

# A MORE LIVEABLE CITY

The 2012-13 Budget invests in municipal services that make Canberra a more liveable and sustainable city. New roads, neighbourhood amenities, parklands, playgrounds and pavements are funded to support the city's growing urban footprint. Further improvements are made to public transport, waste collection and recycling. The Government is meeting the challenges of climate change and continuing to progress energy reforms, and investing in protecting local biodiversity.

## The 2012-13 Budget will deliver or achieve:

### Municipal Services

- › 0.88 tonnes of waste to landfill per head of population
- › 75% of material recovered from the total waste stream
- › 90% customer satisfaction with the management of town and district parks
- › 90% satisfaction with library services

### Road Services

- › 5% of Territorial roads resurfaced
- › Over 86% of Territorial roads in good condition
- › Over 70% of customers satisfied with the public road network

### ACTION

- › 85% customer satisfaction with ACTION services
- › 85% of services operating on scheduled time

### Sustainable Planning

- › An average of 40 days processing time for development applications
- › 8,000 greenfield residential sites ready for Estate Development Plan preparation equivalent to five years demand
- › 80% customer satisfaction with regulation and services

### Environment Protection and Water

- › 100% of Environment Protection Authorisations are administered according to statutory timeframes

## New Expenditure Initiatives

### The 2012-13 Budget includes:

**\$7.7**  
MILLION

over four years for municipal assets in new suburbs including parks and reserves, roads and stormwater facilities and lighting;

**\$25**  
MILLION

over four years for improved bus services, including MyWay, Nightrider, real time passenger information, and driver injury prevention and management;

**\$0.7**  
MILLION

over three years for kerbside waste and recycling collection in new suburbs and continuation of the city centre recycling contract;

**\$2.3**  
MILLION

over four years to improve the responsiveness of the Canberra Connect Call Centre;

**\$1.4**  
MILLION

to support the street lighting network;

**\$1.3**  
MILLION

over two years to clear our waterways, manage our pest vertebrates, and deliver on biodiversity offset commitments;

**\$0.9**  
MILLION

over four years for a second ambient air quality monitoring station;

**\$0.3**  
MILLION

over four years to support the threatened Corroboree Frog Captive Breeding Program and research and monitoring of the Kangaroo population; and

**\$0.2**  
MILLION

to increase support for the RSPCA.



# NEW INFRASTRUCTURE FOR A LIVEABLE CITY

The 2012-13 Budget invests in infrastructure that improves the city's function and amenity.

## New Capital Initiatives

- › \$58.2 million for new buses, upgrades to bus stops including a new station at Barton, continuing work on the Belconnen to City Transitway, design of a terminus at Erindale and West Belconnen and additional MyWay recharge agent facilities.
- › \$21.0 million for improvements to waste and recycling collections, extension of Mugga Lane Land Fill, investigating the suitability of the Mugga Quarry 2 site as a clean fill disposal facility and the rehabilitation of the disused waste disposal site at Red Hill Nature Reserve.
- › \$15.0 million in additional funding for the North Weston Ponds, a feature in the landscape setting of Molonglo and Weston Creek.
- › \$7.3 million for walking, cycling, footpath and pavement infrastructure.
- › \$4.7 million to upgrade playgrounds, parks and facilities in neighbourhoods and town centres, establishment of an Inner North off-leash dog park and upgrades to the Belconnen Dog Park.
- › \$1.9 million for the water demand management program and stormwater augmentation at Fyshwick and Duffy.
- › \$2.0 million to increase floor space and improve functionality of the Tuggeranong Arts Centre.
- › \$0.3 million for feasibility and design for the construction of Stage 2 of the Belconnen Arts Centre.
- › \$3.1 million over three years to upgrade the Canberra Theatre.
- › \$0.8 million for revitalising the amenity of Civic and Braddon.
- › \$0.6 million for refurbishing conference facilities at the Exhibition Park in Canberra, allowing for the hosting of more events.

## A Sustainable City

**The Government has set an ambitious target of being carbon neutral by 2060. It recognises that this milestone can only be achieved in partnership with business, the community and the Commonwealth Government.**

- › Targeted actions are being taken by government agencies to help the Territory decrease greenhouse gas emissions – \$5.0 million.
- › The Government is continuing to progress energy reforms by implementing a National Energy Customer Framework which creates a single, efficient electricity and gas market to deliver long term customer benefits. Further support is also provided to the Australian Energy Market Commission and the Standing Council on Energy and Resources – \$0.7 million.
- › The ACT Energy Efficiency (Cost of Living) Scheme, which requires electricity retailers to undertake energy saving measures across the Territory, is being implemented – \$0.8 million.
- › Energy efficiencies continue to be made to public housing properties – \$2.0 million.
- › Stage One of the Carbon Neutral Schools initiative is being implemented – \$3.5 million.