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**Attention: Director, Infrastructure Projects**

Submission to the Department of Planning and Infrastructure regarding the North West Rail Link Environmental Impact Statement Stage 2 – Stations, Rail Infrastructure and Systems

Application number: SS1-5414

Dear Sir/Madam

The Beecroft Sports Club (**the Club**), which was established in 1956, acts on behalf of Netball, Football and Cricket sporting divisions to coordinate use of shared facilities at Cheltenham Oval and provide assistance with administration.

The Club welcomes the opportunity to respond to the NWRL Environmental Impact Statement Stage 2. This is a joint submission on behalf of the Netball, Football and Cricket divisions.

The Club conditionally supports the proposal. However, loss of facilities during construction will have a significant negative impact on the Club and its divisions. Our support is therefore predicated by the assumptions that: 1) alternative facilities, which are to the satisfaction of all divisions of the Club, will be provided for use during the period of construction; and 2) that existing facilities will be reinstated following the completion of construction.

We are given to understand that arrangements for temporary facilities are still to be confirmed, and will be the subject of future discussions involving the Club, once a contractor has been appointed for the construction. Our requirements for the interim facilities for period of construction are set out in Table 1.

**Table 1 – Interim State Requirements**

Facility	Interim State Requirements
Oval – with lights	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Full access to the site during construction including the ability to bring an ambulance on site</li></ul>

Facility	Interim State Requirements
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ensure lights are provided</li> </ul>
<b>Netball courts with lights</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ensure 2-3 courts are provided as a replacement</li> <li>Fencing around two of the courts to ensure balls are not lost and impact on the other sports being played in the area</li> <li>Wet weather area shelter for parents or children</li> <li>Ensure lights are provided</li> </ul>
<b>3 cricket nets</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3 Cricket training nets</li> <li>These could be relocated onto the Cheltenham oval in the current kick wall area used by the Soccer Club, with the run-up areas protruding onto the ground</li> </ul>
<b>Amenities building</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Adequate Security to protect storage items/property</li> <li>Change rooms</li> <li>Toilets</li> <li>Secure storage for each division. Football will require onsite storage with ready access during the football season (March-September)</li> <li>Canteen</li> </ul>
<b>Car park</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Parking by all divisions and local community – expected to be on the local roads or in the area to the north of the oval</li> </ul>
<b>Children's playground</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This is not required in the temporary state during construction</li> </ul>

With regard to the reinstatement of facilities following the completion of construction, the Club supports the proposal for the new building housing the Cheltenham Services Facility to be combined with a reinstated amenities building. This would mean there would be a single new building that incorporates current amenities and facilities, as well as those facilities required by the NWRL. In addition to the reinstatement of the amenities building, our support is based on the understanding that the following elements will be reinstated:

- Netball Courts with lighting;
- Existing car park;
- Cricket training nets; and
- Children's playground.

The minimum **end state** requirements of each element are listed in the Table 2 below:

**Table 2 – End State Requirements**

Facility	End State Requirements
<b>Oval – with lights</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Maintain lighting</li> <li>Replace kickwall area for Junior Soccer players</li> </ul>
<b>Netball courts with lights</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Replace the courts with a suitable footing/bed to be able to accommodate 4 courts</li> <li>Ensure 3 courts are provided as a replacement</li> <li>Fencing around two of the courts to ensure balls are not lost and impact on the other sports being played in the area</li> <li>The third court would have removable posts and could be multi surface to ensure mixed usage by soccer and netball during wet weather</li> <li>Wet weather area shelter for parents or children</li> <li>Ensure lights are provided</li> </ul>

Facility	End State Requirements
<b>3 cricket nets</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 3 cricket training nets comparable to those currently at Cheltenham Oval</li> </ul>
<b>Amenities building</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A single dwelling on the site which could be either single or double storey to allow sufficient area for other elements required on the site</li> <li>• Integration with the NWRL services facility</li> <li>• Adequate security to protect storage items/property</li> <li>• Two change rooms</li> <li>• Toilets and showers</li> <li>• Large meeting room</li> <li>• Appropriate, secure storage for each division, comparable to current storerooms</li> <li>• Canteen</li> <li>• Council storage room (if required by council)</li> <li>• Large covered area</li> </ul>
<b>Car park</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parking by all divisions and local community</li> </ul>
<b>Children's playground</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Large playground area</li> </ul>

As a consequence of the construction, there may be the opportunity to redesign the layout of the Cheltenham Oval site as a whole, and consider repositioning some facilities to maximise use of the space. From recent discussions, it would appear that this may require re-assessment towards the end of construction, in order to appreciate the final area available for locating the various facilities. If there was an opportunity during the construction to level the ground, this would have significant ongoing benefits in terms of enabling the repositioning of facilities, and ease of construction. We would welcome the opportunity to work with NWRL on the final design/layout of this area when the time comes.

Quality, local sporting facilities are essential to the Community and critical in maintaining the Sports Club's viability. We reiterate our willingness to work with the NWRL and the Hornsby Shire Council to devise a plan for the period of construction and afterwards that is satisfactory to all parties.

We look forward to hearing from you shortly, and thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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