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Department of Planning
Teresa Gizzi

Re: Application number: SSD-73688210

Dear Ms Gizzi,

On behalf of the Manly Junior Hockey Club, I am writing to express our strong and wholehearted support for the proposed \$45 million sports complex development at Oxford Falls by Queenwood School.

For our club and the wider hockey community on the Northern Beaches, this project is of exceptional significance. The inclusion of a full-sized synthetic hockey pitch — the first in our region — would address a critical and long-standing infrastructure gap. For decades, clubs like ours have advocated to local Council and the NSW State Government for an astro-turf facility on the Northern Beaches. Despite sustained and growing participation in junior hockey, this essential sporting resource has never been delivered.

Manly Junior Hockey Club represents a large and growing cohort of young players and families across the Northern Beaches. At present, our juniors are required to travel considerable distances — often for hours — simply to access a suitable playing surface for training and competition. This places significant strain on families, volunteers, and young athletes, and limits development pathways, participation, and the overall growth of hockey in our area.

The proposed Oxford Falls facility would, for the first time, provide a true home for hockey on the Northern Beaches. Our club is committed to working collaboratively with Queenwood School to ensure the facility is used to its fullest potential across

training, competitions, community programs, and development opportunities for local juniors. Such a partnership would not only support Queenwood's investment but would also deliver broad social, health, and community benefits across the region.

We firmly believe this project represents a unique and vital opportunity to strengthen community sport, remove longstanding barriers to participation, and secure the future of hockey for young players on the Northern Beaches. Manly Junior Hockey Club strongly endorses this development and urges all relevant authorities to support its approval and delivery.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Stuart Hale', written in a cursive style.

Stuart Hale

Manly Junior Hockey President