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FOI reference: 23-020

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11. Additional information identified by ACAT	Not applicable
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From: TCCS_FreedomOfInformation
Sent: Tuesday, 7 March 2023 3:53 PM
To: EDU, FOI
Subject: RE: Partial transfer request - Florey Oval Refresh

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Hi Paula,

Thank you for forwarding this application to us; we accept partial transfer.

We will work with our DLO to provide a copy to Minister Steel's office.

Kind regards,

Samantha Irons | Assistant Director

Phone: 6207 9242 | Email: TCCS.FOI@act.gov.au

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Cc: EDU, FOI <EducationFOI@act.gov.au>
Subject: Partial transfer request - Florey Oval Refresh

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Hi all

Seeking your agreement to a partial transfer of the request below.

Sam – I'm unsure what the arrangements are between TCCS FOI team and Minister Steel's office. Will you manage that with them?

Regards

Paula

Paula Murray | Director Information Access

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Sent: Tuesday, 7 March 2023 12:32 PM

To: EDU, FOI <EducationFOI@act.gov.au>

Subject: RE: Seeking access to certain correspondence about Florey Oval refresh please under ACT FOI Act 2016

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Good afternoon Education Directorate FOI team

Thank you again for your reply to my request of last week. I've considered your requests for further information, and have included my responses in my formal request below.

I would like to formally lodge an FOI request being made under the *ACT Freedom of Information Act 2016*.

[REDACTED]

Text of request:

1. I am seeking please any correspondence regarding the Florey Oval Refresh and the Parliamentary motion on the subject from the 30th November 2021 which were exchanged between any of the following: Minister Berry's office, Minister Steel's office, CMTEDD, TCCS, the Education Directorate, and Florey Primary School since the 23rd November 2021.
2. Please include final versions of documents such as briefs to the Minister and Education Directorate executives, communication plans, and similar; but exclude internal working drafts of such documents and documents relating to routine administrative matters as such as arrangements for the pop-up sessions that were held.
3. I'd very much appreciate it if the Education FOI team could also please send my request to the other relevant offices and directorates, namely: Minister Steel's office, TCCS, CMTEDD and EPSDD.

Kind regards

[REDACTED]

Sent: Friday, 3 March 2023 9:43 PM

To: 'EDU, FOI' <EducationFOI@act.gov.au>

Subject: RE: Seeking access to certain correspondence about Florey Oval refresh please

Many thanks for your quick reply.

[REDACTED]

Kind regards

[REDACTED]

From: EDU, FOI <EducationFOI@act.gov.au>

Sent: Friday, 3 March 2023 4:12 PM

[REDACTED]

Cc: EDU, FOI <EducationFOI@act.gov.au>

Subject: RE: Seeking access to certain correspondence about Florey Oval refresh please

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Good afternoon [REDACTED]

Thanks for your email.

We will need to process your request under FOI and I'd expect that Minister Steel's office, TCCS and CMTEDD may have relevant records. Have you also sent your request to them? If not, we can do that.

I've had a look at the information available on the Florey Primary webpage and it also mentions EPSDD being involved. Did you want them to be included too?

I am advised that there are a large number of records that will be within the scope of your request. May we include final versions of documents such as briefs to the Minister and Education Directorate executives, communication plans, and similar; but exclude internal working drafts of such documents and documents relating to routine administrative matters as such as arrangements for the pop-up sessions that were held? This will save some processing time which will be of mutual benefit.

Your responses would be appreciated.

Regards

Paula

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Sent: Friday, 3 March 2023 10:51 AM

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Good morning

I am writing to you, as advised on the Education Directorate's FOI page, to find out if I might be able to access the following documents without requiring submission of a formal FOI application.

[REDACTED]

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Kind regards



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Dear [REDACTED]

Freedom of Information Request - Reference 23-020

I refer to your application for access to government information received by Transport Canberra and City Services (TCCS) via partial transfer from the Education Directorate on 07 March 2023. It is my understanding that you are seeking access to the following government information:

“1. I am seeking please any correspondence regarding the Florey Oval Refresh and the Parliamentary motion on the subject from the 30th November 2021 which were exchanged between any of the following: Minister Berry’s office, Minister Steel’s office, CMTEDD, TCCS, the Education Directorate, and Florey Primary School since the 23rd November 2021.

2. Please include final versions of documents such as briefs to the Minister and Education Directorate executives, communication plans, and similar; but exclude internal working drafts of such documents and documents relating to routine administrative matters as such as arrangements for the pop-up sessions that were held.

3. I’d very much appreciate it if the Education FOI team could also please send my request to the other relevant offices and directorates, namely: Minister Steel’s office, TCCS, CMTEDD and EPSDD.”

Timeframes

TCCS is required to decide on your application by 11 April 2023.

Authority

I am an Information Officer appointed by the Director-General under section 18 of the Act to deal with access applications made under Part 5 of the FOI Act.

Decision on access

In accordance with the FOI Act, a search of records held by TCCS, and the office of Minister Steel, has been completed and 14 records have been identified as relevant to your application.

Upon reviewing the information within the records and applying the public interest test under section 17 of the FOI Act, I have decided to provide you with partial release of these records.

The records identified as relevant to your application are listed in the schedule enclosed at Attachment A. A copy of the records with is enclosed at Attachments B.

Statement of Reasons

In reaching my access decision, I have taken the following into account:

- The FOI Act; and
- The *Human Rights Act 2016*.

In making my decision on disclosing the relevant government information, I must identify all relevant factors in schedule 1 and 2 of the FOI Act and determine, on balance, where the public interest lies.

Schedule 1:

- No relevant sections identified.

Schedule 2:

Factors favouring disclosure in the public interest (Section 2.1)

- Section 2.1(a)(i) - promote open discussion of public affairs and enhance the government's accountability; and
- Section 2.1(a)(viii) - reveal the reason for a government decision and any background or contextual information that informed the decision.

