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Budget supports good planning for Canberra

The 2010-11 ACT Budget includes funding for planning studies for the Tuggeranong Town Centre, the Erindale Group Centre and for Pialligo, as well as \$17 million for ponds to manage water in the Molonglo Valley suburb of Coombs.

“The ACT Government is committed to ensuring Canberra continues to develop in a way that supports our community and economy, and protects our environment,” Minister for Planning, Andrew Barr, said today.

“We are carefully targeting our planning investments into projects which achieve these three goals.”

The Budget includes \$300,000 in 2010–11 for Tuggeranong Town Centre and Erindale Group Centre planning studies and \$100,000 for a planning study for Pialligo.

\$17 million is provided for the construction of two ponds in the new suburb of Coombs in the Molonglo Valley. The ponds will provide a source of water for irrigation to enhance the amenity and appeal of the development without increasing reliance on Canberra’s drinking water supply.

The Budget also provides \$2.1 million for several feasibility studies including a stormwater management study for the Molonglo Valley.

\$130,000 has also been allocated in 2010-11 to investigate the potential for an employment corridor on the eastern side of the ACT.

“This work is vital for Canberra’s future because we need to identify land for industrial and related purposes to support the city’s economy into the future,” Mr Barr said.

“Existing studies have identified the need for further detailed planning, environmental and infrastructure investigations to work out what areas in the Eastern Broadacre corridor will be suitable for commercial and industrial land supply.

“The carefully targeted investments we are making in this Budget again demonstrate that the ACT Labor Government is delivering for the future sustainable development of Canberra.”

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