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Outgoing ACT environment commissioner Dr Joe Baker has praised the environmental assessment for the Gungahlin Drive extension.

The \$71 million project has been criticised by environmental groups and scientists.

The groups critical of the roadway have all called for a comprehensive environmental impact assessment.

Construction of the project has been halted due to a court injunction.

Dr Baker says after receiving several complaints, he has reviewed the Government's environmental studies, commissioned as part of the preliminary assessment process.

He says they appear to be quite extensive and equivalent to an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).

He found the studies were detailed and assessed a range of impacts including those affecting flora and fauna.

Dr Baker says it is up to the incoming environment commissioner to decide what do with the findings.

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