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To	Minister for the Environment
From	Director-General <i>[Signature]</i> 24/8/15 Executive Director, Environment <i>[Signature]</i> 24/8/15
Subject	ACT Basin Priority Project – <i>Canberra Clean Water</i> Supplementary Report to the Commonwealth Government
Critical Date	The Economic Growth and Urban Renewal Sub-Committee is considering the attached paper on its 01 Sept 2015 meeting.
Critical Reason	<i>ASAP</i>

Purpose

To seek your agreement to lodge the attached information paper to the Economic Growth and Urban Renewal Sub-Committee on the 01 September 2015.

Background

1. The Cabinet Brief seeking ACT Government endorsement of the supplementary report is due to be discussed at the Cabinet meeting on 03 November 2015. Due to the time constraints, it has been agreed that the Sub-Committee process take the place of the Exposure Draft circulation of the Cabinet Process.
2. To allow the project to move to the Phase 2 (Detailed design and construction) the Project Schedule agreed by the Commonwealth and ACT Government requires a draft Supplementary Report describing the water quality infrastructure options and their costs and benefits. The draft supplementary report is due to the Commonwealth by 03 December 2015.

Issues

3. The draft Supplementary Report to the ACT Basin Priority Project (BPP) Business Case (the Report) must be delivered to the Commonwealth for assessment by 03 December 2015.
4. In making their assessment of the Supplementary Report, the Commonwealth will refer to Due Diligence Criteria for the project. The detail of the criteria is currently being negotiated between officials.
5. A Water Quality Survey was conducted by the University of Canberra across the ACT and surrounding areas of NSW during July-August 2015. The survey asked how people valued waterways of the ACT. The preliminary results of the survey will be presented to the Sub-Committee on September 01.

Performance Assessment

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According to criteria specified in ACT Government Policy Performance Measures

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Financial Implications

6. If the supplementary report is accepted by the Commonwealth the ACT will be required to provide an \$8.5m (10%) cost share contribution and confirm the funding of ongoing operation and maintenance of the new infrastructure.

Directorate Consultation

7. EPD has undertaken targeted consultation with ACT Government Directorates impacted by this project, including Chief Minister's and Treasury and Territory and Municipal Services.

External Consultation

8. The Commonwealth has been consulted with in relation to the Due Diligence criteria.

Benefits/Sensitivities

9. There is significant interest in the Basin Priority Project amongst the community groups, academics and the consulting industry.

Media Implications

10. The Project has already attracted significant media attention in relation to improving the water quality in urban lakes and waterways and will attract more, should the bid be successful.

Recommendation

That you:

- note the information contained in this brief;

NOTED/PLEASE DISCUSS

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Minister's Comments

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