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Recommendations

It is recommended that the Cabinet Committee on Expenditure Review (ERC):

- i) Approve the expenditure and appropriation of \$5.5m in 2016/17 to the Office of Sport, via the Department of Premier and Cabinet, to provide a grant to the Australian Clay Target Association (ACTA) for the development of a large clubhouse / conference facility and associated infrastructure at their existing facility in Wagga Wagga, NSW subject to
 - a. confirmation of the ACTA cost estimates through a competitive tender process
 - b. development of a project delivery plan
 - c. ACTA undertaking to meet all ongoing maintenance and operational costs and any capital costs for the facility that are greater than \$5.5m

Summary

Note: If asked the Australian Clay Target Association has advised that the World Down-The-Line (DTL) Clay Target Championships in March 2018 will continue in Wagga Wagga even if the upgrade is not completed.

- This Submission seeks approval for the expenditure and appropriation of \$5.5m in 2016/17 to the Office of Sport to provide a grant to the Australian Clay Target Association for the development of a new clubhouse and conference facility and associated infrastructure at the Association's existing facility in Wagga Wagga.
- The estimated total capital cost of the upgrade is \$6.7m. The Australian Clay Target Association has committed \$1.2m to the works.
- The Australian Clay Target Association intends to commence construction in 2017 with completion by January 2018 in time for the World Down-The-Line (DTL) Clay Target Championships in March 2018.
- The Australian Clay Target Association engaged GHD to prepare a business case for the facility. GHD is forecasting the new facilities making a positive economic benefit to Wagga Wagga including
 - o jobs creation: up to 91 FTE's and 86 resident jobs
 - o regional economic growth and social benefits
 - quantified economic benefits A Net Present Value of \$12.4m with a Benefit Cost Ratio of 2.31 and
 - international promotion of the City of Wagga Wagga, regional Australia and Australia as a whole.

- The business case has not been subject to any independent review. Estimated costs, revenue and demand are based on the Australian Clay Target Association's World Championships 2018 National Ground Development Strategy and work done by the Wagga Wagga City Council identifying that a larger (300 500 seat theatre style) business events space could be used 28 times a year (based on a small sample of potential user groups).
- The business case does not seek NSW Government support for operating and maintenance costs for the facility.
- Due to the urgency with the Championships in March 2018 and the submission and business case have not been subject to any agency consultation or independent review. To mitigate any financial or delivery risk, the Submission recommends that any grant from the NSW Government be subject to the following:
 - confirmation of the Australian Clay Target Association cost estimates through a competitive tender process;
 - o development of a project delivery plan; and
 - the Australian Clay Target Association undertaking to meet all ongoing maintenance and operational costs and any capital costs for the facility that are greater than \$5.5m.
- Mr Tony Turner, National Executive Officer, Australian Clay Target Association, has verbally advised the Association is prepared to bear the above financial and delivery risks and ongoing operating and maintenance costs for the facility.
- The delivery of the facility will be overseen by an independently chaired project steering committee with senior representation from OoS, DPC, Infrastructure NSW and NSW Treasury. Office of Sport would engage the independent Chair and fund the role from within current resources.