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Dear Stewart,

The Australian Competition and Consumer Commission's [2021-22 Water Monitoring Report](#) is now publicly available. Thank you for your responding to our information request last year. Your information is fundamental to our ability to produce the report each year and is very much appreciated.

The 2021-22 report is structured by state. It highlights that regulated water charges differ substantially between different Basin states and that state government policies have a significant impact on on-river typical bills. We welcome any comments or questions you may have about the report.

Please find **attached** our 2022-23 information request (in an Excel spreadsheet). Please enter your data in the cells indicated and return the completed data tables in the Excel file (please do not return the Excel file as a PDF). This year's request is largely the same as last year's.

As the 2022-23 water monitoring report will be publicly released, information you provide in response to this information request **will not** generally be treated as confidential. If you consider particular parts of the information you have provide are confidential, please note this prominently in your response and provide reasons to support your confidentiality claim. Please see the [ACCC/AER information policy](#) for further information about confidentiality and how we will use your information.

We would be most grateful if you could return your completed information request by email to water@accc.gov.au by **14 September 2023**.

If you wish to discuss the information request or a confidentiality claim or will have difficulties providing your response by **14 September 2023** please contact Natasha Shirvill on (03) 9290 1885 or by email at **Personal informaton**

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ACT Environment, Planning and Sustainable Development Directorate

Statement of executive responsibility

Please provide a signed copy to the ACCC (an electronic version is adequate)

I, Fiona Wright, am an authorised agent in my capacity Deputy Director General, Environment, Water and Emissions Reduction of the Environment, Planning & Sustainable Development Directorate, having the appropriate authority to verify and supply information to the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission in meeting the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission's functions under the *Water Act 2007*.

In my opinion, the information provided to the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission presents an accurate and fair representation of the ACT Government's activities and compliance information concerning the period 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023.



Signature

30/11/23

Date

2022-23 ACCC WPM Information Request					
ACT Environment, Planning and Sustainable Development Directorate					
Table 2 - Water planning and management activities and expenditures					
The ACCC has identified WPM activities carried out by your agency in 2022-23 and where possible has pre-filled the following table. For existing or new WPM activities, please confirm the activity title and the NWI defined category in the green cells. Please enter the 2022-23 cost for each WPM activity under question 2.1 c. For any new WPM activities not already listed, please provide details in the empty purple cells in the bottom part of the list below Please provide a breakdown of total capital, operating and corporate costs either: - by activity under question 2.1 d; OR - for ALL activities under question 2.2.					
2.1	2.1 a. Please list the WPM Activities carried out by your agency in 2022-23.	2.1 b. Please select the NWI defined category that this activity primarily relates to	2.1 c. Activity cost		2.1 d. Breakdown between capital, operating and corporate costs. Please answer this question (for individual items), or question 2.2 (totals).
			2021-22	2022-23	
			\$'000	\$'000	
	Water Policy	Water reform strategy and policy	\$ 413	\$ 826	Operating expenses. No corporate costs. Includes new office of water funding.
	Inner North Stormwater Reticulation System	Water management	\$ -		
	Stormwater Maintenance	Water management	\$ 2,096	\$ 1,985	Operating
	Waterwatch	Water monitoring & evaluation	\$ 476	\$ 409	Operating costs. Includes payments for waterwatch funding only
	Monitoring of water usage throughout the ACT education directorate	Water monitoring & evaluation	\$ -	\$ -	
	Molonglo 3 Infrastructure - Deep Creek Pond (concept design)	Water management	\$ 1,582	\$ 1,288	These costs are capitalised as part of inventory for the SLA's Whillam development.
	ACT Healthy Waterways Asset Maintenance (TCCS Assets Only)	Water management	\$ 1,424	\$ 1,236	Operating
	Conservation Research - waterway monitoring and evaluation	Water monitoring & evaluation	\$ 215	\$ 271	Grants to waterwatch organisations.
	Hydrometrics and water quality monitoring	Water monitoring & evaluation	\$ 348	\$ 122	
	Healthy Waterways - water quality improvement assets	Water management	\$ 3,724	\$ 2,435	Capital funding, 100%. Includes healthy waterways asset purchases
	Healthy Waterways - planning and program delivery	Water planning	\$ 1,240	\$ 2,181	Operating costs. Relates to evaluation and monitoring costs (excludes any asset costs).
	Water compliance - EPA	Water administration and regulation	\$ 298		
	New WPM Activities for 2022-23				
	Payments to catchment groups	Water management		\$ 323	Payments to catchment groups.
	Water Vulnerability Strategy	Please select...		\$ 107	Preparation of water vulnerability strategy for the ACT.
		Please select...			
		Please select...			
	Please select...				
	Total Cost of WPM Activities above	\$ 11,814.5	\$ 11,182.7		
2.2	If you have not answered question 2.1 d, please indicate what proportion (either as a percentage or a dollar amount) of WPM activity costs were:	Capital Costs	\$ 3,724.0	\$ 2,229.0	
		Operating Costs	\$ 8,090.5	\$ 11,182.7	
		Corporate Costs			
		Total of Cap/Op/Corp categories	\$ 11,814.5	\$ 13,411.7	
		Difference between cost totals:	\$ -	\$ 2,229.0	
	Check on cost totals: If there is a discrepancy in cell above between sum of costs of WPM activities and sum of capital, operating and corporate components, please check calculations or explain.				
Operator notes to the ACCC: Please indicate which question(s) the comment(s) relate to.					

Notes

Questions

TCCS had a total expense of \$1,985,389. The main activity that contributes to water quality outcomes is the cleaning of GPTs. These cleaning costs have been left in the report.

TCCS had a total expense of \$1,236,935. Healthy waterway assets primary function is about water quality. Majority of maintenance and operational costs