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Member for Ginninderra

RESPONSE TO QUESTION ON NOTICE Questions on Notice Paper No 4 Friday, 21 March 2025 Question No. 245

MR BRADDOCK: To ask the Minister for City and Government Services —

- 1. Why has the Government neglected to complete path lighting on the stretch between the basketball court and the lake foreshore on the Gungahlin side of Yerrabi pond, given this area's proximity to a large number of residents in Gungahlin, and is also the area identified in the women's safety map where women feel least safe around the pond.
- 2. Are there any plans to provide lighting in this area.
- 3. What were the results of the solar path lighting trial on the Amaroo shore of Yerrabi pond.

Ms Tara Cheyne MLA – The answer to the Member's questions are as follows:

- 1. The ACT Government committed funds for lighting upgrades as part of a program of upgrade works at Yerrabi Pond. Works were prioritised for delivery based on an assessment of need and areas of known safety concerns identified through liaison with ACT Policing.
- 2. Delivery of further lighting at Yerrabi Pond will be assessed through the TCCS infrastructure planning processes.
- 3. A solar light trial commenced in March 2022 with the installation of 13 solar lights between the Bizant Street Playground and Diamond Street. The trial is expected to run for approximately five years from installation, ending in March 2027. To date, trial results are generally positive around performance and reliability, and upfront installation costs are comparative to traditional

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streetlighting. Notwithstanding the relatively small footprint, the early assessment indicates that it provides a cost-effective alternative for electrical mains connected path lighting.

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