



Standing Committee on Planning, Transport and City Services

Inquiry into Annual and Financial Reports 2021-2022 **ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

Asked by Nicole Lawder MLA on 8 November 2022: Mr Jim Corrigan took on notice the following question(s):

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In relation to: Floating Wetlands

MS LAWDER: So perhaps you can also take on notice if your directorate is responsible, when were those floating wetlands last inspected to make sure everything was okay, and I ask because in recent rain events, they have largely become untethered again and are breaking up and distributing stuff around the lake, and I feel there could be a better maintenance and inspection process. So you will take those questions on notice?

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

The Environment, Planning and Sustainable Development Directorate is responsible for the management of the floating wetland in Lake Tuggeranong as it is still in the trial and evaluation phase. I am advised by EPSDD that the original intent of the floating wetland, which is comprised of several platforms, is to prevent blue green algal blooms from developing in the Village Creek Bay of the lake and spreading throughout the Lake.

The Healthy Waterways contractors have trialled two tethering options within the bay. Each platform was tethered to both banks. However, the recent storms proved too strong and resulted in failure of a tether. This failure caused one bank of the platform to pivot to quieter waters on the opposite bank. The contractors managing the wetland reported that at no point did any parts of the platforms become entirely untethered and detached.

The platforms have now been moved to quieter waters in the Village Creek and Kambah Creek arm of Lake Tuggeranong where they continue to provide treatment against blue green algal blooms by absorbing nutrients.

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Date:

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By the Minister for Transport and City Services, Mr Chris Steel MLA