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To Whom it May Concern,

**Re: Letter of Support, Winter Sports World in Adaptive Snowsport Partnership**

Disabled Wintersport Australia (DWA) wishes to express our full support for the proposed development of Winter Sports World, a year round indoor ski and snow resort in western Sydney. With a 300m ski slope, universal design principles, and close collaboration with DWA, this provides Sydney with a world first opportunity to provide adaptive snowsport programs every day of the year.

As an organisation, the DWA assists thousands of individuals with disabilities to participate in winter sports annually as the National Sporting Organisation (NSO) body responsible for adaptive winter sport in Australia. Until now, the on snow participation of people with disability has been limited to the winter season in the Alpine Resorts of NSW and Victoria. Our programs work closely with Alpine Resorts to enable people with disability to find freedom on snow, through adaptive snowsport programs, guides, and equipment.

We are delighted to be working closely with Winter Sports World, to provide a year round adaptive snowsport program for people with disability, within greater Sydney. This will allow DWA to train adaptive snowsport guides and provide introductory and development level skiing and snowboarding programs for people with disability year round!

WSW and DWA have been working closely together throughout the design process, and the intention from WSW is to continue to work closely with DWA as follows:

- All year offering agreement with DWA including concession rate agreement so that DWA members cost is not greater than what an able person pays.
- Compliance with Universal design principles.
- Select hotel rooms to be able to cater for people with disabilities.
- Storage area facility within WSW for DWA exclusive use.
- Explore what other facilities DWA would require to maximise the experience to DWA members and other people with disability.
- DWA to have input throughout the WSW design development for construction to ensure that WSW will cater for everyone
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We look forward to hearing a positive outcome on this planning approval, and to continue to work with WSW to bring adaptive snowsport to people with disability year round, in Western Sydney.

Yours sincerely

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