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NSW Department of Planning
Industry and Environment
Major Project Team
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Dear Sir / Madam

Attached to this letter is a submission made on behalf of the Newington Gunners Soccer Club with respect to the DA for Wilson Park.

We wish to be clear that our motivation for making this submission is solely for the interests of the children and residents in Newington, Wentworth Point and Sydney Olympic Park.

At a time when health issues related to weight and obesity is on the rise and mental health issues are impacting children and people of all ages, exercise is more important than ever. Multiple studies and the data are all emphasising the importance of exercise.

By way of example we refer you to the *National Action Plan for the Health of Children and Young People: 2020-2030*, which amongst many matters states "Almost a third of 5-24 year olds are overweight or obese; more than half of 15-24 years olds are engaged in sedentary or low levels of physical activity".

Consequently, we remain increasingly concerned about the loss of Wilson Park resulting in less community recreation space at a time when the population is only going to grow exponentially, particularly in Wentworth Point and Sydney Olympic Park.

While we are supportive of cricket and all activities which encourage exercise, we have real concerns for the growing community and access to open green space. The attached submission expands on this and sets out 3 main issues:

1. Lack of Consultation with Newington Community
2. Social Impact Assessment (SIA) submitted does not properly assess the impact of the proposal on the existing and future Sydney Olympic Park
3. Consistency between Sydney Olympic Park Masterplan and Proposed Development

We are a committee made up of volunteers who are passionate about our children, health / exercise, our soccer club and the broader community. We urge you to consider the matters we have raised and our underlying concerns and motivation.

Yours sincerely

Newington Gunners Soccer Club committee