Factors favouring non-disclosure (Section 2.2)

- Section 2.2(a)(ii) - prejudice the protection of an individual's right to privacy or any other right under the Human Rights Act 2016.

In reviewing the relevant records, personal information relating to third parties, including information which is likely to identify a third party, has been identified.

This includes the names and contact details for all external parties, including any complainants. I have considered that this information is not readily available to the public and the disclosure of this information is likely to prejudice the protection of an individual's right to privacy under the Human Rights Act 2004 and carries significant weight. In this instance, I have found the disclosure of personal information to be, on balance, contrary to the public interest.

I have found that the factors favouring disclosure can be satisfied with the deletion of information which is contrary to the public interest. A copy of the relevant information is enclosed at Attachment B.

Charges

In accordance with [Freedom of Information \(Fees\) Determination 2018](#), a fee of \$0.35 per page of information disclosed, except for the first 50 pages, may be applied to an access application. The total number of pages in your application does not exceed the fee-free threshold.

Online publishing – disclosure log

Under section 28 of the Act, TCCS maintains an online record of access applications called a disclosure log. Your original access application, my decision and documents will be published in the TCCS disclosure log between 3 – 10 business days from the date of this decision. Your personal contact details will not be published. You may view the TCCS' disclosure log [here](#).

Ombudsman review

My decision on your access request is a reviewable decision as identified in Schedule 3 of the Act. You have the right to seek an Ombudsman review of this outcome under section 73 of the Act within 20 working days from the day that my decision is published in TCCS' disclosure log, or a longer period allowed by the Ombudsman.

If you wish to request a review of my decision, you may write to the Ombudsman at:

The ACT Ombudsman
GPO Box 442
CANBERRA ACT 2601
Via email: actfoi@ombudsman.gov.au

ACT Civil and Administrative Tribunal (ACAT) review

Under section 84 of the Act, if a decision is made under section 82 on an Ombudsman review, you may apply to the ACAT for review of the Ombudsman decision.

Further information may be obtained from ACAT at:

ACT Civil and Administrative Tribunal
Level 4, 1 Moore Street
GPO Box 370
CANBERRA CITY ACT 2601
Telephone: (02) 6207 1740
www.acat.act.gov.au

If you have any queries concerning the directorate's processing of your request, or would like further information, please contact the TCCS FOI team on (02) 6207 2987 or email to tccs.foi@act.gov.au.

Yours sincerely



Cherie Hughes
Information Officer

5 April 2023

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST SCHEDULE

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Personal information or business affairs information will not be made available under this policy. If you think the content of your request would contain such information, please inform the contact officer immediately.

Information about what is published on open access is available online at: https://www.tccs.act.gov.au/about-us/freedom_of_information/disclosure-log

File number		WHAT ARE THE PARAMETERS OF THE REQUEST				
FOI – 23-020		<p>1. I am seeking please any correspondence regarding the Florey Oval Refresh and the Parliamentary motion on the subject from the 30th November 2021 which were exchanged between any of the following: Minister Berry’s office, Minister Steel’s office, CMTEDD, TCCS, the Education Directorate, and Florey Primary School since the 23rd November 2021.</p> <p>2. Please include final versions of documents such as briefs to the Minister and Education Directorate executives, communication plans, and similar; but exclude internal working drafts of such documents and documents relating to routine administrative matters as such as arrangements for the pop-up sessions that were held.</p> <p>3. I’d very much appreciate it if the Education FOI team could also please send my request to the other relevant offices and directorates, namely: Minister Steel’s office, TCCS, CMTEDD and EPSDD.</p>				
Ref No	Page	Description	Date	Status	Reason for non-release or deferral	Open Access release status
01	1 - 4	Ministerial Brief S2022/00596	11 May 2022	Partial	Sch 2, Section 2.2 (a)(ii)	To be published on the TCCS Disclosure log, with the applicant’s personal
02	5 - 6	Ministerial Brief S2022/00596 - Attachment A - Motion on dryland ovals 30 November 2021	30 November 2021	Full Release	N/A	

03	7 - 8	Email - DOT POINTS - Dryland Oval consultation & Florey Dryland Oval Consultation - Jo Clay	16 June 2022	Full Release	N/A	information removed.
04	9 - 10	Email Attachment - QON 681 - Response - Clay - consultation with Florey Dryland Oval Consultation - Jo Clay	15 May 2022	Full Release	N/A	
05	11 - 12	Email - FW: Sport and Recreation - Dryland Ovals	Multiple	Full Release	N/A	
N/A	N/A	Email Attachment - Attachment A - Motion on dryland ovals 30 November 2021 - (Already included in item 02)	30 November 2021	N/A	N/A	
06	12	Email - FW FOR INPUT Listening Report Florey dryland oval	05 October 2022	Full Release	N/A	
07	13 - 16	Email Attachment - Your Say What We Heard Report - Florey Oval Refresh	N/A	Full Release	N/A	
08	17	Email - Florey Primary School - community oval - correspondence	10 October 2022	Full Release	N/A	

09	18 - 19	Email Attachment 1 of 3 - Directorate's Response - Dot points about the Florey Oval consultation and project scope	18 August 2022	Partial	Sch 2, Section 2.2 (a)(ii)
10	20 - 21	Email Attachment - 2 of 3 - Minister's Response to Mr Peter Cain MLA - Florey Oval	N/A	Full Release	N/A
N/A	N/A	Email Attachment - 3 of 3 - Arrangements Brief - Florey Oval Renewal - Commencement of YourSay engagement campaign	28 July 2022	Refused	Out of Scope of Application
11	22 - 23	Email - RE: Contact my Minister - Correspondence: 290322 - 1975946	29 March 2022	Partial	Sch 2, Section 2.2 (a)(ii)
12	24 - 25	Email Attachment - Letter to Minister Steel - Florey Oval - Dryland Oval Development	29 March 2022	Partial	Sch 2, Section 2.2 (a)(ii)
13	26 - 27	Email - RE Dryland Oval consultation - Florey Dryland Oval Consultation	23 June 2022	Full Release	N/A
14	28 - 29	Email - RE Correspondence from Minister Berry	17 August 2022	Full Release	N/A

