



Inquiry into annual and financial reports 2024–2025

Answer to question taken on notice

Asked by: Mr Thomas Emerson MLA

Addressed to: Minister for Sport and Recreation

In relation to: Sport and Recreation and Southwell Park masterplan

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MR EMERSON: Thank you, Chair. I wanted to ask about Southwell Park in Lyneham. The existing amenities on the site were meant to be a temporary solution, not so much for the netball centre but for the fields when the park was redeveloped in 2013. I understand design work for the central amenities to include in a revised master plan for the precinct were budgeted for in the 2013-2014 budget, so I know we are going back a little while here. With \$500,000 but it has been put to me that there is not really been any progress since then on action, what was done in terms of design work. Is that accurate? Has the government progress any work on the redevelopment of the amenities in Southwell Park?

Ms Berry: No, and I have met with the ...(indistinct)...[12.44.30] as well and talked about their aspirations for the site to understand the facilities better and there was some small upgrades—or not upgrades but maintenance work that was done down there based on some of the things that they fed back to us around changing the direction of sprinkler heads so that their canteen did not get flooded which is a relatively easy thing to fix. Those kinds of things, and there is some flooding and stormwater challenges on the existing side. We had talked to them about the sport and rec grants process. I do not know if they have applied or not but there is opportunities there to start looking again at possibilities for that site, but there has been no funding or further than the previous master planning work which would be well out of day by now.

MR EMERSON: Some of these facilities—just related to my previous question too, where you have got pavilion upgrades, or in this case a new pavilion. Are those beyond the—we have kind of touched on this in the community support hearings, but beyond the scope of the grant rounds?

Ms Berry: Yes.

MR EMERSON: Okay. So they would have to put in a budget bid as well. Okay.

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Mr Fitzgerald: So the land is set aside as part of the master plan, so there is a site marked for future use for that for a pavilion. It is just a very difficult site to service in terms of it is such a broad site.

MR EMERSON: It is massive, yes.

Mr Fitzgerald: So actually understanding is that the best location to service all the fields. So I think there still is some debate as to its most appropriate location and that will need to be worked through as future planning processes.

MR EMERSON: Okay. Are you able to provide a copy of the—I acknowledge you have said it is out of date, but the master plan from 10 years ago on notice?

Ms Berry: Sure, yes.

MR EMERSON: Yes. Great. Confirming that is taken on notice for the Hansard.

Ms Berry: Yes, sorry, I should say I will take that on notice, yes.

MR EMERSON: No, that is all right. Thank you. Okay. Thanks.

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

A copy of the 2009 Lyneham Precinct Masterplan is provided at Attachment A, which details the proposed location for a centralised sports pavilion.

Approved for circulation to the Standing Committee on Economics, Industry and Recreation

Signature:

By the Minister for Sports and Recreation, Yvette Berry MLA

Date:

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LEGEND

- 1 National Sports Club**
Maintain existing facilities. Create improvements to support planned upgrades including better access and increased shared parking
- 2 Future Sites for Sporting Facilities**
Areas identified as opportunities for additional sporting related facilities. Provide access to support future use.
- 3 National Hockey Centre**
Maintain existing buildings and fields. Expand and landscape car parking.
- 4** Provide parkland area to improve landscape surrounds and provide hockey events space.
- 5** Improve hockey maintenance and storage area.
- 6 Canberra Archery Club**
Maintain existing facilities. Investigate options to relocate pavillion to create formal landscaped car park.
- 7 ACT Netball Centre**
Maintain existing facilities. Provide northern access road to service future expansion.
- 8 Netball Courts**
Maintain existing facilities. Formalise and seal car park. Provide amenity shade trees.
- 9 New Amenities and Playground Facilities**
Provide centralised amenities / cafe facility to cater for expanded field sports areas. Provide playground facilities to support cafe and sporting users.
- 10 Field Sports Areas**
Increase quality of fields. Utilise new fields as part of the flood management zone.
- 11 Ecological Link - Sullivans Creek**
Enclose existing concrete channel. Provide Stormwater inlet and outlet structures to the north and south. Use surface to expand field sports grounds and provide connections.
- 12** Create drainage swales to treat site stormwater using Water Sensitive Design Principles. Use corridor as a biodiversity link through the precinct.
- 13 Native Landscape Area**
Create native landscape area and plant Mouat St embankment.
- Vehicle Access**
- 14 Main Entrances**
Create formal entry and improve access off Northbourne Avenue and Riggall Place. Enhance street address and sense of arrival. Improve legibility, safety and ease of vehicle access.
- 15 Primary Access Road**
Provide primary access road to increase accessibility and link major destinations.
- 16 Secondary Access Roads**
Provide secondary access road links to increase accessibility, link satellite carparking and improve access for maintenance and emergency vehicles.
- 17 Carparks**
Increase internal carparking capacity to remove load off surrounding streets. Improve accessibility to facilities. Formalise existing carparking to Archery and existing off street carpark on Mouat St. Improve arrival experience and capacity of shared parking and provide Bus set down and pick up bays.
- 18 Pedestrian / Cycle circulation**
Create a pedestrian and cycle circulation system to improve access and provide walking, jogging and cycling recreation opportunities. Link all key facilities together (e.g. carparking, indoor sports centres and public transport stops). Link into the existing external networks.
- 19 Archibald Street Entrance**
Create pedestrian / cycle entrance to precinct. Provide path connections to Mouat St bus stop and new precinct pathway system.