

Corrigendum to Report No. 8/2018 Performance Audit – *Assembly of rural land west of Canberra*

Replace the first row of existing Table 4-3 relating to Lands End with the following first row:

Table 4-3 Arrangements for engaging a land manager as at 1 December 2017

Land purchased (settlement)	Arrangement	Comment
Lands End (30 June 2015)	<p>Former LDA initially intended (28 May 2015) that a licence be entered into with either the former land owner or a third party. This did not eventuate on settlement.</p> <p>A year after settlement letters dated 14 July 2016 and 12 August 2016 were sent to a third party granting permission for the third party to ‘occupy and manage’ the land on an ongoing basis. There was no mention of rent.</p> <p>A draft licence was prepared (dated 1 April 2017) with terms including rental at \$30,000 pa. The licence was not finalised or executed.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inadequate arrangements for engaging a land manager. No arrangements in place for first 12 months after settlement. • No rent has been received up to 31 December 2017. There is a risk that approximately \$75,000 in rent has been foregone by the LDA (based on 2.5 years of foregone rent calculated at \$30,000 p.a., as per the draft April 2017 licence). • No Land Management Agreement entered into. • Bushfire Operational Plan responsibilities unclear (refer to paragraph 4.21) as no licence in place. • LDA relies on the goodwill of a third party to address the LDA’s leasehold obligations and risks.

Replace existing paragraph 4.38 with the following paragraph:

- 4.38 For Lands End there was no transfer of responsibility in writing to anyone for the ongoing land management of the property in the first 12 months following settlement. One year after settlement the former Land Development Agency sent a one-page letter on 14 July 2016 to a third party providing authority to 'occupy and manage' the property rent-free. A draft 38-page licence dated 1 April 2017 to occupy has not been finalised or executed. No rent has been received by the former Land Development Agency or Suburban Land Agency, although the terms in the draft licence to occupy proposed a rent of \$30,000 per annum.