Transport Canberra and City Services

To: Minister for Transport and City Services Tracking No.: MIN S2022/00596

Date received in MO: 09/05/2022

CC: Minister for Sport and Recreation

From: Executive Branch Manager, City Presentation

Through: Director-General
Deputy Director-General, City Services
Executive Group Manager, City Operations

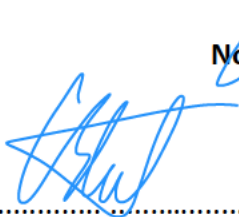
Subject: Response to motion raised regarding dryland ovals

Critical Date: In the normal course of business

Recommendations

That you note the information contained in this brief.

Noted / Please Discuss

Chris Steel MLA  11/5/22

Minister's Feedback

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Background

1. A motion was raised in the Legislative Assembly on 30 November 2021 regarding the use and management of informal use (dryland) ovals ([Attachment A](#)).
2. Dryland ovals are non-irrigated ovals that can be used by the community for informal recreation. Sport and Recreation (City Presentation) is the custodian of these ovals.
3. The use and management of informal use (dryland) ovals is addressed in the Land Management Plans, which are currently being reviewed and consolidated. It is anticipated that a draft Urban Open Space Land Management Plan (the draft Plan) will be ready for public consultation later this year.

Issues

4. The motion calls on the ACT Government to: undertake public consultation on the draft revised Land Management Plan (including on dryland ovals); finalise the Plan based on community feedback; engage with community groups to identify potential uses of dryland ovals as part of the Adopt-a-Park initiative; consult with the Florey Primary School and community regarding community uses of the Florey oval; and report on progress to the Assembly by the first sitting week in 2023 ([Attachment A](#)).
5. The draft Plan will detail how the different types of urban open spaces and their associated facilities are used and managed.
6. Once the draft Plan is approved by you, it will be released for public consultation. Feedback received by the community on the draft Plan during the consultation period will be considered and incorporated into the final Plan where appropriate.
7. It is anticipated that, whilst the draft Plan will list the range of acceptable community use options for dryland ovals, it will also note that there may be other strategic uses identified by other parts of Government (such as a needs-based decision to invest to return dryland ovals to fully functional sportsgrounds). TCCS will commit to investigate the framework for activating dryland ovals as an explicit action in the draft Plan that will engage government and the community.
8. The Adopt-a-Park Community Grants Program may provide opportunities for local communities to improve the amenity and use of dryland ovals through projects such as nature play, weed control, tree planting and community events.
9. The Florey community have been liaising with Florey Primary School about the future use of Florey oval adjacent to the school. The oval is currently used by the school and the community have raised some potential shared uses of the space. The Education Directorate is leading community consultation in relation to this matter, and TCCS has offered to assist wherever necessary.
10. An additional matter has since been raised regarding the 'rewilding' of informal use (dryland) ovals. TCCS will discuss this and other proposed alternative uses, in the draft Plan.

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Financial Implications

11. Nil associated with this brief.

Consultation

Internal

12. Consultation with other business units within TCCS (Sport and Recreation, City Presentation) has been undertaken.

Cross Directorate

13. No direct consultation has been undertaken with other Directorates. The Education Directorate is leading community consultation regarding the shared use of Florey oval between Florey Primary School and the Florey community.
14. As mentioned above, this matter has been discussed briefly with staff from Partnerships and Planning, Sport and Recreation (CMTEDD).

External

15. Public consultation on the draft Plan will be undertaken once it is completed and approved for release.
16. The Minister for Sport and Recreation will also be consulted.

Work Health and Safety

17. Public safety is taken into consideration as a priority when determining the use and management of all open spaces owned by TCCS, including informal use (dryland) ovals.
18. Adopt-a-Park volunteer groups undertake induction and WHS training prior to commencing project works on public land.

Benefits/Sensitivities

19. The Belconnen conservation/ environment stakeholders may continue to raise the matter of 'rewilding' dryland ovals in the Belconnen region, in particular Fernhill Park in Bruce and Macquarie Oval.
20. There are potentially competing uses of informal use (dryland) ovals, such as informal recreation, dog off-leash areas, tree planting, the possible full or partial re-instatement of irrigated areas for formal sports, etc. These are reviewed on a case-by-case basis.

Communications, media and engagement implications

21. Once the draft revised Land Management Plan is approved by you to be released for public consultation, a draft media release will be prepared for your consideration.

Signatory Name: Daniel Iglesias

Phone: 

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Action Officer: Cathryn Saunders

Phone: 6205 7336

Attachments

Attachment	Title
Attachment A	Motion on dryland ovals 30 November 2021

Question resolved in the affirmative.

Original question, as amended, resolved in the affirmative.

