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Submission Cover Sheet

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

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Please select one of these statements: I would like to be contacted about making my submission confidential or having my name withheld if published.
Do you feel you have enough opportunities to participate in sport in your local community?: No
Why/why not?: Due to an active young family and running a small business.
Why do you like to participate in sport?: Physical fitness, Spending time with people/Socialising
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 have played AFL Canberra for six years and due to consistent travel I had scale back my playing career. I like to play social and competitive tennis with the pines tennis club which offer many different styles of play.
Why is community sport important to you?: It provides me with purpose and social connection. It is a positive experience that teaches you about fair play, problem solving and volunteering so I would my young family to be involved in community sport.
What stops you from participating in as much sport as you'd like to?: Lack of time, It's too expensive, Lack of facilities , Insufficient choice of sport, Other
If you selected 'other' please provide any details: No family in Canberra so we don't have child minding opportunities
What do you see as the biggest barriers to participating in community sport in the ACT and how would you remove them?: The biggest barriers in community sport are cost of living and associated costs with club membership and uniforms etc. I think local clubs and the ACT Government should provide more community sports days and provide more family friendly facilities to integrate into community clubs.

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

I would like to see a Community Sport voucher system as used in NSW to provide families with access to term based sport. A huge benefit to families and there sporting experience.

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

Yes

I understand that I cannot share my submission until the Committee publishes it.:

Yes