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Department of Planning and Environment By Email: lucinda.craig@dpie.nsw.gov.au

Your Ref: PAE-41795237

Attention: Lucinda Craig

Eels Centre of Excellence & Community Sports Hub (SSD-24452965)

I refer to your request for advice in relation to the abovementioned State Significant Development proposal.

Given Council is the owner of the site it is not considered appropriate to provide detailed comments given potential perceived conflicts of interest.

To assist the Department, Council's Open Space & Recreation team have advised that the proposal is generally consistent Council's adopted Plan of Management and Masterplan for the site. In relation to the community use of the site, the intent is to ensure that community sporting groups are not compromised with the Eels' proposal and their use of the site. Local sporting clubs, The Bushrangers, Renegades and Polecats are all currently regular hirers using the fields for at least 6 months of the year. The ongoing use by these community clubs is allowed for in the overall development and usage outcome.

Should you have further enquiries regarding this matter, please contact me on 9843 0267.

Yours faithfully

Robert Buckham PRINCIPAL COORDINATOR DEVELOPMENT ASSESSMENT