



## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY FOR THE AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

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### SELECT COMMITTEE ON ESTIMATES 2022-2023

Mr James Milligan MLA (Chair), Mr Andrew Braddock MLA (Deputy Chair),  
Dr Marisa Paterson MLA

### ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

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**James Milligan MLA:** To ask the Special Minister of State

In relation to: Stromlo Forest Park

The budget documents (Budget Outlook p. 267, 317, 325) reference continuing to progress the Stromlo Forest Park masterplans, including consultation with key user groups.

- 1) What proposals have been advanced for a significant upgrade of facilities, including for elite level mountain biking, to maintain the precinct as a major drawcard for high-level events and competitions?
- 2) What users groups have been engaged in the consultations?
- 3) Have any user groups been offered alternatives if the new arrangements do not suit their ongoing needs within the precinct?

**Chris Steel MLA:** The answer to the Member's question is as follows: –

- 1) Stromlo Forest Park (SFP) in consultation with the Stromlo Stakeholder Consultative Committee (SSCC) has prioritised eight projects from the 2016 SFP Masterplan to further explore and undertake analysis before getting the projects to shovel ready into the future. These projects (in no particular order) include the Stromlo Boulevard and Access Link (central north and south road); Central hub and tourist accommodation facility, a criterium circuit extension (currently under construction), Mountain bike track review, a Sister Pavilion Link Bridge, 12km cycling circuit, equestrian facilities in Block 514, and a BMX and Bike Park. Additionally, in response to increased visitation and for user safety, and consulted upon with the SSCC, SFP has plans to upgrade the existing carpark and develop a Village Green that provides a central community space that can be utilised for events. The development of the 2016 SFP Masterplan included public consultation via an online survey. The Stromlo Trails Advisory Group is also exploring mountain bike trail improvements given the increased use of the site, and to meet professional and recreational event and community requirements. Any trail recommendations are communicated to the SSCC for consideration.
- 2) Groups that are members of the SSCC are;
  - Canberra Off-Road Cyclists;
  - Pedal Power ACT;
  - Indigenous Marathon Foundation;
  - Triathlon ACT;
  - AusCycling;
  - WeRide;
  - TRI Running Group, and
  - ACT Equestrian Associated Incorporated.

- 3) The SSCC (internally referred to as the 'user group') consults with the SFP Management team and the SSCC committee regularly provides ideas, advice and suggestions regarding SFP improvements. The role of the SSCC is to provide stakeholder input on behalf of their membership group into the implementation of the strategic intent of the SFP master plan, act as a communication conduit between the ACT Government and the primary stakeholders of SFP by actively consulting with their community and membership groups on relevant topics as requested, and provide the ACT Government with expert subject matter advice and representation on behalf of their members' relevant interests in relation to SFP. The SSCC works from a Terms of Reference which allows for the group to work towards decision making via consensus.

Approved for circulation to the Select Committee on Estimates 2022-2023

Signature:



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By the Special Minister of State, Chris Steel MLA