19/078 Planning for indoor facilities and other sport and recreation infrastructure

Summary of impacts
• Financial support for indoor sports facilities in the ACT would potentially have positive impacts both socially and economically in the areas of access to social networks and community activities, and investment and economic growth.

Key to impacts: Red – negative, Blue – neutral, Green – Positive.

Social

Access to social networks and community activities	• Community sport infrastructure (including indoor sport facilities) facilitates positive social and health outcomes through participation in sport and recreation based activities. Importantly, community members do not need to be active sport participants to benefit from community sport infrastructure. These facilities draw communities together by providing a gathering place for a broad range of events, celebrations, meeting and a range of non-competitive physical recreation activities.

Economic

ACT Government Budget	• The provision of any future new/expanded indoor sporting facilities in the ACT would likely require a financial contribution from the ACT Government. • In addition to the likely need to contribute toward the capital cost of any new/expanded indoor sporting facilities in the ACT, there may be requests for lease variation charge waivers. • It is unknown at this stage what these costs might be.
Investment and economic growth	• Nationally, it is estimated that $1 billion is invested annually by all levels of government on community sport facilities. The annual projected return through economic, health and social benefits is valued at more than $16.2 billion.[1] • The development of new/expanded indoor sport facilities will provide a broad range of economic benefits to the Territory through direct employment, community activities and visitation to Canberra (for major events, sporting competitions and other community activities).

Environmental

Energy consumption	• Indoor sporting facilities generally do not require a high level of energy consumption, particularly where there is no heating/cooling installed and the facility relies on ventilation. Any new indoor sporting facility would also consider a range of energy efficient technologies including solar panels and LED lighting as part of the design process.

[1] KPMG 2018, *The Value of Community Sport Infrastructure – Investigating the value of community sport facilities to Australia*, https://home.kpmg/au/en/home/insights/2018/08/value-community-sport-infrastructure-australia.html.