Sport and recreation—dryland ovals

MS CLAY (Ginninderra) (4.16): I move:

That this Assembly:

(1) notes that:

- (a) the ACT has 31 dryland ovals, including 14 in the Belconnen region and these make up a significant part of our outdoor community space;
- (b) climate change is leading to a hotter, drier Canberra climate;
- (c) these 31 dryland ovals were converted from irrigated sports fields due to the millennium drought, the cost of irrigation and the increasing amount of water needed to upkeep these sports fields;
- (d) the cost to convert a dryland oval back into an irrigated sports field is more than one million dollars and the upkeep on these fields is considerable;
- (e) dryland ovals are now first and foremost informal sporting and recreation spaces available to use for the whole community;
- (f) dryland ovals are a community resource that are currently underutilised and residents near these ovals would like a better use of this large amount of local community space;
- (g) ACT Government values dryland ovals as a community and recreational space, and wants to preserve them as publicly-owned green spaces;
- (h) local communities provide valuable feedback about what is in and around their suburbs, and should play an active role in the development of their suburb;
- (i) some communities are already well advanced in discussions with ACT government about the future of their dryland oval, such as the Florey community who have been engaging with the Florey Primary School over the past year; and
- (j) community members have suggested many low-cost climate resilient ways that dryland ovals could be repurposed for community use, including but not limited to:
 - (i) community-constructed BMX dirt bike tracks;
 - (ii) nature playgrounds;
 - (iii) community run micro-forests or urban rewilding projects;
 - (iv) adventure playgrounds;
 - (v) enclosed dog off-leash areas;
 - (vi) community gardens;
 - (vii) outdoor exercise areas; and
 - (viii) disc golf courses;

30 November 2021

Legislative Assembly for the ACT

- (2) further notes that the ACT Government:
- (a) recently released a draft Play Space Strategy and is currently consulting on this;
 - (b) is due to commence a review of Public Land Management Plans for urban open spaces, including dryland ovals, in 2022; and
 - (c) has an Adopt-a-Park program, which provides grants funding to support community-led initiatives on urban open area land including micro-forests; and
- (3) calls on the ACT Government to:
- (a) conduct public consultation on land management plans for urban open spaces with the local community, including on the 31 dryland ovals, with residents, local Parent & Citizen groups, local businesses and local community groups;
 - (b) finalise updated land management plans, which will include specific consideration of dryland ovals and incorporate the feedback and aspirations on their future use received from the local community;
 - (c) promote the Adopt-a-Park initiative and engage closely with community groups wanting to start projects to improve dryland ovals and other open spaces for community uses;
 - (d) continue to work with the Florey Primary School and the community on commitments to improve the Florey oval to provide more active open space for the school and local community; and
 - (e) report back to the Assembly on progress on this motion by the first sitting week in 2023.

My motion concerns “dryland ovals”, which may not be a term everyone immediately recognises. Canberra has plenty of dryland ovals. We have 31 in total, and 14 of those are in Belconnen. That is why I brought this motion, and I am sure it will be of particular interest to my MLA colleagues in Ginninderra.

We have all heard from constituents about our local dryland ovals. Community members write in and stop me at stalls with questions all the time. They have so many great ideas, and it made me realise how important it is to get feedback from people about their local areas. That is why I have put community consultation at the heart of this motion. A lot of people wonder why their ovals are in the condition they are in. Especially if you are new to Canberra, you may not realise that these ovals were converted from irrigated sports fields to the dryland condition they are in today. I have lived in Belconnen my whole life and I remember the difficult decision taken during the millennium drought. I also understand that decision.

We chose to keep some irrigated sports fields—that is important; we need to keep some for structured sport—but we reduced the number of irrigated ovals in Canberra. We simply could not afford the water. I will start with the environmental cost. We are in a climate crisis. Canberra is getting hotter and drier, with more extreme weather. Some years we have a lot of rain—this year is one of them—and our dams are full. But we all know this will not last forever, and the trend is towards a hotter and drier

From: STEEL
Sent: Thursday, 16 June 2022 3:08 PM
To: TCCS_Ministerial
Cc: TCCS_DLO
Subject: DOT POINTS - Dryland Oval consultation & Florey Dryland Oval Consultation - Jo Clay
Attachments: QON 681 - Response - Clay - consultation with Florey school re Dryland O....pdf
Categories: Mark

Hi team,

Can we please have some dot points.

Thank you,

Saleha

Office of Chris Steel MLA

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From: CLAY <CLAY@parliament.act.gov.au>
Sent: Thursday, 16 June 2022 1:33 PM
To: STEEL <STEEL@act.gov.au>
Cc: Rayner, Jennifer <Jennifer.Rayner@act.gov.au>; Clay, Jo <Jo.Clay@parliament.act.gov.au>
Subject: Dryland Oval consultation & Florey Dryland Oval Consultation

Hi Steel Team,

Following up from the Dryland ovals motion last year we're hoping to find out what is going on with the Urban Open Space Management Plan consultation – including the specific consideration of dryland ovals under the plan.

We are also wondering where the Florey-specific dryland oval consultation is up to, noting we have heard the school is only consulting with the school community on the portion of oval that the school will eventually use.

Given previous comments that the consultation would be completed by July we're just hoping that this timeline will be extended rather than consultation skipped, and that a YourSay or similar survey will be provided for the community to get involved.

Kind Regards,

Maverick Douglas

Office of Jo Clay MLA | ACT Greens Member for Ginninderra | ACT Greens Spokesperson for Transport, Planning, Parks and Conservation, Animal Welfare, Arts and Culture, Science, Circular Economy and Women

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The Greens acknowledge Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples' relationship with the land and water, and their rights and obligations as Traditional Custodians must be respected. As sovereignty was never ceded, the Greens recognise that to become a truly reconciled nation, we must act to empower, listen to, and support Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, their families and communities.





Yvette Berry MLA
Deputy Chief Minister
Minister for Early Childhood Development
Minister for Education and Youth Affairs
Minister for Housing and Suburban Development
Minister for Women
Minister for the Prevention of Domestic and Family Violence
Minister for Sport and Recreation

Member for Ginninderra

RESPONSE TO QUESTION ON NOTICE
Questions on Notice Paper No 15
25 March 22
Question No. 681

MS CLAY: To ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation—

- (1) Can the Minister provide an update on the progress of consultation with the Florey school community, and broader Florey community on the future of their dryland oval.
- (2) Can the Minister provide a timeline for this consultation.

