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RESPONSE TO QUESTION ON NOTICE**Questions on Notice Paper No 8****27 June 2025****Question No. 474**

MR EMERSON MLA - To ask the Minister for Climate Change, Environment, Energy and Water:

- 1) Has Government funding for NatureMapr been reduced, given that funding has been reported as being “cut in half”; if so, why and how much of the funding was reduced.
- 2) Will the Government fund the efforts of volunteers currently working to improve the state of the environment and water quality at Tuggeranong Homestead who currently do not have any funding.

MINISTER ORR MLA - The answer to the Member’s question is as follows:

- 1) The ACT Government provides funding to the NatureMapr business via a Goods and Services Agreement and a Deed of Grant. The total of these payments is over \$100,000 and is consistent from 2024-2025 to 2027-28.

Additional funding of \$100,000 to Naturemapr was provided by the ACT Government in 2024-25 through a Commonwealth Grant. This funding source has ended.

- 2) Community volunteer groups in the ACT working on urban land can apply to register their group with [the Urban Parks and Place Volunteer Program](#). This program is coordinated by the ACT Governments City and Environment Directorate and supports groups efforts to undertake conservation and maintenance activities in urban parks and places.

Volunteer groups can also apply for project funding through the City and Environment Directorate’s community grant programs such as the [ACT Environmental Grants Program](#) and [Adopt-A-Park Community Grants Program](#).



In addition, through the Community Stewardship and Environmental Education Program the ACT Government provides funding to the ACT's three catchment groups to support volunteer groups undertaking environmental stewardship activities on ACT public land. The [Minders of Tuggeranong Homestead](#) is a Southern ACT Catchment Group member group.

The ACT Government through the [Upper Murrumbidgee Waterwatch Program](#) also funds a whole of catchment volunteer citizen science water quality monitoring program. Waterwatch volunteers test water quality samples every month at sites along Tuggeranong Creek. Sites upstream and downstream of the Tuggeranong Homestead capture the water quality of the section of the creek adjacent to the homestead.

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