



Standing Committee on Planning, Transport and City Services

Inquiry into Annual and Financial Reports 2022-2023 **ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

Asked by Ms Jo Clay MLA on 16 November 2023: Ms Yvette Berry MLA took on notice the following question(s):

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In relation to:

THE CHAIR: Minister, I am interested, I have been very keen to see the dry land ovals being reconsulted on and repurposed and the start at Florey one. Can you tell me, are any of the dry land ovals going to be retained for potential future re-use as sports grounds?

Ms Berry: Yes.

THE CHAIR: Yes, how many of those?

Mr Iglesias: Almost exactly half. So we have got 31 dry land ovals and I believe there are 15 that our colleagues in CMTEDD sport and rec have said no, strategically these could be needed in the future, let us keep those up our sleeve, which leaves about 16 that could potentially be repurposed. However, before we repurpose those, it is our intention to consult the minister before we make a commitment.

MS ORR: So there has not been a decision made by government.

THE CHAIR: Suzanne, do you mind if I?

MS ORR: No, I do not mind—sorry for the question.

THE CHAIR: Yes, that is all right. Can you tell me which sites are going to be retained, have you got a list of those?

Ms Berry: I might have to take that on detail, on notice.

Ms Yvette Berry MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:—

Of the 32 venues assessed, Sport and Recreation is recommending 14 informal use ovals be retained by TCCS – Sport and Recreation Facilities to ensure an appropriate number of facilities are retained to support the future of additional sporting facilities as the Canberra population continues to grow. The

remaining 18 sites are identified for future consideration as re-purposed ovals. This means that if there is a proposal from TCCS or another body, this will be considered and appropriate consultation undertaken.

There will be no change in use or maintenance of these ovals without those processes.

A breakdown of the informal use sportsgrounds which have been identified for retention or future asset transfer is detailed in the tables below.

Recommended to be retained for possible future re-activation as irrigated sportsgrounds	
Facility Name	Region
Campbell NHO (Campbell 1)	Inner North
Chifley NHO (Chifley 1)	Woden Valley
Evatt NHO (Evatt 1)	Belconnen
Farrer NHO (Farrer 1)	Woden Valley
Holt DPF (Holt 2)	Belconnen
Kaleen NHO (Kaleen 4)	Belconnen
Lyons NHO (Lyons 1)	Woden Valley
Macgregor NHO (Macgregor 1)	Belconnen
Melba DPF (Melba 1)	Belconnen
Masson St Throwing Field (Turner 1)	Inner North
Spence NHO (Spence 1)	Belconnen
Torrens NHO (Torrens 1)	Woden Valley
Waramanga DPF (Waramanga 2)	Weston Creek
Weston NHO (Weston 1)	Weston Creek
Total	14

Recommended for possible future re-purposing		
Facility Name	Region	Possible future land manager
Eastern Valley Way NHO (Belconnen 1)	Belconnen	TCCS – Place Management
Calwell NHO (Calwell 4)	Tuggeranong	TCCS – Place Management
Charnwood NHO (Charnwood 2)	Belconnen	TCCS – Place Management
Chisholm NHO (Chisholm 2)	Tuggeranong	TCCS – Place Management
Evatt NHO (Evatt 2)	Belconnen	TCCS – Place Management
Florey NHO (Florey 1)	Belconnen	Education Directorate (plans already in place to upgrade via Education)

Flynn NHO (Flynn 1)	Belconnen	TCCS – Place Management
Gilmore NHO (Gilmore 1)	Tuggeranong	Education Directorate
Holder NHO (Holder 1)	Weston Creek	TCCS – Place Management
Holt NHO (Holt 4)	Belconnen	TCCS – Place Management
Lyneham NHO (Lyneham 1)	Inner North	TCCS – Place Management
Macquarie NHO (Macquarie 2)	Belconnen	TCCS – Place Management or Education Directorate
McKellar NHO (McKellar 1)	Belconnen	TCCS – Place Management
Melba NHO (Melba 2)	Belconnen	TCCS – Place Management
Narrabundah NHO (Narrabundah 5)	Inner South	Education Directorate
Richardson NHO (Richardson 1)	Tuggeranong	TCCS – Place Management
Theodore NHO (Theodore 1)	Tuggeranong	TCCS – Place Management
Mills Creek NHO (Narrabundah 6)	Inner South	TCCS – Place Management
Total		18

Note that all dryland ovals remain under the portfolio responsibility of the Minister for Sport and Recreation until such time that a re-purposing proposal has been agreed, oval by oval.

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Signature:



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By the Minister for Sport and Recreation, Ms Yvette Berry MLA