



2016-17 Budget Consultation

Below are suggested areas where funds should be allocated in the upcoming ACT budget

Summary of suggestions

1. Funds for maintenance of Lake Tuggeranong – eg enough money to ensure Gross Pollution traps are cleaned as necessary
2. Look to supplement money that the Federal Government is giving to improve water quality to build additional projects to improve water quality in Lake Tuggeranong
3. Feasibility study for transport options in the Tuggeranong Valley
4. Upgrade to Tuggeranong Town Square area
5. Money to upgrade the various town centres in the Valley that Master plans have been developed for eg Kambah Village.

Services of Importance for the territory

Need to look carefully at the overall transport plan for Canberra and come up with an integrated model that will take us into the future. This could include reviewing the proposed Capital Metro proposal to seeing if this is part of the best model for this purpose.

How can Government deliver current services more efficiently and productively

- Look at efficiency of some services eg why are rangers part of TAMS and yet the work they carry out is heavily connected to the environment department.

Services the Government should stop delivering or do differently

- Look at transport options – look at current model (and Business Case) for Capital Metro to see if it is the best solution to our current and future transport needs.

Ways to generate revenue and/or services you consider that the community should make a direct contribution to

- Perhaps could link things like water extraction fees directly to water issues rather than go into consolidated revenue? The community would thus see where some of their money is going and might be prepared to pay more if they know what it is going on.



Views of Government's Tax Reforms

- First Home Owners' Grant – currently only for new homes and not existing homes, this disadvantages places like Tuggeranong where there are existing homes – should be on all houses to level the playing field and take the pressure of new development when existing homes are unsold.

Infrastructure that the Government should consider in next 4 years

- Improve water quality in all Lakes – could lead to holding national water events eg Triathlons etc
- Integrated transport plan for whole territory, talking into account developing technologies.

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