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Dear Ros

Molonglo River Reserve Draft Reserve Management Plan

I welcome the *Molonglo River Reserve Draft Reserve Management Plan* released on 8 February 2018 for public comment.

My office is currently undertaking the first independent audit of the Molonglo Valley Strategic Assessment, as per a Direction from Minister Rattenbury under the ACT *Commissioner for Sustainability and the Environment Act 1993*. The audit report is due to the Environment, Planning and Sustainable Development Directorate (EPSDD) on 7 April 2018.

As such, my office will not be preparing a detailed submission in relation to this document.

It should be noted that the final *Molonglo River Reserve Management Plan* has not been prepared within the timeframe required by the *Molonglo Valley Plan for the Protection of Matters of National Environmental Significance: NES Plan*. Finalisation of this management plan is critical to compliance of the audit. For further information, please refer to our report of the Independent Audit of the Molonglo Valley Strategic Assessment once submitted to EPSDD.

Yours sincerely

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