

About Option Cs4 + Mo3

Option Cs4 + Mo3 establishes a significant sports and entertainment precinct on par with major venues elsewhere, such as Moore Park in Sydney. It would create a “sense of place” and of “pride” and of future successes.

Option Cs4 + Mo3 involves the creation of an accessible and open elite sporting and entertainment precinct that includes a new rectangular stadium located to the east of the existing Stadium on the existing eastern car park.

Canberra Stadium would be converted back to the 1985 facility Oval format.

Rugby and soccer would be played in the new rectangular stadium. Professional cricket and AFL would be transferred to the existing Canberra Stadium from Manuka Oval.

Manuka Oval would be converted to a community oval, similar to the oval in 1955.

The Canberra Stadium Component (Option Cs4)

The Stadia:

The new rectangular stadium would be a similar design to the new stadium in Option Cs3. It would however be located on the existing eastern car park.

The existing Canberra Stadium would be significantly modified to return it to its Oval format. The modifications to the Stadium would include changes to the team facilities so that they meet the minimum standards of major Cricket and AFL events.

The existing corporate facilities and spectator facilities would not be substantially changed. The existing stadium and the new stadium would have new state of the art playing fields installed.

The new playing field at the existing stadium would be established on a suspended slab over a new car park (similar to Telstra Dome in Melbourne). This parking would replace some of the cars spaces (approximately 750 cars) in the eastern car park.

The re-use of the existing Canberra Stadium as the home for ACT Cricket and AFL NSW/ACT would enable each sport to increase their events schedule, including day/night and night games.

Manuka Oval would be returned to a community Oval in a park, with either just the Bradman Stand or three corporate facilities, being the Bradman, Hawke and Menzies Stands still located on the Oval (Option Mo3).

The Plaza:

The plaza would be a public realm and pre-function space for the entertainment venues on the site.

This area would be landscaped and an attractive streetscape established with clear signage, areas of relaxed contemplation and street art and activities. This area and the activities would enhance the spectator experience.

The area between the new and existing stadia would be the heart of the precinct. Shops and cafés would be located along the plinth line of the new stadium to activate the space on event and non-event days.

Traffic and Transport Arrangements:

In general the traffic and transport arrangements would be same as in previous options.

Parking arrangements would, however differ. The eastern parking area would be developed as the new stadium. Parking for 750 cars would be constructed under the surface of the existing stadium.

Development Opportunities:

Development opportunities, including for mixed use activities are located to the east and west of the stadiums.

Indicative Staging and Programme:

It is proposed that the development would be undertaken in three stages over four years, including the Manuka Oval redevelopment.

The Manuka Oval Component (Option Mo3)

The Oval:

The oval would be returned to its historic roots. The Bradman Stand (and possibly the Hawke and Menzies Stands, if redeveloped before this option is adopted) would be retained.

The remaining stands and the seating bowl would be demolished and would be replaced by grass berms around the oval. The existing toilet facilities would remain.

Option Mo3 would establish a tangible community link with the oval, while giving the sports a properly appointed new home at Canberra Stadium that could accommodate a more expansive event calendar due using the existing lighting towers for night and day/night games.

The Plaza:

The master plaza, landscape, security and entrance principles would be the same as Mo1.

Indicative Staging and Programme:

It is proposed that this development would be undertaken in a single stage over approximately 9 months to one year.

Indicative Costs

\$300-350 million (Cs4)

\$7-10 million (Mo3)