

Dear Navdeep Singh Shergill,

I am strongly opposed to the development, primarily due to the location and impacts.

Below is a summary of issues identified to date in my review of the Environmental Impact Statement.

As I write this, I read the NSW Planning and Public Spaces Minister Paul Scully is quoted in the SMH saying the NSW Government 'remains committed to having more public, green space'. The proposed development is in complete contradiction of government policy and proposes to development open green space.

The current use of the open green space includes, use for the adjacent high school, sporting fields and available for the community to use, including daughter and her young children, at the time of our convenience. This status quo allows almost all users the opportunity to access free of charge and is an example of how open green space can be shared between many user groups. The proposed development is a backwards step and will favour one user group above others (refer to the Newcastle Basketball constitution).

I regularly take my grandchildren to Wallarah and Blackley Ovals to play, they are the closest parks when I take care of my grandchildren.

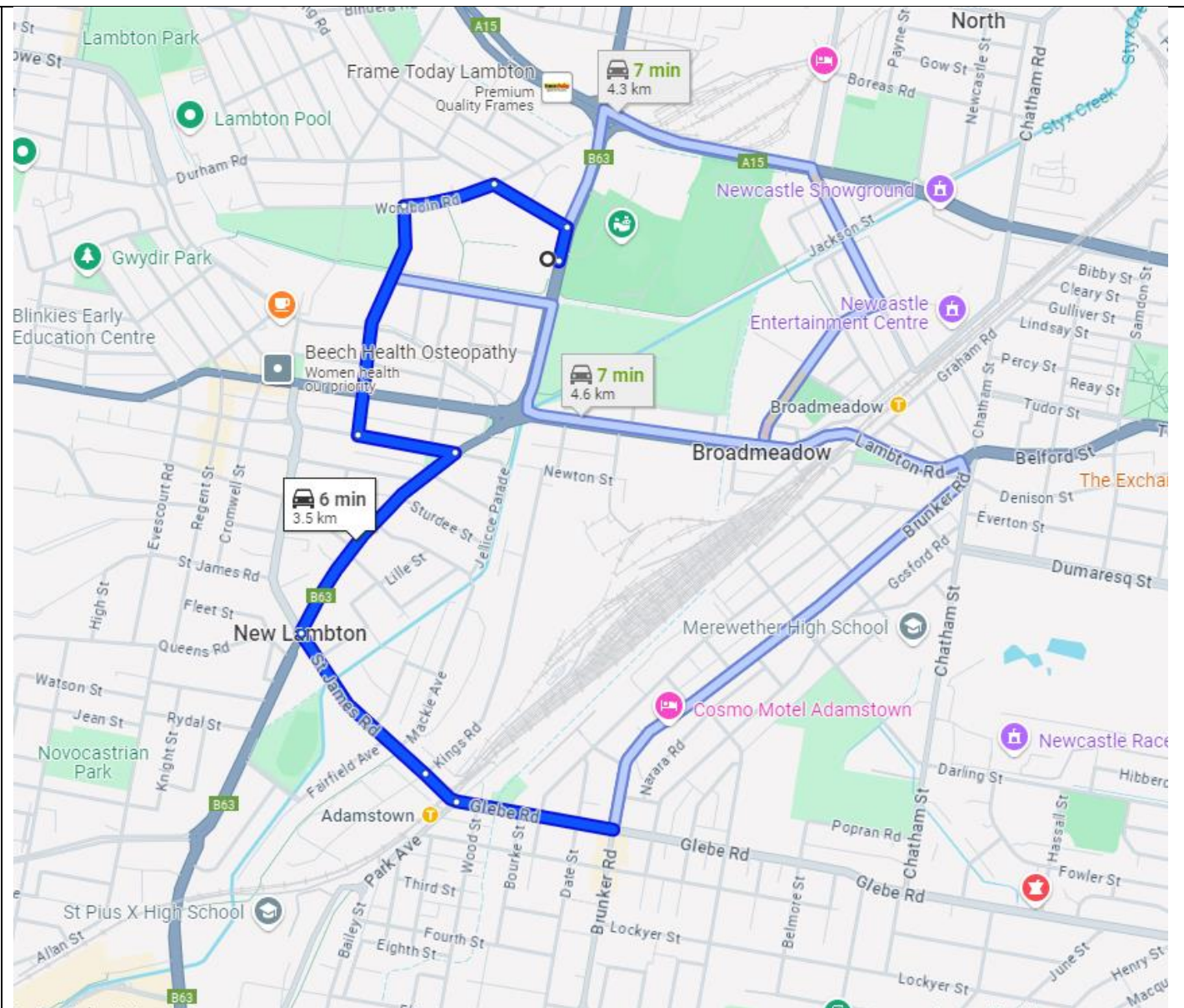
Thank you

SEARs Requirements	Status	Evidence
<b>Engagement</b> Surrounding landowners, occupiers and business (including agricultural businesses) that are likely to be	<b>Did not occur - Not met</b>	<p>My daughter and grand children's residence is 280m from the proposed site and there has been no engagement.</p> <p>The first piece of correspondence for this project was a letter from the Department of Planning and Environment advising that EIS had been submitted.</p> <p>The proposed site is the closest public open space to their residence.</p>

