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SPORTS AND ACTIVE RECREATION INFRASTRUCTURE PLAN FOR TUGGERANONG

Dear Simon

Thank you for the opportunity for the Tuggeranong Community Council to be included in this survey.

The Tuggeranong Community Council (TCC) is an incorporated, voluntary, not for profit, non-political, community-based association operating within the Tuggeranong District of the Australian Capital Territory. The TCC is formally recognised as the peak community body representing the interests of the local residents and the communities within Tuggeranong.

The TCC welcomes the opportunity to give feedback on the Sports and Active Recreation Infrastructure Plan as it relates to Tuggeranong. In response to your request for submission for the Sports and Recreation Survey, can I say that on behalf of the TCC, I found this is very difficult to complete from a community council perspective. The survey appeared to be specifically designed for sporting organisations, many of whom would rather expand on their own existing premises.

It is noted by the TCC that a high proportion of modern sporting facilities are located on the north side of Canberra which necessitates Tuggeranong residents to travel long distances. Unless vehicles are accessible, it is cumbersome for sports people to use public transport often with the need to carry bags of sport equipment for games and practice. Having adequate facilities in the North and the South would benefit all Canberrans and fit in with the ACT Government's Active Travel plans limiting the requirement for vehicles driving from one part of Canberra (South) to the other (North) for players, supporters, for games and practice. This includes a good proportion of women who have highlighted the issue to the TCC.

This would fit in well with an idea developed in 2017, by community groups and local sporting clubs who wanted the establishment of a southern sport hub at West Greenway with corresponding improvements to facilities and access. This would be known as the West Greenway Environmental and Sporting Precinct or the Tuggeranong Eco-Sports Hub. This would be regionally comparable to the Lyneham /Dickson northern sports hub but with the additional environmental education focus. Consultation (see attached copy of email to Minister Gentleman in 2019).

Numerous phone calls were made to various sporting organisations in Tuggeranong requesting that they complete the survey however only two organisations responded.

The following comments are those offered by the TCC:

1. The need for more basketball facilities is the most common concern that we have heard at council meetings for many years. This was highlighted also in the TCC Youth Engagement Survey and the TCC Youth Engagement Forum (with students representing most of Tuggeranong's high schools and colleges) that was recently conducted by the Tuggeranong Community Council.

Tuggeranong has a great need for new basketball facilities. The primary basketball courts are located at the Tuggeranong Southern Cross Stadium in Cowlshaw St Greenway and are used by a number of clubs. We have heard that many people, particularly women's teams have to travel northside to play.

2. The overwhelming comment from both the TCC and local residents was the need to upgrade sporting facilities in Tuggeranong to bring them up to the standard of more modern facilities in the North. This includes:
 - a. updating the skate park at Greenway to the best Australian standard
 - b. upgrading tennis courts at Erindale (Wanniassa)
3. Consider the requests outlined in the Archery Centre response, which details the need for upgrades to the existing facilities to bring many areas up to standard particularly for disabled people:
 - a. Upgrade wheelchair access - \$10,000
 - b. Upgrade existing dirt roads to an all-weather surface - \$50,000
 - c. Supply and install a change room block - to support all the groups who use the Archery Centre - Archery, Disabled Boccia, Floorball, Fencing, Gymnastics, Table Tennis, Badminton and all hall users - \$50,000
 - d. Access road upgrade - upgrade access road to the two field courses - \$50,000
 - e. Construct three shade structures on the Western Archery Range to give shelter from the sun, bad weather including lightning - \$15,000
 - f. Purchase a portable toilet suitable to wheelchairs for the field courses - \$5,000
 - g. Install a wheelchair stair lift as there is no disabled access to the first floor of the Multi Sports hall - \$15,000
 - h. Supply and install heating and cooling systems in the Multi Use Sporting Facility as envisaged in the original designs, currently there is no heating or cooling in the Sports Hall - \$100,000
 - i. Provide and install solar panels for electricity generation - would provide the Club with a green offset and enable cheaper power - \$30,000.
4. Consider the options as outlined in the Empower Dome application (see below) to bring the building up to standard:
 - a. external court to accommodate to multiple sports such as, Tennis, Basketball and Netball - \$40,000
 - b. Upgrade the covering of Dome to better cover and secure the Empower dome - \$100,000
 - c. Procure and install solar panels and power storage batteries for the Empower Dome which provides green and clean energy for players, children and families using the Empower Dome. - \$45,000.



When future sports budgets are apportioned, the Tuggeranong Community Council trusts that our feedback from community, including Youth information from our Youth surveys and Forum will be considered and appropriate funding be allocated to develop and improve sporting and recreation facilities, to help create healthy communities and enhance wellbeing to Tuggeranong residents, and for the benefit of all.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Glenys Patulny".

Glenys Patulny OAM
President
Tuggeranong Community Council

19th May 2023