



STANDING COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT, CLIMATE CHANGE AND BIODIVERSITY
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Inquiry into referred 2019–20 Annual and Financial Reports and Budget Estimates 2020-21
ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Asked by **ELIZABETH KIKKERT**:

Ref: Output 2.1, Budget statement E, Table 30: EPSDD Infrastructure Program, line item “caring for our environment – water quality improvement – contributions to the ACT Healthy Waterways Project”, p35

In relation to: Healthy Water Ways

1. Regarding the \$30 million commitment to the Healthy Waterways project across the ACT, is there funding for this in the budget?
 - a. If so, under what line item is this funding included? Has the \$30 million commitment been met?
 - i. What specific projects will be funded, broken down by financial year for the next four years?
 - ii. What specific projects will be funded, broken down by body of water and location for the next four years?

MINISTER RATTENBURY: The answer to the Member’s question is as follows:–

The 2020/21 Budget provided \$1.5 million to commence detailed design works for new healthy waterways projects, building on the significant investments already made over the last four years. The Budget also funded the establishment of a floating wetland, planned for Lake Tuggeranong to help improve water quality. The healthy waterways projects protect and improve long-term water quality in the ACT, as well as downstream in the Murrumbidgee River system.

Further funding to progress a range of priority projects to improve water quality will be considered as part of future budgets.

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Signature:

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By the Minister for Water, Energy and Emissions Reduction, Shane Rattenbury