impacted by the proposal		The proponent has not engaged properly and has not met the requirements of the Secretary's Environmental Assessment Requirements (SEARs).
<p><b>Consideration of community views</b></p> <p>When determining a project, the decision-maker is required to consider the issues raised in submissions regardless of who the submitter is or the number of submissions received. The decision-maker must also provide reasons for the decision, including how submissions were taken into account.</p> <p><a href="#">Undertaking Engagement Guidelines for State Significant Projects</a></p>	<b>Not met -</b>	<p>The most recent Newcastle Local Government elections demonstrate the community is opposed to the proposed development.</p> <p>The incumbent Mayor lost office and the largest swing against the incumbent was in Ward 3, the council Ward the proposed development is in.</p> <p>The community do not support the project.</p>

<p><b>Traffic</b> a health impact assessment of local and regional impacts associated with the development, including those health risks associated with relevant key issues</p> <p>8. Traffic, Transport and Accessibility an analysis of the existing transport network, including the road hierarchy and any pedestrian, bicycle or public transport infrastructure, current daily and peak hour vehicle movements, and existing</p>	<p><b>Not Met</b></p>	<p>The traffic assessment is flawed and makes incorrect assumptions relating to vehicle movement. Road users will follow the shortest route (google maps) as seen below.</p> <p>Wallsend to the Basketball Stadium</p> 
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		<p>The traffic study in the EIS makes assumptions about traffic routes that are incorrect and not consistent with real world reality. The traffic study needs to cross reference widely used navigation systems.</p> <p>Due to the above, the traffic study fails to address the full impacts health and safety impacts and increase in traffic on local roads.</p> <p>A peer review of the traffic study by a NSW government agency should be completed.</p> <p>No speed surveys were completed despite the fact the locals roads to access the proposed development are school zones and travel time will include school hours.</p> <p>The impact of safety to cyclists has not been assessed nor the potential for car to turn right across Turton road on existing the proposed development.</p> <p>With the increased traffic flow, it will be unsafe to take my grandchildren to the park.</p>
<p>Statutory and strategic context</p> <p>☐ Address all relevant legislation, environmental planning instruments (EPIs)</p>	<p><b>Not Met</b></p>	<p>The EIS attempts to address this in Appendix F - Architectural Design Report.</p> <p><i>'Better for Community</i>  <i>Better for community is inclusive, connected and diverse.</i>  <i>The design has been specifically designed for inclusivity of all. Newcastle Basketball promotes equitable access for all. The design has been developed with feedback from the First Nations Working Group and LAC's, disabled sporting groups, and has been designed to best practice incorporating courts of sufficient size, clearance and perimeter edges allowing for a true multi-sport venue that caters for basketball, netball, volleyball, pickle ball</i></p>



<p>(including drafts), plans, policies and guidelines</p> <p>Better Placed - Better for community</p> <p>1. Design Quality demonstrate how the development will achieve good design in accordance with the seven objectives for good design in Better Placed.</p>	<p><i>and futsal.'</i></p> <p>The most recent Newcastle Local Government elections demonstrate the community is opposed to the proposed development. The incumbent Mayor lost office and the largest swing against the incumbent was in Ward 3, the council Ward the proposed development is in.</p> <p>The community do not support the project.</p> <p>Whilst titled 'Hunter Indoor Sports Centre', if it looks like a duck, swims like a duck, and quacks like a duck, then it probably is a duck.</p> <p>If the applicant is Newcastle Basketball, funding is through an election commitment to provide Newcastle Basketball with \$25m, the media release by Newcastle Council was titled 'Newcastle to remain the regional home of basketball', the proposal includes 12 basketball courts and will be owned by Newcastle Basketball, it really is a basketball stadium, NOT a multi sport facility.</p> <p>The Directors of Newcastle Basketball would be acting in contradiction to their roles as established by the MEMORANDUM OF ASSOCIATION Of BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION OF NEWCASTLE LIMITED 2(a) if anything other than basketball is not priority.</p> <p>Whilst there may be the opportunity to sublet, the priority will always been basketball as Northern NSW Fustal have experienced in the past.</p> <p>For any approval of an 'indoor sport', approvals conditions need to stipulate all sports receive an equal percentage of allocated time at equally desirable times (ie. Not allocated four hours for junior sport during the middle of a week day) to ensure parity.</p>
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## Northern NSW Futsal's post



Northern NSW Futsal

3 April 2023 · 🌐



Mixed feelings about the announcement of the NEW Newcastle Basketball stadium to be built next to Macdonald stadium. Especially as NNSW Futsal were part of the process in the basketball push for a more significant site. Basketball submission included needing more room for the ever-growing sport of Futsal. Many of you would remember Futsal being played at the basketball stadium until they could no longer accommodate us or the school's program.

Facts are that Futsal has grown in the region to be as big, if not bigger, than basketball. I've included an extract from the Newcastle Basketball members page.

