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Inquiry into barriers and opportunities for participation in community sports in the ACT

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Do you feel you have enough opportunities to participate in sport in your local community?: No

Why/why not?: The only official facilities for the sport (Petanque) i play is in Weston park

Why do you like to participate in sport?: Competition, Physical fitness, Spending time with people/Socialising, Mental health & wellbeing

If you selected 'other', please provide further details::

Does your local neighbourhood offer opportunities for you to participate in sport, organised or not?: No, not enough

Please tell us about your experience participating in community sport. For example, what sports you play, do you volunteer for local clubs, etc: I play Petanque with Capital Petanque and will be representing Australia in october for this sport in the Oceania championships and World qualifiers. I run a lot of the competitions and am a national umpire and nationally registered coach for the sport.

Why is community sport important to you?: Great for mental fitness and hand eye co-ordination, very social

What stops you

from participating in as much sport as you'd like to?:

Lack of facilities , It's difficult to get there on public transport, It's difficult to get there by car

If you selected 'other' please provide any details::

What do you see as the biggest barriers to participating in community sport in the ACT and how would you remove them?:

The nearest potable water is 340m which leaves players at risk of dehydration. There are no toilets (for a sporting ground the nearest toilet facility is a 500m walk over uneven ground so people don't drink. There is a lack of shade from buildings and most of the trees around the ground are end of life and dropping branches Only space for 14 lanes making it difficult to accommodate competitions

Is there anything else related to participation in community sports in the ACT which you would like to add?:

For a sport that is predominantly played by the 60-90 age bracket we have found this is a fantastic low impact sport that is relatively cheap to participate in. This gives members a social aspect, mental stimulation, and a chance to play competitively regardless of age, gender or abilities. But the lack of toilets, water and indoor shelter makes a lot of players avoid the game and certainly the competitive aspect due to health concerns and the inability to sit, have a drink and a bathroom break.

Would you be interested in speaking to the Committee about your experience at a public hearing?:

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