: Planning – City and Environment Directorate

Hearing: 24 July 2026

In relation to: Yarralumla Creek flood mitigation

Question received: 3 August 2026

Answer Due: 10 August 2026

What plans does the government have for flood mitigation at the intersection of the Yarralumla Creek and Long Gully Creek floodways, at the end of Irving Street, Phillip to protect buildings such as The Ivy and the Slovenian Club and future developments in the area, including the Yarravale development and the proposed light rail station?

Chris Steel MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

As part of the Light Rail Stage 2B (LRS2B) Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), flood modelling and a flood impact assessment were undertaken across the project corridor, including Yarralumla Creek. The assessment examined existing flood conditions and the potential impacts of the project once the proposed infrastructure is constructed. The flood impact assessment informed key design measures to minimise and mitigate flood risks associated with the project and to ensure that light rail infrastructure, including the Phillip Oval Stop, is appropriately designed to withstand flood events.

The project area represents a small portion of the broader Yarralumla Creek catchment (approximately 2%). A key design objective is to ensure that the project does not worsen flood impacts on surrounding properties. As outlined in the EIS, an Inter-agency Catchment Working Group will be established to support a coordinated approach to future development within the catchment and to consider the implications of future climate change projections, including any interactions with light rail infrastructure. This coordination will support the ongoing design and operation of the project and will help inform strategic planning.

The Draft EIS is available on the Project website at [Stage 2B EIS | Canberra Light Rail Stage 2B | ACT Government](#). The revised, Final EIS will be made publicly available later this year.

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In addition to the works mentioned above, the ACT Government has also commissioned a flood study of the Yarralumla Creek Catchment including all suburbs of the Woden Valley. The study will use updated information on rainfall, climate change impacts, other hydrological and hydraulic parameters to prepare flood estimates and mapping for the catchment.

The ACT Government's immediate focus is completing the Yarralumla Creek Catchment flood study to identify and prioritise flooding hotspots and potential mitigation options within the entire catchment area. The flood study is anticipated to be completed in late 2026.

Approved for circulation to the Select Committee on Estimates 2026–2027

Signature:



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By the Minister for Planning and Sustainable Development, Chris Steel MLA