



8th November 2024

Dear Panel Members,

On behalf of the National Basketball League (NBL), I am writing to express our strong support for Newcastle Basketball's proposal to construct the Hunter Indoor Sports Centre, a 12-court facility that will be essential for not only the Newcastle region, but also the continued growth of Basketball as a sport within this country. As the pre-eminent professional men's basketball league in Australia and New Zealand, we recognise the critical need for purpose-built facilities to support the increasing demand across all ages and skill levels in our sport.

It is our understanding that the current facilities in the Hunter region are already beyond capacity, and Newcastle Basketball and surrounding associations are regularly turning players away from participating in what is this country's fastest growing sport. If the Hunter Indoor Sports Centre is not developed, the region will be severely limited in opportunities for players, coaches and officials, a position that would significantly jeopardise the future of Basketball in the region.

In 1979, our league started in Newcastle, and although the region no longer has a team competing in our league, many of our most passionate and long-term fans come from the area. A facility of this calibre would be a significant step towards Newcastle and the Hunter being considered to hold national level events again, and possibly one day position the region for a return to the national stage.

The NBL offers its support to the proposal by Newcastle Basketball to build the Hunter Indoor Sports Centre because it would be a transformative upgrade for the entire region, providing a modern, safe environment that fosters community engagement and active lifestyles.

Thankyou,

Kind Regards

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