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The ASC is the Australian Government body that supports, develops and invests in sport at all levels in Australia. The ASC aims to strengthen Australian sport – to enable more people to play sport and Australian athletes to succeed on the world stage. Its work is built around three interconnected pillars: high performance, participation and sport industry growth.

The AIS, a division of the ASC, is Australia’s strategic high performance sport agency, responsible and accountable for leading the delivery of Australia’s international sporting success. To achieve this, the AIS works with sports and the high performance sector providing leadership across the high performance network, targeted investment, high performance support and advice, customised athlete, coach and leader talent initiatives, world class sport science and sports medicine service delivery and research.

The ASC's participation work is focused on getting more Australians, particularly young Australians, participating more often. To achieve this, the ASC is concentrating on physical literacy and its national participation program – Sporting Schools. In addition, the ASC provides targeted investment to sports, provides leadership around participation strategy and operations, and develops and shares high quality information, research and data to inform strategic decision making.

The ASC's sport industry growth work is focused on ensuring more sports have the structure, workforce and leadership capacity to develop and run successful sport programs. The ASC works across the sport sector to build capability in the areas of governance, product development and commercial sustainability, workforce development, coaching and officiating, digital capability, and member protection and children protection in sport.

The ASC's high performance, participation and sport industry growth focus is underpinned by its corporate operations which provides business capability and services to enable the organisation to deliver on its corporate plan. Key areas of focus include: human resource capabilities; information technology capabilities; sound financial and asset management practices; managing the ASC’s responsibilities and obligations within the compliance framework; and providing high quality facilities and services.

The main activities of the ASC is located at the AIS campus in Bruce, Canberra, a 65-hectare multipurpose facility with sporting, administration, commercial and residential functions. The daily operations of the AIS campus is conducted across approximately 30 onsite buildings and sporting infrastructure that includes support of:

a) high performance sport activities;

b) two residences providing accommodation for up to 600 athletes and groups members;

c) a kitchen and dining hall capable of serving up to 2,000 individuals per day, in addition to any on-site catering and functions; and

d) publically accessible commercial and sports facilities, including a National Sports Information Centre.

The campus has 24 hour operations for onsite security monitoring and patrol.

The ASC also has five state offices across Australia, with high performance centres in Pizzey Park on the Gold Coast and the AIS European Training Centre in the Italian province of Varese.