



## Media Release

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### Proposals submitted for Site A, Sports Facility Zone

The Hunter International Sport Centre Trust is pleased with the response to a Call for Proposals for the development of the Site A Sports Facility Zone, located adjacent to EnergyAustralia Stadium.

Honeysuckle Development Corporation, which is managing the process on behalf of the Hunter ISC Trust, received a number of proposals for the development of the site. The Call For Proposals closed at 3pm on Friday, 28 March.

Hunter ISC Trust Chairman Ted Atchison said the level of response suggested that the private sector had recognised the potential for development of a multi-sports precinct for the Hunter Region.

"We have an opportunity to create a sports and entertainment precinct that has very few parallels in the State or indeed Australia, and we see the response from the Call for Proposals as a vote of confidence in our Master Plan for redevelopment of the land under our jurisdiction," Mr Atchison said.

"We will now work through the submissions for the development of Site A in the Sports Facility Zone and hope to make an announcement on the successful proponent in the near future."

The 3.3ha parcel of land is earmarked by the Trust to become the hub of sports administration, education and promotion in the Hunter.

Details of the Call for Proposals were announced by then NSW Minister for Sport and Recreation, The Hon. Morris Iemma, in late January. The process was advertised nationally by Honeysuckle.

The proposals will be assessed according to the published criteria and a report will then be made to the Trust's Evaluation Panel. The panel's recommendations will assist the Hunter ISC Trust to select the preferred developer.

Meanwhile, Mr Atchison said the Hunter ISC Trust remained "on track" to start Phase 1 of redevelopment of EnergyAustralia Stadium from September 1.

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