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UPGRADE OF LAKE GINNINDERRA FORESHORE – EMU INLET

The ACT Government has set aside \$3.2 million to upgrade the Lake Ginninderra Foreshore, including Emu Inlet.

Chief Minister Jon Stanhope said the upgrade would improve the quality of the infrastructure on the Lake Ginninderra Foreshore as well as improve water quality.

"This project will see improvements to the Emu Reach, Casuarina Park and Emu Bank areas within the Emu Inlet area," Mr Stanhope said.

"Associated works will include refurbishment works at the Belconnen skate park and adjacent foreshore area, a small jetty at John Knight Park foreshore and the commissioning of public artwork.

"These combined works will significantly improve the water quality, design, infrastructure and functions of Belconnen Lakeshore and Emu Inlet and create links to other recreational and functional areas in the Belconnen Town Centre.

"The upgrade will achieve attractive, accessible lakeside parkland that invites community use of these great assets.

"The Lake Ginninderra Foreshore is a popular venue for families and community organisations. The hard decisions taken in last year's Budget are helping to keep the ACT's books in the black and providing the funds required to invest in our community with better and more sustainable recreational spaces.

"This upgrade will result in a more attractive lake and park setting that is inviting to users. The upgrade will also provide sufficient area within the Emu Inlet parkland for medium- to large-scale community events," said Mr Stanhope.

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