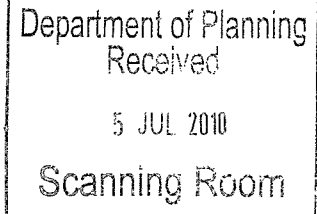




30 June 2010



Mr Daniel Keary  
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Dear Mr Keary

**MP 06\_0267 MOD 6, National Centre of Indigenous Excellence, 160-202  
George Street, Redfern (Former Redfern Public School)**

I refer to your request for comment on the modification application from the Indigenous Land Corporation (ILC) pursuant to section 75W of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*, to amend the hours of operation of the Eora Sports, Arts and Recreation Centre (formerly known as Building F) from the closing time of 10pm to 12 midnight (with all persons to have exited the premise by 12.30am) for 16 Friday nights per annum

The Redfern-Waterloo Authority (RWA) supports the proposed modification of the consent to facilitate the operation of the midnight basketball program, which is understood to provide for the delivery of the Midnight Basketball program to the youth of the area, and combines competitive team sport with educational workshops teaching life skills.

Each tournament runs for approximately 8 weeks on Friday or Saturday evenings commencing at 7.30 and finishing by 12am. Approximately 50 – 70 participants attend on any evening and all participants are escorted home to their door by volunteer bus drivers. A maximum of 85 persons associated with the Midnight Basketball program will be on site at any time and all persons including organisers, participants and audience members will leave the premises by 12.30am.

Should the Minister exercise his discretion to approve the proposed modification of the existing consent in the manner described above it is recommended that the approval for modification include conditions which requires that the Midnight Basketball program be operated in accordance with the:

1. Plan of Management prepared by YMCA and submitted with the application;

2. The noise impact analysis prepared by Renzo Tonin and Associates, dated 9 March 2010 and submitted with the application; and
3. The Traffic Impact Assessment prepared by Transport and Traffic Planning Associates and submitted with the application.

A further condition of consent is recommended to require the regular review of the Plan of Management to address any relevant issues raised during community consultation.

Please contact Joanne McGuiness by phone on 9202 9100 should you require any further information.

Yours sincerely



**Roy Wakelin-King**  
Chief Executive Officer