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Dear Mr Cain

Thank you for your letter of 18 December 2024 about the installation of netting on Lake Tuggeranong floating wetlands.

As you may be aware, the floating wetlands are part of a suite of water quality measures which reduce or eliminate blue green algae outbreaks on the lake. Specifically, the aquatic plants in the floating wetlands use nutrients such as nitrogen and phosphorus, which blue green algae would otherwise feed on to bloom.

The Lake Tuggeranong floating wetlands were reconditioned and repaired in November 2024 to stabilise them and increase their area. This included the planting of additional aquatic flora. The netting is required to protect this new planting from birds while becoming established. Apart from protecting the new planting, the netting has no effect on the function of the floating wetlands.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Sincerely

Suzanne Orr MLA