MS BERRY MLA - The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

- (1) Transport Canberra and City Services (TCCS) as the land custodian has been collaboratively working with the Education Directorate to determine opportunities for the Florey dryland oval. The Education Directorate has been working with the school to gather ideas for a suitable open space for the students on a portion of the oval site, which would also improve local recreation facilities. The ACT COVID-19 lockdown delayed any further engagement work planned by the Education Directorate in 2021. Indicative sketches have been developed and will form the basis for the next phase of consultation.
- (2) TCCS is currently reviewing the existing land management plans for public unleased land, which includes dryland ovals. As part of that review, consideration will be given to the future management of dryland ovals. The review will result in a single land management plan which is anticipated to be released as a draft for public comment in mid-2022. With regard to Florey Oval, the Education Directorate met with the school Principal in April 2022 to recommence communication and



engagement activities. Over coming months this will include engagement with staff, students and the school community; exploration and discussion with local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander representatives; as well as seeking feedback from the Florey and Belconnen communities. Community engagement activities are expected to be completed and an outcome announced by the end of July 2022. Following the community engagement activities Education will work with TCCS to determine pathways to achieving outcomes.

Approved for circulation to the Member and incorporation into Hansard.

**Yvette Berry MLA
Minister for Sport and Recreation**

Date:.....

This response required 1 hr 25 mins to complete, at an approximate cost of \$125.11.

From: Iglesias, Daniel
Sent: Wednesday, 22 June 2022 1:35 PM
To: Rosser, Thomas; Kelley, Rebecca
Subject: FW: Sport and Recreation - Dryland Ovals
Attachments: Attachment A - Motion on dryland ovals 30Nov2021#2.pdf

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Hi Thomas

Rebecca Kelley's team is working closely with us to consider the future of dryland ovals. Whilst we have a pathway that will see a strategic position taken through the Urban Open Space Management Plan that is currently in an advanced draft and being prepared by City Presentation - Sport and Rec provide important advice regarding potential future re-activation of some of these sites (which once identified, are set aside, and stay in the sport and rec domain). The balance of sites can then be considered for other green space/community/environmental uses.

Unsure if this approach has been tested with Min Berry's office and if that equates with what the Minister would like to see. Happy to add to the next Min briefing to discuss further.

Many thanks

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From: Jeffrey, David <David.Jeffrey@act.gov.au>
Sent: Thursday, 16 June 2022 12:25 PM
To: Ogden, Ralph <Ralph.Ogden@act.gov.au>
Cc: Kelley, Rebecca <Rebecca.Kelley@act.gov.au>; Iglesias, Daniel <Daniel.Iglesias@act.gov.au>; Dolejsi, Simon <Simon.Dolejsi@act.gov.au>; Burden, Ross <Ross.Burden@act.gov.au>
Subject: Sport and Recreation Motion - Dryland Ovals

OFFICIAL

Hi Ralph,

Thanks for sharing your update that Minister Rattenbury and Minister Cheyne have expressed an interest in understanding the future use of Belconnen Way Oval, linked to the project you are considering to convert this oval into a wetland to improve the water quality of Lake Ginninderra.

As previously discussed, as a first step CMTEDD - Sport and Recreation is planning to undertake a desktop audit to consider what the future "sporting" requirements, if any, may be for all of the informal (dryland) use ovals across Canberra. This work will be done in partnership with TCCS - Sport and Recreation Facilities (the land custodian/asset manager for all ACT Government sportsgrounds). Once the desktop audit has been completed, we intend to present the findings to the Minister for Sport and Recreation for consideration.

For background context, please see attached the Motion put forward in the Assembly in November 2021.

Cheers,

David Jeffrey

Senior Director

Sport and Recreation

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From: Wadwell, Emily
Sent: Wednesday, 5 October 2022 10:36 AM
To: Halpin, Luke
Cc: Iglesias, Daniel; Virtue, Geoff
Subject: FW: FOR INPUT: Listening Report Florey dryland oval
Attachments: YourSay-What-We-Heard-Report-Florey-Oval-Refresh FINAL.docx

Hi Luke

Education have sent through the listening report following the Florey consultation for us to review the mentions of TCCS and make sure we're comfortable.

Has there been a discussion between us and Minister Berry about the future of the remaining sections of the Oval? The only thing I'd be concerned about is the timeline indicates we will consider further redevelopment – I'm inclined to request they remove that and just leave the mentions of us continuing to work together throughout the document.

Could you please get back to me by midday tomorrow with your thoughts?

Thank you
Emily

From: Nelson, Alex <Alex.Nelson@act.gov.au>
Sent: Wednesday, 5 October 2022 8:16 AM
To: Wadwell, Emily <Emily.Wadwell@act.gov.au>
Subject: FW: FOR INPUT: Listening Report Florey dryland oval

Hi Emily,

Hope you had a lovely long weekend.

I have attached the Florey Oval Refresh listening report for input from TCCS, I think Sally had given you the heads up this would be coming through.

I can give you a call this morning to chat further and answer any questions.

Thank you

Kind regards

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FLOREY DRYLAND OVAL REFRESH

REPORT ON WHAT WE HEARD

Canberrans were invited to have their say on the redevelopment of a portion of the Florey Dryland Oval from 27 July to 7 September 2022. The redevelopment will help create a natural outdoor space for students at Florey Primary School, who use this space every day, and the wider community for recreational use in the evenings and weekends.

Student ideas and input will also inform plans for this exciting new shared school and community space.

The redeveloped portion of the oval will become an educational and engaging space for students to access and enjoy every day as part of their learning.

Outside of school hours this public space will allow community to relax, exercise, meet, play, chat and connect.

The Education Directorate is working closely with Transport Canberra and City Services on this project and feedback received through this engagement will help shape future plans for the wider oval.

