

Lyneham Master Plan

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Advocating the social, health and economic importance of community sport and active recreation



[COMMUNITY SPORT AND ACTIVE RECREATION INDUSTRY SUBMISSION]

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Executive Summary

ACTSport is the peak body for the sport and active recreation industry in the ACT and we represent 74 organisations with a combined membership of 130,000 participants. Sport and Active Recreation is a key aspect of Canberra's lifestyle with 79.5% of Canberrans undertaking regular physical activity and as a result is an important industry in the ACT and a major engine for the local economy. The industry's aim is to continually increase its capacity to improve and build on its sustainability.

ACTSport welcomes and fully supports the Master Plan for the Lyneham Precinct as it creates a vibrant, accessible hub for encouraging active lifestyles in the ACT. Areas of the Master Plan based on feedback from our members that ACTSport would like to highlight for comment are:

1. Sufficient traffic control strategies between the Mouat Street – Northbourne Avenue access road are implemented as this will be a high use area for pedestrians and cyclists as well as a potential short cut for commuters.
2. Adequate lighting and line of sight security measures for night time activities within the precinct.
3. Consideration for appropriate movements of busses and other multi purpose transport vehicles within the precinct as this would be of high demand for example;
 - a. Coach parking areas with safe access for users
 - b. Planned turning areas for large vehicles
 - c. Adequate consideration for large vehicles when installing round-a-bout's and traffic pacifying strategies
4. Inclusion of a possible community sport and active recreation centre built with a holistic business plan including 3 star type accommodation as a supporting business model.

Community Sport and Active Recreation Support Centre

ACTSport notes that the Master Plan does not explicitly address the "Hub" that was identified in the final report for the Lyneham Sport and Recreation Precinct Master Plan (6.4.1 The Hub) dated January 2004 as a need for the precinct.

The intent is that a new "Hub" building be established in a central location as the focus of the precinct and to create a strong sense of place. The Hub is envisaged as a significant building which would contain accommodation and other amenities for community sport and active recreation organisations in support of developing capacity in the not-for-profit sector.

The 2004 report included a block identified for future development situated behind the Tennis ACT complex as a possible site for a centre.

ACTSport advocates that a facility developed for delivery of services to the community sport and active recreation industry with the mission of increasing capacity would only be viable if built into a business model including affordable accommodation for visiting schools, teams and other groups utilising the area. Based on previous research ACTSport supports the inclusion of affordable accommodation in the Lyneham Precinct to support the hosting of sporting and active lifestyle events in and around the area.

Recently, ACTSport has undertaken a significant Review of ACT Sports House and will be presenting a Business Case for the future of this facility. The Lyneham precinct is included in that proposal as one possible location of a future facility. Also highlighted in the Business Case is ACTSport's commitment to work in partnership with other community groups and commercial investors to ensure the facility is developed as a cost neutral investment for government.

We would welcome the opportunity to discuss all of these options and continue working with our members to ensure the Lyneham Precinct provides sustainable and appropriate facilities for the Canberra Community.

Conclusion

In conclusion ACTSport, following consultation with its members, supports the Master Plan for the Lyneham Precinct with consideration for the four areas identified for clarification. Combined with development to the Netball and Tennis facilities and further enhancements to the overall plan via future stages the precinct will become a significant example of facilities for active lifestyles in Australia and an asset for attracting visitors and new residents to Canberra.

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