

11 September 2026

Mr Chris Steel
Minister for Sport and Recreation

Dear Minister Steel,

I refer to your letter of 7 September 2026. It advised that the ACT Government has decided not to proceed with further consideration of the updated detailed proposal submitted by the private sector proponents for the design, construction, operation and maintenance of a new ice sports facility in Tuggeranong.

In your letter, you stated that:

"The Government recognises the need for investment in sporting infrastructure in Tuggeranong and wants to ensure the local community does not miss out as a 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."

While I share the disappointment of many community members that the proposed facility will not proceed, I welcome the Government's commitment to invest an equivalent amount (\$16.265m) in sporting infrastructure projects across Tuggeranong. This is a unique and unprecedented opportunity to uplift community sports infrastructure across the Brindabella electorate.

As Member for Brindabella, I am committed to helping identify opportunities that will maximise the benefit of this investment for the Tuggeranong community. To support this work, I have launched a community survey inviting residents, sporting clubs and community organisations to submit ideas and proposals for funding from what I have been referring to as the **Tuggeranong Community Sports Fund**.



I have attached a preliminary list of short and medium-term options that I have pulled together from my conversations with Tuggeranong citizens and sports clubs over the past three years. The list is not exhaustive, but it highlights a range of potential investments that will improve community sport and recreation infrastructure throughout Tuggeranong.

I will refine and expand this work through my community survey and a series of roundtable discussions with local sporting organisations over the coming months. These conversations will help identify priorities, test proposals and ensure that the broadest possible range of community views informs the ACT Government's future investment decisions.

I look forward to continuing to work constructively with the Government to ensure this significant investment delivers lasting benefits for Tuggeranong's community.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'TWG', with a stylized flourish extending to the left.

Taimus Werner-Gibblings MLA
Member for Brindabella

Attachment A - Preliminary list of possible options for the Tuggeranong Sports Infrastructure Fund

- **Greenway Enclosed Football Ground**

- New enclosed football venue capable of supporting Tuggeranong United FC, Brindabella Blues FC and potentially an interim Canberra A-League Men home ground.
- Hybrid/3G surface, spectator facilities, safe-standing terraces and community event capability.

- **Greenway Oval Precinct Redevelopment**

- Rebuild/upgrade the pavilion, grandstand and amenities.
- Create a modern multi-sport venue for soccer, AFL, rugby league and gridiron.
- Improve accessibility, female participation and community use.

- **ACT Pickleball Park (Tuggeranong)**

- Develop Australia's first dedicated pickleball complex.
- Indoor and outdoor courts with spectator and tournament facilities.
- Position Tuggeranong as a national centre for a rapidly growing sport.

- **Calwell Indoor Sports Complex**

- New indoor courts and supporting facilities.
- Address indoor court shortages and support a range of indoor sports.
- Increase opportunities for women and girls to participate in sport.

- **Kambah 2 Oval Redevelopment**

- Female changerooms, accessible amenities, lighting and field upgrades.
- Support growing soccer and baseball participation.

- **Calwell Playing Fields Sports Hub**

- New pavilion for Brindabella Blues FC and improved parking.
- Strengthen the site as a multi-sport community hub.

- **Monash Community Recreation Park**

- Develop a district-level recreation park similar to Crace Recreation Park.
- Include courts, play spaces, fitness equipment, BBQs and community facilities.

- **Greenway Hockey Centre Surface and Lighting Upgrade**

- Replace ageing synthetic surface and improve LED lighting.
- Maintain Category 1 hockey facility status and support high participation levels.

- **Lakeside Leisure Centre competition timing system upgrade**
 - Upgrades to the competition timing system and scoreboard would enable higher-level swimming competitions in Tuggeranong.
 - Tuggeranong is the only ACT Government pool with semblance of a grandstand to host events.
- **New Kambah 1 Pavilion and Changerooms**
 - Build a new pavilion and changerooms at Kambah 1 Oval to support the Rugby League, Aussie Rules and other sports that use the popular district ovals.
- **Tuggeranong Skate Park Upgrades**
 - Modernise ageing facilities with new competition-standard features.
 - Support recreation, youth engagement and competition use.
- **Chisholm Pines Tennis Club Expansion**
 - Support additional courts and expansion into wheelchair tennis, pickleball and pop tennis.
 - The Pines is currently under consideration for an EOI for land surrounding the existing facilities.
- **Calwell Netball Courts Roof**
 - Provide all-weather playing conditions and increase court utilisation.
 - Upgrade existing or build additional changeroom facilities.
- **Fadden Pines BMX Trail**
 - Formalise and expand existing BMX and mountain bike trails.
- **Lanyon BMX Trail / Pump Track**
 - Construct a pump track and formalise existing informal trail networks.
- **Fadden Pines Community Pickleball Court**
 - Deliver a low-cost outdoor pickleball facility which could be supported by Pickleball ACT next door at the Pickledome.
- **Tharwa Tennis Court Revitalisation**
 - Resurface and reopen the village's only sporting facility.
- **Tuggeranong Town Park Pétanque Court**
 - Provide a pétanque court/facility for the Tuggeranong 55 Plus Club and members of the public to support active ageing and community participation.