

About Option Cs1

Option Cs1 is Stage 1 of option Cs2. It includes a substantial upgrade of the existing west (Mal Meninga) stand and the surrounding plaza.

The Stadium

The West (Mal Meninga) Stand would be upgraded to meet national stadium trends and spectator expectations. The upgrade would comply with the minimum standards of the relevant sporting codes: Rugby Union, Rugby League and Football (Soccer).

Seating capacity would be increased from 25,000 to 26,500 people.

The current stadium offers little protection from the south westerly's that roar in during the winter months. Option Cs1 includes a new roof over the West Stand, so that 80% of spectators there will be sitting under cover compared to 20% at present.

The upgrade would include a full refurbishment of the team facilities, the corporate lounge level (increased capacity) and the media facilities.

The capacity of the corporate facilities would be increased from 480 persons to 800 persons. A new corporate entry, main commercial production kitchen and stadium shop/museum would be constructed.

New sports lights would be included on the front edge of the West Stand to help reduce the light spill. The existing western light towers would be removed but those on the east side of the stadium would be retained.

The Plaza:

A public plaza would be established around the stadium. The public would have greater access around the precinct rather than just from the east and west ends as at present. The area would be lit to provide a greater level of safety and security than at present.

The plaza would be landscaped and an engaging streetscape developed to provide areas for rest and contemplation, as well as performance and art.

New entrances and ticketing kiosks would be developed that would improve the address of the stadium to the street, making it easier to find your way and quicker to enter the stadium.

Traffic and Transport

A bus transit hub would be established in the south-east corner of the site close to the Stadium. The hub would have direct access to and from Gungahlin Drive. Development of the transit hub would separate bus and car traffic and make it more attractive than at present to use public transport to travel to and from events at the Stadium.

The bus transit hub could operate on event and non-event days.

Battye Street would be extended to meet Masterman Street. The new road would be a double width, 'shared way' boulevard ("Walk of Legends"). The boulevard would introduce a more open feel to the precinct and create a new front entrance for the Stadium.

Parking would be located to the west and north-east of the Stadium.

Development Opportunities

Option Cs1 identifies two major development areas to the east and west of the Stadium. These sites could be developed for mixed use activities and would support the bus transit hub.

Indicative Staging and Programme:

Option Cs1 could be implemented in a single stage. It would take approximately 18 months to two years to construct.

Indicative Construction Costs:

\$60-100 million (excluding cost of additional seating)

Option Cs1 would create a much improved facility for rugby and soccer and spectators but it represents a relatively short term upgrade to an ageing facility.