



# Lyneham Oval Project

The local Lyneham community has received a great deal of misinformation about the Brindabella Christian College's proposal to the ACT Government. Brindabella Christian College is a low fee independent not-for-profit Christian college. The \$5Million development

ago this was only made possible by the ACT Government entering into a 20-year sub-lease with Brindabella for a tract of adjacent oval precinct land allowing for the necessary parking the College required to then be able to build to the extremity of the existing College site boundary.



Some three years ago the College was set to commence the sealing of the now gravel car park when we entered into negotiations to also build a sports pavilion on the car park site as a result of successfully obtaining a subsequent \$800,000.00 Commonwealth capital grant.

proposal currently being considered would allow the College to build a much needed Sports Pavilion for our 800 children who currently have nowhere directly adjacent to the College to engage in either indoor sports or outdoor sports programs on a maintained field.

On wet days our children are unable to engage in sports at all. Objecting to this is totally in conflict with the ACT Government's fight against child obesity and support for increased facilities & fields across Canberra.

When the College's two storey senior building was developed a few years

The ACT Government, together with Brindabella, then worked to develop a 30-year plan for the sports pavilion alongside a proposal to see adjacent Lyneham Oval reinstated as a watered oval, in a joint venture to re-green the current bindi laden dust-bowl that has existed ever since the site became unmaintained. The oval would otherwise sit well down in the priority list of 40 ovals decommissioned in the drought.

This proposal was then further developed to include a car park and kiss & drop area stretching along Brigalow Street from Brindabella to Lyneham Primary School; primarily



Many of the 1550 signatories to the Lyneham petition were also not Lyneham residents, as disclosed on ABC 666 talk back radio, and are primarily broadly unhappy with the handling of various Government land development initiatives. The generators of the petition have resorted to strategically attending and disrupting any community discussion, the last of which was held at Lyneham High School whereby the information session was attended and hijacked by vocal opponents stifling any possible genuine discussion. In a previous public meeting the same people simply resorted to shouting and personal attacks, drowning out any form of civil conversation on the issue.

Those opposed to our proposal comparing Brindabella offering to build a \$4Million sports pavilion, \$1Million car park and kiss & drop for both Brindabella and Lyneham Primary School alongside paying for major irrigation infrastructure to re-green the entire oval to that of the AXIS Apartment Complex, is one of the most ardent stretches of the imagination being used in what is a deceptive and misleading campaign.

With the alternative currently being sealing the current car-park as is, this new proposal has significant benefit for the Local Community in offering the indoor sports pavilion to be hired for community and sporting group activities. The pavilion also incorporates a fully maintained

separate set of change rooms, toilets, showers and BBQ facilities for the community independently managed and maintained by the ACT Department of Sport and Recreation.

In addition to the facilities, the ACT Government would maintain a re-greened oval for the general public and sporting groups.

The project also extends the current footpath from Lyneham Primary through to Brindabella with a new 6-metre grass verge along Brigalow Street (removing the current dog-leg path, and includes some 20 new trees).

Below are the details of the proposed new sports pavilion, the proposed new car park and the re-development of the Lyneham Oval. Please look over the detail. We would welcome your support via the ACT Government portal:

<http://haveyoursay.planning.act.gov.au/lyneham-neighbourhood-oval>

