

INVEST IN A MULTI-PURPOSE SPORTS STADIUM IN WODEN

PETITION

To the Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly for the Australian Capital Territory.

This petition of residents of the Australian Capital Territory draws to the attention of the Assembly that the ACT's increasing population has a severe shortage of indoor sports facilities (exacerbated by the closure of Woden's basketball stadium) leading to teams turning players away.

Recreation facilities provide many benefits to communities by bringing people of all ages, abilities and backgrounds together to socialise and keep fit. In addition to the physical and mental health outcomes, they can inspire and motivate people while fostering community pride.

A centrally located facility in Woden is accessible by public transport and would attract people to the centre to connect to the community and support small business in the area.

Your petitioners therefore request the Assembly to call on the Government to:

- build and own a multi-purpose indoor sports stadium in the Woden Town Centre that can be hired at a reasonable cost by local community sports groups.

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Hi resident

We are seeking your help to collect signatures for our petition for a multi-purpose sports stadium in Woden.

To facilitate an equitable distribution of indoor sports facilities across Canberra, the Woden Town Centre has been identified due to its central location and accessibility from surrounding districts by public transport.

While a distribution of recreation facilities is preferred to support local sporting groups, the ACT Government's policy for the provision of indoor sporting facilities is to support sporting organisations owning their own dedicated facility, eg Basketball ACT (Belconnen) and Netball ACT (Lyneham).

We acknowledge that each sporting code will not invest in a dedicated facility in Canberra's south so we are seeking a government owned multi-purpose facility that could be shared, and managed by one sporting group, eg Basketball ACT.

There are competing interests for indoor sports facilities in Canberra, with the University of Canberra planning for a large indoor sports stadium in Belconnen, Basketball ACT proposing to expand its Belconnen facility and the Greens committed to a multi-purpose indoor sports centre in Woden.

In April 2021, the Legislative Assembly supported a Greens motion to develop a long-term strategic plan for sport and recreation in the ACT. This report is due at the end of 2021.

It is important that the government knows that communities in Canberra's south need better access to training and game day facilities, so players are no longer turned away due to a lack of access to facilities.

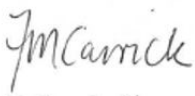
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- policy (Minister Berry video)
- indoor sports gap analysis (problem identification)
- recent media release (need)

Please contact president@wvcc.org.au to arrange collection of your petition sheet, we will collect any further signatures required to complete the sheet.

Thank you for helping, we really appreciate it.

Regards



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