



## Simon Corbell MLA

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# MEDIA RELEASE

## WORK UNDERWAY ON WETLAND PONDS

Construction on two new wetland ponds in Canberra's north has started, helping to develop the local wetland habitat and further enhance the quality of water flowing into Lake Burley Griffin, Minister for the Environment, Climate Change and Water, Simon Corbell announced today.

Mr Corbell also announced the Government would plant 50,000 trees and shrubs to re-vegetate the area once the ponds have been built.

"This project will also be of great benefit to the environment, improving the quality of water leaving the wetland by 60% through the removal of nutrients while attracting waterbirds, frogs, turtles, fish and many other animals," Mr Corbell said.

"A combined investment of \$370,000 for this project will transform the area into a picturesque wetland habitat which people can enjoy while learning about our natural environment."

The inner north project has been jointly funded by the ACT and Commonwealth governments as well as the Sullivans Creek Catchment Group and has also involved the input of community groups and private enterprise.

"The Canberra community will also have the opportunity to be involved in the planting phase of this project with several volunteers planting days scheduled for March and April this year," Mr Corbell said.

"It is important the community be allowed to become involved in establishing this crucial wetland habitat that will be home to several species of important flora and fauna.

"The planting of new trees will also make the site safer as many of the 10 trees that have been removed were assessed and deemed unsafe for long term retention.

"This is a true community project and people have been able to have their say through extensive community consultation that took place in the lead up to construction.

Consultation involved public meetings, letterbox drops to all residents in suburbs adjacent to the wetlands and direct electronic communication to 100 residents subscribed to a wetland database.

For more information or to volunteer to plant the site, contact Edwina Richardson, Urban Waterways Coordinator on [edwina.richardson@act.gov.au](mailto:edwina.richardson@act.gov.au) or through Canberra Connect on 13 22 81.

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