



Kippax Group Centre Master Plan submission

Thank you for the opportunity to contribute my views on the Kippax Group Centre Master Plan. Kippax will become a future hub of West Belconnen, with 30,000 additional residents and an increasing number of families moving into the area over the next 40 years.

The relaxed, community-friendly feel with a strong emphasis on recreational activities should become the central appeal of Kippax branding it as a health, fun region for families and friends to congregate.

A new pool to provide swimming facilities for schools and the local community.

There are currently no pool facilities in or near Kippax available for public recreational use. The master plan should identify a suitable site for construction for a pool facility near to Kingsford Smith School and Cranleigh School. These schools would have priority access to the pool but with the public able to access the pool outside these times.

Improving recreational and non-sporting play facilities.

The provision of barbeque and picnic areas as well as adventure playground equipment would provide a substantial enhancement to amenity. These facilities should be integrated with the sporting facilities and particularly the sporting pavilion to encourage families to stay in the area before and during sporting events. Consideration should be given to naming the precinct after a respected figure within the Kippax community.

Expanded and upgraded paths to encourage increase recreational wheeled use.

Linking the school and sports grounds to the pavilion and other recreational facilities with wide, concrete pathways will encourage use by a diverse range of wheeled vehicles including bicycles, scooters, skateboards, etc. Commuter cycling traffic should be diverted to an alternate pathway to encourage younger and less-experienced riders to "get active".

Stronger commuting links to the Belconnen Town Centre

Last but not least, enhancing footpaths and lighting between Kippax and the Belconnen Town Centre (along Southern Cross Drive) would allow better access to the Town Centre by pedestrians and cyclists from the Kippax Group Centre.

Some sections are currently unpaved and discourage regular use, despite many school children already using the route.

Once again, thank you for the opportunity to provide input into the master plan process.

Regards,



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