

Dear Mr Piovesan,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Modification Application (the Application) for the Sydney International Regatta Centre, Castlereagh (SIRC). We understand that:

- the Application seeks to delete Condition A3 (the Condition) from Development Consent 85-4-2004 (the Consent), and
- the Condition limits the use of SIRC for recreational purposes (as permitted by the Consent) for a period of 5 years.

The SIRC and the associated Penrith Whitewater Stadium are world class water-based sporting facilities developed for the Sydney 2000 Olympic Games and as the foundation for the proposed Penrith Lakes Parkland. The location of these facilities, along with the space and amenities they provide, means that they can also accommodate a wide range of recreational uses and activities. We support this additional use as it:

- provides Penrith's and Western Sydney's communities with access to recreational events and activities, and
- contributes to Penrith City's growing leisure and tourism economy.

The SIRC is located within the Penrith Lakes Scheme (the Scheme), a site identified for development into a regional, water-based, parkland supported by some urban development. The NSW Government is currently planning the parkland component of the Scheme and is working with the Penrith Lakes Development Corporation on the proposed urban area. The recreational use of SIRC does generate noise and amenity impacts and to avoid restricting the range of future uses currently being considered for the Scheme, the Condition should not be deleted. It should instead be modified to allow for an additional period of recreational use.

The current planning exercises for the Scheme will outline the type and location of future development, activities and uses within the Scheme. Once complete, this information will allow for the identification and management of noise and amenity impacts from the continued (or an expanded) use of SIRC for recreational purposes.

The development of land in proximity to SIRC since the Consent was issued, in particular the Waterside Estate in Cranebrook (the Estate), means that there are dwellings located significantly closer to SIRC than when the Consent was issued. The Estate is located approximately 1 kilometre from the eastern edge of the SIRC Island and approximately 250 metres from SIRC's eastern boundary. The time limit currently imposed on the use of SIRC for recreational purposes provides a mechanism for Council's and other agencies to review the suitability of such a use. It essentially initiates an assessment of noise and amenity impacts and allows for the consideration of more stringent controls, if required. The limitation of the use of the SIRC for recreational purposes should continue so that this review process is retained.

The Consent currently has conditions:

- *B1 Noise Control* which limits noise from recreational uses and activities to 5dB(a) above background noise levels; and
- *B4 Commercial use of the Site* which restricts the commercial use of the SIRC (by limiting the number of events and attendees).

Together, these conditions assist in managing potential noise impacts arising from recreational activities. However, the Consent and the Application do not require or provide information on any noise monitoring and compliance program(s). If the Application provides

the opportunity to amend other conditions in the Consent, Condition B1 should be amended to also require a contemporary noise monitoring and compliance program.

Thank you again for the opportunity to comment on the Application. If you have any queries about this submission, please contact me.

Regards,

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