

18/588 ACT Ice Sports Facility – Delivery Options

Summary of Impacts	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Financial support for a new ice sports facility 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 economic growth. Any potential financial support by the Territory for this proposal will have an impact on the ACT Government Budget.

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

Social

Access to social networks and community activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community sport infrastructure (including ice sport facilities) facilitate 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 (i.e. general public skate sessions).
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Economic

ACT Government Budget	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The proposed expression of interest process for delivering a new ice sports facility may have an impact on the ACT Government Budget should the Territory commit to providing a financial contribution to the project.
Investment and Economic Growth	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 a new ice sports facility 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ice sports facilities will typically require a high level of energy consumption to operate the ice plant equipment (associated with freezing the ice). Subject to budget availability and design, the large footprint and roof space for any new ice sports facility will provide options for solar panels to be incorporated to offset some of the energy consumption. A range of other energy efficient technologies could also potentially be incorporated (i.e. LED lighting) in any future design. The owner/operator of any new ice sports facility will be incentivised to implement as many environmental sustainable measures as possible, where economically viable, to minimise the annual operating costs for the facility.
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¹ The Value of Community Sport Infrastructure – Investigating the value of community sport facilities to Australia (KBMG, 2018).