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Dear Mr Werner-Gibbings,

Taimus

I am writing to provide an update on the proposed Tuggeranong Ice Sports Facility.

The ACT Government has determined to cease any further consideration of an updated detailed proposal put forward by the private sector proponents to design, build, operate and maintain the proposed new ice sports facility. As a result, the proposed ice sports facility development in Tuggeranong will not proceed.

I recognise this outcome will be disappointing for many members of the Tuggeranong and broader ACT community, particularly those who have advocated strongly for a new ice sports facility in Tuggeranong such as yourself. Throughout the process, the ACT Government remained committed to working with the proponents to identify a feasible delivery model and achieve a positive outcome for the community.

The ACT Government entered this process committed to partnering in the delivery of a new ice sports facility for the Canberra community. In 2022, the Government committed \$16.265 million towards the project in Tuggeranong.

Following the submission of an Updated Detailed Proposal in January 2026, the ACT Government undertook a formal evaluation of the proposal that included a value for money and risk assessment and concluded that the proposal was not viable. The evaluation found the proposal had changed materially from the project originally shortlisted through the Expression of Interest process and posed an unacceptable risk to the Territory. This included a request for financial assistance that was more than double the Government's approved funding commitment.

The Government recognises the need for investment in sporting infrastructure in Tuggeranong and wants to ensure the local community does not miss out as result of the tender outcome. The Government will now commit an equivalent amount of \$16.265 million toward delivering and upgrading other sporting infrastructure projects in Tuggeranong.

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Today ACT sporting clubs have been invited to share their sporting and recreation infrastructure needs with Government through Sport and Active Recreation Infrastructure Survey.

The feedback from Tuggeranong clubs to the survey will be considered as a matter of priority and will inform a package of investment equivalent to the ACT Government funding committed for the Ice Sports Facility. I would appreciate your assistance in making local clubs and sporting groups aware of this survey.

This equivalent level of funding will be strictly retained within Tuggeranong and committed towards delivering and upgrading other vital sporting infrastructure projects.

Yours sincerely,



Chris Steel MLA
Minister for Sport and Recreation
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