

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

**Letter advising of delay in Government Response to the Standing
Committee on Environment and Transport and City Services -
Report 11. Inquiry into the supply of water to the Tharwa
community**

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Dear Chair

I am writing in regard to Committee Report 11 *Inquiry into the supply of water to the Tharwa Community* tabled in the Legislative Assembly on 31 March 2020.

In accordance with Standing Order 254A, the Government Response to this report is due to be tabled by 12 July 2020. Unfortunately, Officials advise me that the response will be unable to be tabled by this date. I am informed that this arises as a result of the COVID-19 public health emergency. Assisting the Government respond to this public health emergency in addition to compliance with restrictions enacted in response has impacted the ability of the Environment, Planning and Sustainable Development Directorate to finalise the response.

In relation to the proposed new firefighting water supply (non-potable) infrastructure within Tharwa, I have been advised by Officials that the original development application that was lodged by Transport Canberra and City Services (TCCS) in November 2018 was formally withdrawn on 7 December 2019. TCCS will further engage with the Tharwa community on the location and details of the firefighting infrastructure prior to lodging a new development application.

Work is continuing on the Government Response and it is my hope this will be presented to the Assembly prior to the completion of the 9th Assembly.

I thank the Committee and Members for their understanding and trust no further action will be taken prior to the tabling of the Response.

Yours sincerely


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