

Terms of Reference

Independent Sport Report

Item	Scope of work
1	Review participation and usage data/trends, consultation findings, planning reports and community needs assessments, including the Sport Priority Register (2026 Survey), the ACT Community, Recreation and Sports Facilities Needs Assessment and the Social Infrastructure Audit, the Molonglo Valley Community Needs Assessment, and Public School Asset Condition Assessments to identify existing priorities, gaps and strategic implications.
2	Engage with sporting and community stakeholders ¹ to understand needs and priorities for new and/or upgraded sport infrastructure across the city.
3	Review relevant research/literature and compare ACT sport facility provision with two other similar sized jurisdictions in Australia.
4	Analyse demographic, population growth and participation trend data to assess current and future community demand for sport and recreation infrastructure and identify emerging facility needs and service gaps.
5	Create a facility database that counts ² all sport and recreation facilities ³ in the ACT (including public and private) and supports the development of data sets and maps, enabling facility information to be categorised and reported by sport, facility type, location and other relevant attributes.
6	Conduct an audit of ACT Government sportsgrounds to assess asset condition (via quality ratings) and facility inclusions, including turf quality, irrigation, playing surfaces, pavilions, lighting and ancillary infrastructure. The assessment should also consider sportsground capacity constraints across Canberra, including the impacts of local climatic conditions on asset performance, availability and carrying capacity.
7	Conduct an audit of ACT Government school sporting facilities (that can support community use outside of school hours) to verify asset condition (via quality ratings), facility inclusions and suitability for community and sporting use, including number of courts/fields, dimensions, sport equipment (i.e. variable height basketball rings), sport court line markings, sport equipment anchor points, size of any sportsgrounds, community storage facilities, sport specific items or uses, access to toilets or changeroom facilities for external community organisations.
8	Facilitate a user-led facility assessment process to enable community sporting organisations to provide input on facility functionality and suitability, including the collection and integration of sport-specific facility data where available.
9	Compile a list of all sport and recreation facilities operating under a crown lease or sublease and undertake compliance checks.

¹ Community stakeholders must include as a minimum District Community Councils and Licensed Clubs in the ACT that own and maintain sporting facilities.

² Item 5 only extends to counting and mapping the assets. The ACT Government will not be undertaking condition assessments on any privately owned/operated sporting facilities (i.e. golf courses, tennis clubs, licensed clubs assets, privately owned sportsgrounds, etc).

³ This task does not extend to aquatic facilities (separate strategy being developed), major stadia (outside project scope) or tracks/trails/parks/bushland, etc that support a range of sporting activities and/or events (i.e. mountain bike trails, equestrian trails, orienteering courses, etc).

10	Assess risk and impact of any potential loss of privately owned facilities.
11	Undertake an optimisation review of selected ACT Government sportsgrounds.
12	Review facility audit, condition assessment and optimisation data to identify and prioritise renewal, upgrade and optimisation works for existing sportsgrounds to inform the development of a forward program for sportsground upgrade and renewal.
13	Development of a multi-criterial analysis framework and tool to assess priorities for sport infrastructure projects, including demonstrated demand, land availability/suitability and financial considerations.
14	Development of a multi-criteria assessment for application in site consideration and identification.