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## **Environmental economic accounting for State of the Environment reporting – constructing accounts (a case study)**

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### **Abstract:**

The Office of the Commissioner for Sustainability and the Environment (OCSE) and the Australian National University (ANU), with assistance from the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS), are collaborating to produce a set of environmental economic accounts based on the System of Environmental Economic Accounts (SEEA) Central Framework and SEEA Experimental Ecosystem Accounting. A set of pilot accounts is scheduled for release mid 2017. The accounts are intended to form the basis of the next State of the Environment Report for the Australian Capital Territory (ACT) due in December 2019.

This presentation will examine the accounts in their current draft form. This will include accounts for waste, land, energy, water, environmental expenditure and experimental ecosystem accounts.

The presentation will:

- a) Describe the background to the project
- b) Present each account in its current draft form
- c) Discuss the challenges and opportunities involved in designing these ACT accounts including the selection of account categories, data sets and the metrics used to populate the accounts.

Due to the experimental and draft nature of the accounts the presentation envisages input from the audience. This input would be welcomed to assist in sharing experiences with similar account building processes and with ideas for resolving challenges.