

BRIEFING DETAILS			
Date:	Monday, 22 September 2025	Time:	1:00 – 2:00pm
Location:	via Teams	Apologies:	Nil

BRIEFING BUSINESS				
Item	Name	Timing	Requested by	Action Officers
1.	Declaration of Interest*			All
2.	Standing Items 2.1 Weekly Brief, Media Forecast and FOI Report 2.2 Ministerials in Action and Action Items 2.3 Assembly and Cabinet Business			Dave Peffer Sam Engele Bruce Fitzgerald Fiona Wright Bren Burkevics Amy Faulks
3.	Enterprise Agreement Bargaining	5	MO	

Environment				
1.	Nature Conservation Strategy Cabinet submissions (<i>Discuss status/next steps</i>)	5	MO	Dave Peffer Sam Engele Bren Burkevics
2.	Australian Bushland Program – Ministerial <i>Response to Correspondence – 25/0408595</i>			Dave Peffer Sam Engele Bren Burkevics

Climate Change and Energy				
3.	Electric Vehicle registrations in the ACT	5	MO	Dave Peffer Sam Engele Fiona Wright Ros Malouf
4.	Environmental Volunteers Conference Feedback Summary	5	MO	Dave Peffer Sam Engele Fiona Wright
5.	National Climate Risk Assessment and National Adaptation Plan (<i>25/0416205</i>)	5	MO	Dave Peffer Sam Engele Fiona Wright Bethel Sendaba
6.	Lake Tuggeranong Healthy Waterways Cabinet submission (<i>Discuss status/next steps</i>)	5	MO	Dave Peffer Sam Engele Fiona Wright David Clapham

9.	Waste Policy	5	MO	Dave Peffer Bruce Fitzgerald
10.	Other Business <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gula Death Review of the EPA and Conservator of Flora and Fauna 	10	MO	All

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Ministerial Brief

To:	Minister for Climate Change, Environment, Energy and Water	Tracking No.: 25/0000218
Date:	18/09/2025	
From:	Deputy Director-General, City and Environment Directorate	
Subject:	WEEKLY BRIEF - Commencing 22 September 2025	

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Purpose

To provide you with a summary of the current work from the City and Environment Directorate (CED). The brief also includes matters scheduled to occur from 22 to 26 September 2025.

KEY ISSUES

Climate Change, Energy and Water

Water

Water Resources Assessment – first results

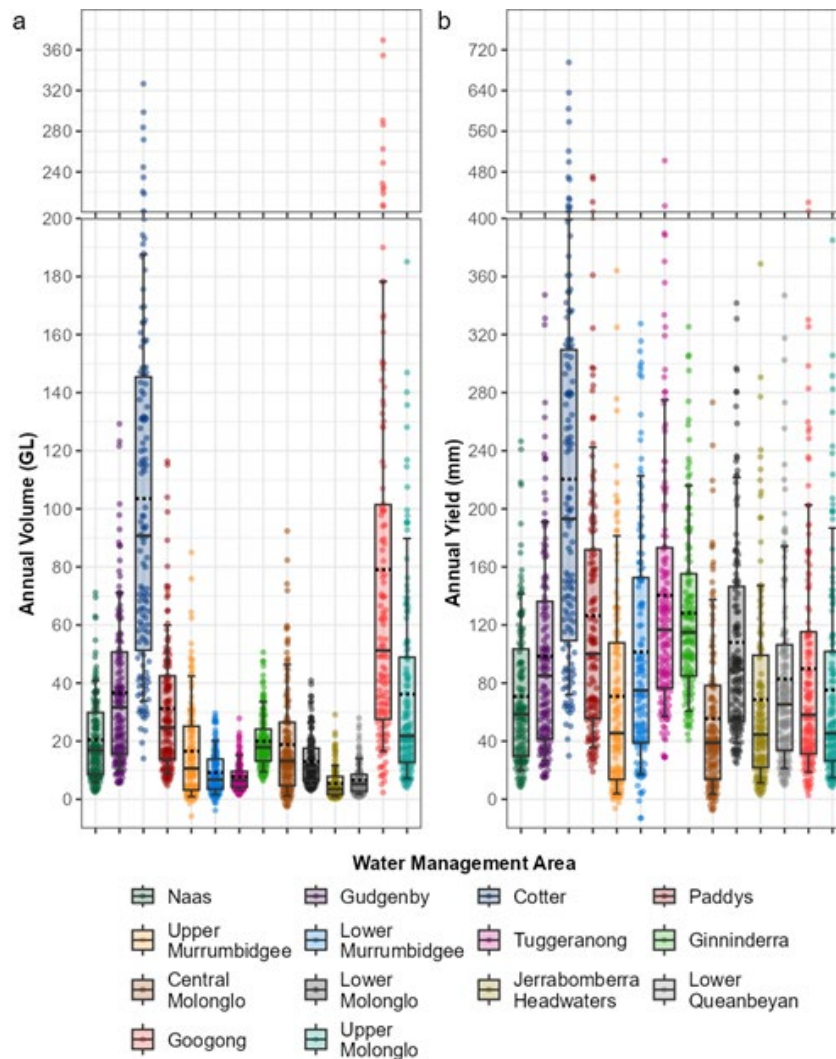
The Water Information Services (WIS) team is undertaking a Water Resource Assessment (WRA) project to assess the volumes of long-term water resources in the ACT Water Management Areas (WMAs), and how these resources may change under future climate change scenarios.

Key findings based on historical climate include:

- The annual surface water resource for the ACT (including ACT-generated and ACT paramount right water) is 404 GL/yr on average, but highly variable between years.
- Of this water, about 276 GL/yr (71%) is generated within the ACT.
- The two largest contributors to the ACT total water are the Cotter (104 GL/yr) and Googong Dam (79 GL/yr), which produce nearly half of the ACT total surface water resource.
- On average, most water was generated in winter (173 GL/yr) and spring (110 GL/yr), with the remaining 30% generated in autumn and summer.

A technical report is being prepared for publication on the City and Environment Directorate website.

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The above figure shows the water generated in each water management area over the last 134 years. The left panel shows annual volume (in gigalitres per year - GL/yr) while the right panel shows annual yield (in mm per year – mm/yr). Each coloured dot represents a single year. The box-and-whiskers plots show the distribution of the data over the 134 years.

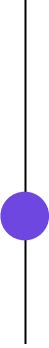
Groundwater monitoring project

The OoW has engaged EMM Consulting Pty Ltd to undertake a review of the groundwater monitoring requirements of the ACT and develop a fit-for-purpose groundwater monitoring program. Consultation with key agencies and stakeholders will commence shortly to gain an understanding of their groundwater information needs. This first phase of the program is anticipated to take approximately 6 months to complete. Depending on the recommendations, consideration will need to be given on the establishment of a groundwater monitoring program to commence in early 2026.

Runoff dams modelling project

The runoff dams project is reaching the end of the first milestone. HARC Pty Ltd have provided an extensive geodatabase of runoff dams they have identified using a range of data sources and methods across the ACT Water Management Areas. The WIS team is currently exploring how to publish the data to ensure it delivers maximum value to both the

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Government and the community. The second phase of the program will involve modelling the hydrological effects of these dams on the ACT's water resources. The scope for this second phase is currently being developed and will likely commence in the next few weeks.

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