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Dear Sir/Madam,

The Woden Valley Community Council (WVCC) would like to lodge an objection to the proposed demolition of the Woden Basketball Courts as it will result in another loss of key sporting and recreation facilities in Woden.

This facility was currently used by a number of sporting associations and clubs for Basketball, Badminton and Roller derby. It is clear that Woden needs these current facilities which was noted in a major background consultant report¹ to the Woden Master plan and recently in the ACT Indoor Sports Facilities Study report². The study noted the impending loss of the three courts at this site and made the statement:

5.4 CONCLUSIONS – CURRENT AND FUTURE DEMAND

5.4.1 Indoor Sports Courts

Current demand is driven by a shortfall of available facilities to support competition and lack of access to courts for training. In addition there is the pending loss of 3 courts in the Woden Basketball Stadium and the 1 court at CIT Woden which, if the Woden Town Centre is to be a focus for higher density living, is an issue for creating a contemporary urban precinct supported by a range of sport and leisure facilities.

Retaining indoor sports facilities like this will add to the amenity of the site and also provide much needed facilities for the wider Woden Valley community.

¹ Community, Sport and Recreation Facilities Study for the Woden Town Centre and Mawson Group Centre 2012

² FULL REPORT - ACT INDOOR SPORTS FACILITIES STUDY - December 2015

Consideration should also be given to whether the structure could be reused and relocated to another site in Woden, in consultation with the ACT Government and ACT Sports and Recreation.

Yours Sincerely



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