THE CONVERSATION

Student and school community engagement

In 2019 Florey Primary School students provided early ideas and sketches into what they would like to see the oval become.

During the engagement period the Florey Primary School Leadership Team and Parents and Citizens (P&C) were engaged to help shape and promote engagement opportunities through school newsletters, online, at meetings, and to gather student input.

Every class from the school had the opportunity to vote on the elements they wanted to see as part of the redevelopment. 782 student votes were received through this process.

Online survey

An online survey, via the YourSay website, was open during the consultation period for the community to provide feedback. A total of 58 surveys were completed. The community was also invited to provide feedback via email and Facebook.



Community pop-ups

Two pop-up sessions were held during the consultation period onsite at Florey Primary School, and at the local shops on 17 and 22 August 2022 to provide the community with an opportunity to ask questions.

The Education Directorate was also invited to present to the Belconnen Community Council via its online meeting on 16 August 2022. We spoke to over 50 people across these sessions.

WHO WE ENGAGED

The consultation targeted students, families and staff from the Florey Primary School, Florey locals as well as residents from the broader Belconnen region.

We promoted the consultation via:

- a letterbox drop to 1200 homes in the suburb of Florey
- the Belconnen Our Canberra print newsletter and electronic newsletter
- ACT Government, Education Directorate and Florey Primary School social media accounts
- Education Directorate and Florey Primary School websites
- Florey Primary School newsletter and P&C meeting
- an email to key stakeholders including the Belconnen Community Council.

98.3% of survey respondents were from the Belconnen region. Residents with the majority of other responses from neighbouring suburbs were located centrally (1.72%).

WHAT WE HEARD

Key insights from the community

What is important to the students at Florey Primary School

1. There is strong support from students to see bubblers (drinking fountains) included in the redevelopment (135 votes)
2. The next most supported elements were recreational, with students wanting to see a bike track built (86 votes), closely followed by goal posts (81 votes)
3. Picnic tables were equal third in students votes, alongside a nature and imaginative play space (73 votes each)
4. We also heard from students would like to see shaded areas incorporated in this space
5. Access to the oval and safety is important to the school leadership, ensuring every student benefits from this refreshed space.



What is important to the Florey (and wider Belconnen) community

1. There is strong support from community for nature and imaginative play spaces, shaded areas, and seating
2. Open irrigated greenspace followed by trees are also of high priority for community
3. Safety and access to the oval is important to ensure everyone benefits from this refreshed space.

How community currently use the oval

1. 65% of respondents told us they were already frequent users of the oval
2. 47% of respondents currently use the oval to walk and exercise their dogs
3. 22% currently use the oval to exercise
4. While some respondents didn't currently use the oval, they said they would do so once the space was redeveloped.

Community priorities for the oval

1. It is important for community that the redevelopment of the area prioritises the benefits to Florey Primary School students first, followed by community use in the evenings and weekends
2. The community sees this initial redevelopment as just the beginning for this project. Respondents said they would love to see the entire oval redeveloped over time

WHAT'S NEXT?

Feedback from this engagement will help shape the final design for the first portion of the Florey dryland oval. We look forward to sharing the design with you later this year.

Updates will continue to be provided via the YourSay page. If you have any questions about this project or would like to be kept updated on its progress, please email ACT.Education@act.gov.au.

To find out more about the Florey oval refresh and other Education Directorate initiatives follow us on Facebook - @ACTPublicSchools, Instagram - @actpublicschools, Twitter - @ACTEducation.

The Education Directorate will continue to work with Transport Canberra and City Services on short and longer-term improvements to the wider oval based on community feedback, student need and to ensure a cohesive and complementary design.

Key Timings

27 July 2022: Community consultation started on the redevelopment of a portion of the Florey Dryland Oval

7 September 2022: Community consultation closed

October 2022: What We Heard Report released (**we are here**)



October 2022: Design Phase, including:

- Engagement with Ngunnawal community to seek input into designs
- Connecting the North Ainslie Primary School as critical friends to Florey School, following their recent completion of their oval upgrade

December 2022: Final designs released for redevelopment of a portion of Florey Dryland Oval

2023: Construction of first portion of Florey Dryland Oval underway

2023 onwards: Plans to redevelop further parts of the oval to be considered by Transport Canberra and City Services

THANK YOU FOR YOUR FEEDBACK

493

We reached 493 people via
YourSay

58

A total of 58 people
completed the survey

50+

We spoke to over 50 people
at pop-up sessions

782

782 Florey Primary School students
told us would they like to see

16,317

We reached 16,317 people
via Facebook

2630

We reached 2630 people
via Twitter

3919

We reached 3919 people
via Instagram

98.3%

98.3 of respondents were from the
Belconnen region.

From: Nakkan, John
Sent: Monday, 10 October 2022 3:50 PM
To: Iglesias, Daniel
Cc: ICW EBM Office; Halpin, Luke
Subject: Florey Primary School - community oval - correspondence
Attachments: FILE20228085 MIN DOT POINTS Florey PS oval project Clay MLA.DOCX; REC22 88766 FILE20214934_Min Letter_Florey Oval_Cain.DOCX; REC22 153141 Arrangements Brief - Florey Oval Renewal.pdf

Hi Daniel,

Thanks for your time last week to participate in the discussion about our plans for Florey oval. Please see attached some recent correspondence on this issue with our Minister. This issue goes back several years and the Florey community are very much in support of what we want to do with part of the space, noting that their ambitions extend to the entire site.

On a related matter, I'd like to catch up with you and Luke in the near future to discuss some common issues around dry-grassland ovals adjacent to schools. For a while there was a working group that included our directorates plus Sport and Recreation, but when I moved to CMTEED last year it seems to have not continued. I'm just sounding out our Minister's continued interest in this area and will let you know what the priorities are.

