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**Tuggeranong Ice Sports Facility development - Assembly Resolution of 26 June 2025 and
Sporting facilities—Independent report - Assembly Resolution of 5 February 2026**

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Mr Speaker, as previously agreed by the ACT Legislative Assembly, I am providing a quarterly update on the independent sport report and development of the ice sports facility in Tuggeranong.

Independent Sport Report

Preliminary planning work has commenced on the Independent Sport Report project. This includes the preparation of a draft Terms of Reference (TOR) that will be shared with key stakeholder groups in due course.

Any feedback received from stakeholders on the draft TOR will be considered during the preparation of procurement documentation to support the engagement of an external consultant (or consultants) to undertake this critical work.

Engagement with stakeholders on the draft TOR is anticipated to commence in early July 2026.

Tuggeranong Ice Sports Facility Development

The ACT Government remains committed to the delivery of a new ice sports venue for the Canberra community. The proposed ice sports facility project commenced in 2019 following a Cabinet-endorsed Expression of Interest process to identify a partner to design, build and operate a new facility, resulting in the selection of Cruachan/Pelligra.

Between 2020 and 2024, the ACT Government progressed key enabling work for a site in Greenway, including site investigations, environmental approvals and detailed assessment of the proponent's proposal, which led to the execution of a non-binding agreement in November 2022.

Progress has since been impacted by a range of factors, including pandemic-related disruptions, delays in the provision of key legal and governance information by the proponent, and the expiry of the initial Environmental Significance Opinion in 2022. Subsequent changes to planning and environmental legislation introduced additional ecological assessment requirements, creating uncertainty regarding site suitability and delaying the progression of binding agreements.

In 2025, draft project documentation, including a proposed Project Agreement, was provided to Cruachan/Pelligra. Further discussions identified ongoing concerns from the proponent regarding the Tuggeranong site and overall project costs, as well as a preference to pursue alternative locations.

The ACT Government has reaffirmed its commitment to Tuggeranong as the preferred site and sought clarification of the proponent's position, including any additional funding requirements. An updated detailed proposal was subsequently requested and submitted by Cruachan/Pelligra in January 2026. This has enabled further assessment and analysis to inform the Government's consideration of next steps and the future direction of the project.

The ACT Government recognises the importance of transparency and timely delivery for the Tuggeranong and broader Canberra ice sports communities. Negotiations remain subject to commercial-in-confidence requirements and cannot be disclosed in detail.

I will continue to provide quarterly updates in line with this commitment and report on progress accordingly.