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RESPONSE TO QUESTION ON NOTICE
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MS Jo Clay MLA - To ask the Minister for Homes and New Suburbs:

- (1) What is the current status of the CSIRO Ginninderra site.
- (2) Has the Territory commenced environmental, ecological studies, geo-technical or other associated site investigation studies to determine the suitability of the land for residential development.
- (3) How will the ecological and environmental values of the site be protected.

MINISTER BERRY MLA - The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

- CSIRO and SLA have been collaborating to understand the development potential and associated infrastructure requirements required for divesting the CSIRO property at Ginninderra - the former 701-hectare experiment station between Belconnen and the Barton Highway in Canberra's north.
- As part of the planned divestment, CSIRO has commissioned a number of specialist reports, surveys and assessments to better understand the conservation, environmental and heritage values of Ginninderra and how to protect them. The proposed approach set out in the EPBC referral will help ensure the future protection of Ginninderra's conservation, environmental and heritage values.
- CSIRO's Ginninderra site comprises two parcels of land – East and West.

- CSIRO is liaising regularly with the relevant Commonwealth and Territory government departments regarding the approvals and agreements required to divest both the Eastern and Western portions of the site, including the EPBC referral, and is committed to carefully working through all complex elements.

Approved for circulation to the Member and incorporation into Hansard.


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