Regards,

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Request from Minister's Staff

Title: Florey Primary School oval project

TRIM number: FILE2022/8085

Request: Dot points about the Florey Oval consultation and project scope

Request date: 18/8/22

Response due to Minister's staff: 18/8/22

Response format: Dot points

Cleared by: EGM BSD

Directorate's Response

Background

- Minister for Education met with Florey Primary School March 2021 and discussed ideas about a refresh for a portion of the Florey oval with students.
- In June 2021, Minister for Education met with Florey P&C to present and gather feedback and ideas from parents about the oval's refresh.
- During 2021 an engagement plan was developed to guide the community engagement process inclusive of stakeholder engagement.
- Transport Canberra and City Services (TCCS) Directorate as the land custodian are collaboratively working with the Education Directorate in relation to the intention to refresh a portion on the oval.
- October 2021 – TCCS reported the priority for Florey Oval is to provide adequate green space for use by the Florey Primary School. While the Education Directorate and TCCS are working collaboratively to identify possible solutions, no specific plans have been developed nor funding provided.
- May 2022 - Education Directorate met with Florey Primary School Leadership team, Board and P&C. Discussions to commence community engagement and a YourSay campaign were confirmed at this meeting.
- July 2022 - Commencement of the initial six-week YourSay community engagement to gather feedback to inform this oval refresh.

Issues

- The priority for the Minister for Education and Youth Affairs, is for improved access to a suitable outdoor open space for students at Florey Primary School that can also be used by the Florey Community outside of school hours.
- On closing of community comments through the YourSay engagement, feedback will be collated and shared with TCCS. Particularly any input that considers the remaining oval areas beyond the focus of the Education Directorate.
- Before committing to further actions beyond the initial portion of the oval that Education will refresh, input from YourSay will be considered.
- While TCCS and the Education Directorate are working collaboratively on considerations for the Florey Oval refresh, the immediate priority is delivering additional outdoor learning and green space for Florey Primary School students.
- The Education Directorate will lead and fund the design and implementation of the portion of the oval refresh. Design for further upgrades to the remainder portion of the oval will be lead by TCCS and subject to future funding.



Yvette Berry MLA
Deputy Chief Minister
Minister for Early Childhood Development
Minister for Education and Youth Affairs
Minister for Housing and Suburban Development
Minister for Women
Minister for the Prevention of Domestic and Family Violence
Minister for Sport and Recreation

Member for Ginninderra

Mr Peter Cain MLA
Member for Ginninderra
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Dear Mr Cain

Thank you for your letter of 11 October 2021 regarding the upgrades to the Florey Oval, I apologise for the delay in responding to you.

As you are aware, there is strong interest from the community and Florey Primary School to refresh a portion of Florey dry land oval to improve recreation facilities in this location for the school and local community. The Education Directorate is looking to provide a natural outdoor area for students at Florey Primary School who use this space every day and the wider community.

On 28 July 2022, I announced the commencement of the YourSay community engagement that will gather feedback to inform the future oval refresh. The YourSay campaign can be found at <https://yoursayconversations.act.gov.au/florey-oval-renewal>

As part of this engagement the Education Directorate will also facilitate two pop up engagements whereby community are invited to come along and provide feedback in person.

As Minister for Education and Youth Affairs, my priority is for improved access to a suitable outdoor open space for students at Florey Primary School. In May 2022, representatives from the Education Directorate met with the Florey Primary School Board, Parents and Citizens' Association (P&C) and representatives from the Florey Oval community group to discuss the next steps for the project.

The Education Directorate is working collaboratively with local stakeholders on the refresh of Florey Oval.

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The Directorate has met with Belconnen Community Council who are supporting with the community engagement by sharing updates through their various platforms. The Directorate is scheduled to attend the August Belconnen Community Council meeting to talk about this project.

Transport Canberra and City Services Directorate (TCCS), as land custodian, is working in partnership with the Education Directorate to commence this exciting project.

Thank you for raising this matter with me and for your continued interest.

Yours sincerely

Yvette Berry MLA
Minister for Education and Youth Affairs

From: STEEL
Sent: Tuesday, 29 March 2022 4:32 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Contact my Minister - Correspondence: 290322 - 1975946 - [REDACTED]

Good afternoon [REDACTED],

Thank you for contacting Minister Steel regarding the Florey Oval.

Your email is currently receiving the attention of the Minister and a response is being prepared.

Kind regards

Office of Chris Steel MLA

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Minister for Skills
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Chris Steel, MLA

The following correspondence has been submitted via the Contact my Minister website.

The constituent has indicated that they would like a response to their correspondence.

Florey Oval – Dryland Oval Development

Dear Chris Please find attached a letter regarding Florey Oval – Dryland Oval Development. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Florey Community Action

Correspondence Reference # 290322 - 1975946

Submission date: 29 Mar 2022 3:33pm

Contact Information

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Dear Chris

Minister for Transport and City Services

Florey Community Action held an informal community consultation morning at Florey Oval on Sunday 20 March 2022. It was decided to provide residents with the opportunity to start to express their ideas regarding the motion passed in the ACT Legislative Assembly in December on dryland ovals with Florey Oval being the first oval to be considered.

Florey Primary School was consulted in late 2021. Florey Community Action community consultation was arranged to start of the process from a resident's perspective as many were concerned about the lack of consultation and progress following on from the consultation with the school.

Florey Community Action Meeting Outcomes, 20 March 2022

Consensus

- A portion of Florey Oval needs to be maintained and a perimeter established (either fence or clear boundary, e.g., plantings) for use by the Florey Primary School. There were varying views on how much and how this could be quarantined, including the need to maintain and improve access from the northern part of Florey to the shopping precinct for pedestrians and other vulnerable road users.
- A suggested way forward is for the Florey Oval dryland oval work to be managed under the umbrella of the ACT Wellbeing Framework.

