

Minister for the Environment
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Minister for Water, Energy and Emissions Reduction

Weekly Brief Template – 01/03/2021

Section	Updated by /Cleared by(initials)	Date	Ensure EGM raises key issues with Geoffrey Rutledge before adding Y/N
Conservation Research and Evaluation	RC		
Conservation Policy and Planning	JL		
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Resilient Landscapes	CG		
ACT Heritage	EJ		
PCS	DI		
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Minister Vassarotti - Minister for Environment

- Out of Scope

communication package is currently in preparation.

Minister Vassarotti - Minister Heritage

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Duplicate

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Minister Rattenbury - Minister for Water, Energy and Emissions Reduction (Water)

- NSW is threatening to withdraw four Sustainable Diversion Limit Adjustment Mechanism projects as the Commonwealth aren't considering 'a more flexible approach' to the agreed 30 June 2024 program end date. MDB. The BOC item on the Inspector-General of Water Compliance was withdrawn from the Basin Officials Committee 23 February agenda at the last minute and will be provided to Principals only. The Commonwealth haven't recirculated amendments since the last BOCP discussion. EPSDD is meeting with the Inspector General on the 5th March.
- The Waterwatch annual report card is called the Catchment Health Indicator Program (CHIP) report, is being finalised. It is based upon the data collected by volunteers throughout the

preceding year across 232 sites. The purpose of the report is to give the community a better understanding of water quality and riparian health issues in the catchment as well as providing an ongoing baseline assessment of catchment health, to assist natural resource managers and policy-makers in addressing some of these issues. The 2020 CHIP report is based upon 1,872 water quality surveys, 184 waterbug surveys and 219 riparian condition surveys conducted by over 200 volunteers. The report will be launch on World Water Day, 22 March 2021.

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- ACT NRM, is undertaking a pilot program to test approaches to increasing householder

management of autumn leaf litter. Leaf litter is thought to be a significant factor in the nutrient pollution that drives blue-green algal outbreaks. Social Marketing @ Griffith (Griffith University), who specialize in behaviour change for sustainable lifestyles, has been engaged to work with ACT NRM to co-design and deliver the pilot program using methods that maximise learning about what is likely to be successful. The pilot will allow comparison of the return on investment from behaviour change campaigns with other leaf litter management options and to scale up to a broader Canberra program if worthwhile. The pilot is scheduled to begin around the start of autumn in a select number of suburbs in areas with a high proportion of deciduous street trees.