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To Whom it may Concern,

Re Mingara Recreation Club Seniors Housing, Tumby Umbi

I am writing on behalf of Athletics NSW to formally express our concerns regarding the proposed development near the Mingara Regional Athletics Facility. As the state governing body for athletics in New South Wales, we are affiliated with Athletics Australia and World Athletics, and we work to support and grow the sport of athletics across the state.

The Mingara Regional Athletics Facility is the only World Athletics Certified synthetic track in the Central Coast region. It serves over 2500 registered athletes across five local clubs and is an essential venue for major athletics events, including:

- NSW Country Championships (approx. 1000 athletes, 3000 attendees)
- NSW Zone/Regional Championships (approx. 1000 athletes)
- NSW Treloar Shield and Winter Track Finale (500 athletes each)
- Numerous club and school competitions throughout the year

We have recently become aware of the proposed development of senior housing which is situated adjacent to this athletics facility. We are concerned about the potential negative impacts this proposal may have on the operation and future of the facility. Specifically,

1. Impact on Major Events:

The proximity of this development to the athletics facility raises concerns about the ability to continue hosting major events. Given the anticipated influx of residents will the area still be able to accommodate the large crowds that these events attract? The capacity to host high-level competitions is critical for the ongoing development of athletics in the region.

2. Parking and Traffic Management:

The current proposal raises significant concerns regarding parking availability during major events, given this development is being placed on the key parking area for the venue.

3. Noise Restrictions:

The introduction of new residential developments in close proximity to the athletics facility may result in noise-related restrictions. This will be detrimental to the use of the facilities especially for major events.

4. Operational Constraints:

Given the size of some events hosted at Mingara, there are logistical needs for deliveries, loading and unloading of equipment, and other operational requirements

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that ensure smooth event execution. We are concerned that the development may impose operational restrictions that limit access.

We are acutely aware of the significant shortage of suitable venues to support the growing demand for competitive athletics at all levels. The Mingara Regional Athletics Facility is currently the only dedicated synthetic athletics venue on the Central Coast with World Athletics certification.

We would like to reiterate our strong opposition to the proposed development in its current form, until we receive greater clarity on the potential impacts on the operations of the Mingara Regional Athletics Facility and the long-term viability of athletics in the area.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Yours Sincerely,



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