



**The Greatest Game of All**

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Ms Carolyn McNally  
Secretary  
Department of Planning and Environment  
GPO Box 39  
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Dear Ms McNally

**Submission: Crown Sydney Hotel Resort**

I am writing to add the NRL's support to the Crown Sydney Hotel Resort development proposal.

Whilst the NRL does not have a view on the specific design elements of the building, we are supportive of the development because of the community benefits it stands to deliver.

The NRL and Crown Resorts Limited have a partnership which will see our organisations work together to improve Indigenous education and training, and ultimately result in additional jobs for our Indigenous community. The NRL operates a program called School to Work, which helps Indigenous students in Years 10 to 12 build their career aspirations, complete high school and transition from school into employment or further education. If the Crown Sydney Hotel Resort is approved our School to Work students will have access to hospitality employment and traineeships in what stands to be Sydney's best hotel.

In addition, the Penrith Panthers and South Sydney Rabbitohs have entered into similar partnerships with Crown Resorts Limited, with a focus on improving Indigenous education and employment through the proposed training colleges proposed in Penrith and Redfern as part of the overall development.

The NRL was the first National Sporting Organisation to implement a Reconciliation Action Plan and we have a proud record of working with partners to provide practical steps towards reconciliation. We see the opportunities associated with the proposed Crown Sydney Hotel Resort as an important step in this journey.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Crown Sydney Hotel Resort proposal.

Yours sincerely

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