

Hunter Indoor Sports Centre (HISC) – Summary

This summary outlines key reasons for supporting the Hunter Indoor Sports Centre (HISC) and highlights risks associated with recommended controls to ensure long-term viability.

Key Benefits

- Replaces ageing Newcastle Basketball Stadium (55+ years old).
- Meets growing demand: 500+ players currently turned away each season.
- Multi-sport facility (*basketball, netball, futsal, volleyball, pickleball, badminton*).
- Supports health, wellbeing, and inclusion across ages, abilities, and cultural backgrounds.
- Complements Broadmeadow Place Strategy, unlocking land for housing and urban renewal.
- Boosts regional economy by attracting state/national events and visitors.

Key Risks & Controls

Risk	Rating	Controls
Flooding/Stormwater	High	Retention basins, permeable surfaces, Flood Emergency Plan.
Traffic & Parking	High	Traffic/Event Management Plan, overflow parking agreements, transport integration.
Loss of Green Space	Medium-High	Alternative facilities, agreements with clubs, landscaping buffers.
Financial Sustainability	Medium-High	Multi-stream funding, diversified revenue, maintenance planning.
Community Concerns	Medium	Community Reference Group, liaison officer, transparent reporting.

Conclusion

The HISC is a once-in-a-generation opportunity to deliver vital infrastructure for Newcastle and the Hunter region. The benefits strongly outweigh the risks, which are manageable with appropriate controls. This project will honour Newcastle's sporting history while building a sustainable, inclusive future for the community.

Declaration

I, Raffaele D'Angelo, confirm that this summary submission is factually accurate, honestly held, and complies with the Department's Disclaimer and Declaration requirements.