### MEMBERS UPDATE

Dear members,

Thank you all for your continued support of basketball in this region as our sport grows to almost uncontrollable participation levels in juniors and seniors.

Our winter junior comp has hit a record high of 1730 players across 236 teams.




We have 2044 (does not include our Hunter valley or Central coast clubs who are part of our association) 292 teams competing in our summer competition. Over the last four years, we have spoken and communicated to the various Lord Mayors and elected State and Federal governments our need for an INDOOR stadium to accommodate all sports.

We have seen new netball courts built in an area in town that would have been ideal for BOTH codes. Millions of dollars have been spent on upgrades to Hockey and outdoor fields. Still, nothing for indoor until this proposal, which Basketball has already stated will only be used for basketball. Newcastle, or Lake Macquarie, needs an indoor centre to accommodate everyone.

Our NNSW Futsal secretary has written to a few politicians touching base with them once again. We will wait and see what outcomes this will bring as we continue to state our case for a multi-purpose venue that will serve many interests and the community as a whole.

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		<div> <div>Newcastle to remain the regional home of basketball</div> <div>21 Mar 2023</div> <div>   Listen  </div> <div>Share</div> <div> <p>Newcastle Basketball, City of Newcastle and the State Member for Lake Macquarie Greg Piper have today announced a new \$30 million basketball stadium will be built in Newcastle.</p> <p>The NSW Government will fund the construction of the regional level, indoor basketball facility in Newcastle after committing an additional \$5 million to a previous \$25 million commitment for what was then intended to be a new stadium on Hillsborough Road, Charlestown.</p> </div> </div>
<p>Better Placed - Better for People</p> <p>1. Design Quality demonstrate how the development will achieve good design in accordance with the seven objectives for good design in Better Placed.</p>	<p><b>Not Met</b></p>	<p><b>Equitable by presenting opportunities for all segments of our community so residents and visitors have access to and can move about freely between public domain, infrastructure, open space and buildings.</b></p> <p>The proposal is far from equitable.</p>

<p>7. Ecologically Sustainable</p> <p>Development (ESD) identify how ESD principles (as defined in section 193 of the EP&amp;A Regulation) are incorporated in the design and ongoing operation of the development</p> <p>(b) inter-generational equity,</p> <p>(4) The principle of inter-generational equity is that the present generation should ensure the health, diversity and productivity of the environment are maintained or enhanced for the benefit of future generations.</p>	<p><b>Not Met</b></p>	<p>The development of open green space is short sighted and does not meet the requirements as defined in section 193 of the EP&amp;A Regulation.</p> <p>The Broadmeadow Place Strategy and Hunter Regional Plan 2041 include an additional 20,000 residences in the Broadmeadow Place Strategy. At a rough average, that is 50,000 additional residents in the across the road from the proposed development. The proposed development will remove open green space.</p> <p>Removing the open green space for future generations will severely impact the</p> <p><a href="#">Hunter Regional Plan 2041</a></p> <p>Strategy 5.1 – Infill housing to be 80% of growth in Greater Newcastle. Page 55</p>
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14. Public Space demonstrate how the development maximises the amount, access to and quality of public spaces, reflecting relevant design guidelines and advice from the local councils and the Department.	<b>Not met</b>	A development proposal that proposes to reduce open public space does not maximise public space.
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## Other Issues

<b>2.1.5. City of Newcastle Strategic Sports Plan</b>  The objective of the Plan is to address future demand, and inform the ongoing supply, maintenance and upgrade of sporting infrastructure with consideration to current and future needs of the community. The Plan does not address indoor sports facilities. However, of relevance to the project is that the Plan identifies the need to review ongoing use of the site (Blackley Oval and Wallarah Oval No.1-2) for cricket,	<b>The statement is misleading and omits key information.</b>	<a href="#">4412-Strategic-Sports-Plan.pdf</a>  <b>Further information for context</b> Revisit the provision of cricket at this facility, in consideration of the planning for the Football CoE and non-compliance with CA standards. Relocate cricket to an alternative venue if pitch removed.
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due to it being non-compliant with Cricket Australia standards.		
Community amenities provided on site The proposal is located at Wallarah Oval, where a site for a 'Proposed Community Facility' is identified in the relevant Contributions Plan. The HISC is the type of facility for which funding is being gathered under the Contributions Plan. Although operated by BANL (rather than CN) and not defined as a community facility in planning terms, the proposal will deliver an equivalent level of amenity and benefit to the Community. As part of the HISC, BANL will provide courts to facilitate community sports and public participation in recreational activities. This will include providing safe indoor spaces to run programs for all sectors of the community including older persons and people with disabilities. The facility will serve users beyond the immediate basketball membership base, providing significant amenity and benefit to the local area and broader LGA.	<b>The statement is misleading.</b>	The Directors of Newcastle Basketball would be acting in contradiction to their roles as established by the MEMORANDUM OF ASSOCIATION Of BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION OF NEWCASTLE LIMITED 2(a) if anything other than basketball is not priority.