Concerns Raised by Residents

- One resident has enrolled their child to a school outside Florey due to the lack of outdoor sporting area at Florey Primary School.
- What has happened to the consultation that was done in the school?
- General tidying and maintenance of the Florey Oval and surrounds – blocked and overgrown drain; drainage in general is inadequate.
- Access to portioned off area for school, including hearing bells, the in-between spaces.
- Need for access for general public when not in use by school.
- One attendee wanted to put forward a view that no changes were needed.

Community Suggestions for Non-School Area

- Community vegetable gardens.
- Nature play area – examples given were Hughes, Denmark.
- Mixed parks for different purposes.
- Amphitheatre – opportunities for outdoor school assemblies as well as community use for such things as musical performances outside of school hours.
- Outdoor learning environment (in addition to the maintained portion).
- Seating and picnic tables in surrounding areas.
- Bicycle path/jumps – something that is between the toddler bike space at Lake Ginninderra and the formal BMX tracks in Melba.
- Outdoor basketball/netball court for public use.
- Exercise stations like at John Knight Park.

- Reduced scale frisbee golf.
- Dog park for residents without use of cars.
- Bins and dog poop bags.
- Artwork/sculptures.

Issues Related to Florey Oval Redevelopment

- Strategic approach to future changing demographic of Florey and nearby suburbs – broader plan for the precinct, not just the oval.
- Road access needs revision – including direct access into the car park area adjacent to Florey Oval from John Cleland Crescent.
- Placement of toilets for Florey shops.
- Harvesting water from school roofs for irrigation.
- Funding of the maintained portion of the oval – concerns about impact on school budget.

Way Forward from Florey Community Action Perspective

1. Community forum involving Florey Primary School and Florey residents to be organised in the next three months. ACT Government to organise and promote the community forum.
2. ACT Government to provide information about the ACT directorate managing the project
3. ACT Government to ensure its redevelopment takes into consideration the election. commitment of toilets at Florey Shops and traffic issues raised around the Florey Shops.
4. ACT Government provide timelines regarding its redevelopment.

This letter has been sent to Ginninderra MLA's, relevant ACT Government Ministers – Steel (Transport Canberra & City Services) and Berry (Education and Sport) and relevant Opposition spokespersons.

We look forward to your response. It will be forwarded to interested Florey residents.

Regards

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Florey Community Action

From: STEEL
Sent: Thursday, 23 June 2022 4:54 PM
To: CLAY
Subject: RE: Dryland Oval consultation & Florey Dryland Oval Consultation

Hi,

Not yet, I'll follow this up.

Thanks,
Saleha

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Sent: Thursday, 23 June 2022 4:33 PM
To: STEEL <STEEL@act.gov.au>
Subject: FW: Dryland Oval consultation & Florey Dryland Oval Consultation

Hi Saleha,

Thanks for that, just wondering when we might hear more on this one?

Kind Regards,

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From: STEEL <STEEL@act.gov.au>
Sent: Thursday, 16 June 2022 3:09 PM
To: CLAY <CLAY@parliament.act.gov.au>
Subject: RE: Dryland Oval consultation & Florey Dryland Oval Consultation

Hi Maverick,

I will get some advice on this and will get back to you.

Kind Regards,
Saleha

From: CLAY <CLAY@parliament.act.gov.au>
Sent: Thursday, 16 June 2022 1:33 PM
To: STEEL <STEEL@act.gov.au>
Cc: Rayner, Jennifer <Jennifer.Rayner@act.gov.au>; Clay, Jo <Jo.Clay@parliament.act.gov.au>
Subject: Dryland Oval consultation & Florey Dryland Oval Consultation

Hi Steel Team,

Following up from the Dryland ovals motion last year we're hoping to find out what is going on with the Urban Open Space Management Plan consultation – including the specific consideration of dryland ovals under the plan.

We are also wondering where the Florey-specific dryland oval consultation is up to, noting we have heard the school is only consulting with the school community on the portion of oval that the school will eventually use.

Given previous comments that the consultation would be completed by July we're just hoping that this timeline will be extended rather than consultation skipped, and that a YourSay or similar survey will be provided for the community to get involved.

Kind Regards,

Maverick Douglas

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From: CLAY
Sent: Wednesday, 17 August 2022 5:04 PM
To: BERRY; STEEL
Cc: Douglas, Maverick
Subject: RE: Correspondence from Minister Berry

Thanks Amber! And copying in Team Steel, who are also working on this project.

This letter is really good news, but it doesn't match up with what we heard at last night's BelcoCouncil. We had a lovely presentation by John Nakkam, but we were told pretty clearly that the consult is only looking at the 1/3 of the oval which is going to be used by the school & delivered by Education. John said the consult and design will not plan out the remaining 2/3 of the oval. He thought that would be delivered by TCCS separately at another time but couldn't say.

I've had members of the Florey community raise this with me as a significant concern. They want the project to be consulted on and planned together as an integrated whole, to make sure the whole space is useful, works together and doesn't duplicate ideas. They don't want the school bit done separately, and in isolation from the rest of the space.

Also noting the words of the original Assembly motion, we've agreed that government will - "Continue to work with the Florey Primary School and the community on commitments to improve the Florey Oval to provide more active open space for the school and local community" – it's clearly about the school AND community and the school space AND community space, not just one section or the other.

Are Education and TCCS both working on this together? Will the consult pick up the entirety of the dryland oval space? Will the whole space be designed and planned at the same time and as one integrated project, even if different bits are delivered at different times?

Thank you!

Cheers,
Jo.

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Sent: Thursday, 11 August 2022, 09:32
To: CLAY <CLAY@parliament.act.gov.au>
Subject: Correspondence from Minister Berry

Good morning Clay team

Please find attached a letter from Minister Berry.

Kind Regards
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