



Tuesday, 3 October 2017

Planning Services, Department of Planning and Environment  
Att: Director – Social and Other Infrastructure Assessments  
GPO Box 39  
Sydney  
NSW, 2001

To Director – Social and Other Infrastructure Assessments

**Re: North Kellyville Public School**

At the NSW Facilities & Advocacy Unit, our job is assist associations, zones and clubs with facilities development and government relations to improve the football experience for all. The development of the new public school located on Hezlett Road, Kellyville, between Withers Road and Samantha Riley Drive, responds to the expanding urban growth identified within the Sydney West Central District and the projected population growth in the Local Government Area.

We write to confirm that Football NSW and the NSW Facilities and Advocacy Unit offers its full and unequivocal support of the North Kellyville Public School proposal. We also strongly support the construction of a junior soccer field and 2 multi-purpose courts within the school. Football is the most popular sport in NSW with over 350,000 registered participants with a player base 22% larger than all other ages, from under 5's to 75, with 21% of children aged 5-14 in the state playing football, and almost one quarter of registered players being female.

We simply just don't have access to enough quality pitches for the sheer number of players in NSW. The Hills Football Association (HFA), which is situated in the Hills Shire Council area had 11,269 registered participants during the 2017 winter season in 19 clubs sharing 19 sites.

No other sport has the reach or potential for growth that football does. That's why we must do everything in our power to ensure children, no matter where they're from, no matter their level of ability – are able to play.

Football's strong growth in recent years has put extreme pressure on local community playing facilities from ground availability, quality of playing surfaces to unisex amenities blocks. Many Australian communities require better football facilities to support the current demand and boost participation, which will give more Australians a chance to play our great game.

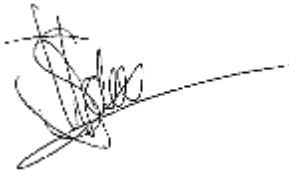
With the development of North Kellyville Public School and a dedicated soccer field on site, Football NSW and the HFA would like to see the soccer field used by the local community for training and competition out of school hours. For this to occur floodlights would need to be installed at the field to ensure maximum usage of the site, particularly in the winter season.

With the current population within Kellyville sitting at 34,692 and, it being expected that the population will rise to 68,472 by 2036 (93% change), it is imperative the local community have access to safe places to play to help improve mental and physical health.

Football NSW strongly supports the new primary school in North Kellyville, particularly the inclusion of a junior soccer and 2 multi-purpose courts. A new soccer field in the area will be of great benefit to the local community and the attendees of school. Please keep Football NSW informed and up to date with further developments on the North Kellyville Public School as they come to hand.

Football NSW, our affiliated Hills Football Association, and local clubs, look forward to working with the Department of Planning & Environment and the Department of Education to improve and create football facilities, improve health and fitness, and increase community interaction across the Hills District.

Yours in Football,

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Jas Virdee  
Facilities Development Coordinator  
Football NSW