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Dear Karl

CRICKET NSW NEW CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE - INNER WEST HARBOUR CRICKET ASSOCIATION - SUBMISSION

The Inner West Harbour Cricket Association (Association) wishes to confirm its support of the proposed Cricket NSW Centre of Excellence, to be located at Wilson Park, Sydney Olympic Park.

The re-location of the facility to Wilson Park will make the facility more centrally located and accessible for cricket clubs, particularly in growth areas like Western Sydney. Some of the key reasons the Association is supportive of the proposal are as follows:

- The facility will raise the skill level for NSW Cricket across all ages and regions, improve the state's competitiveness and maintain our standing as the leading producer of Australian players.
- The facility will provide a state of the art facility where the cricket community can come together to improve technical skills for players, coaches and administrators as well as facilitate collaboration and knowledge sharing between clubs across Sydney and NSW.
- Co-location of the high performance facilities with the facilities available for the broader cricket community will enable junior cricketers to meet, observe and learn from the senior elite players.
- The facility will support the growth of Women's cricket through providing an ICC standard field for women's matches.
- The stand-alone facility will raise the profile of the sport.
- Sydney Olympic Park is the home of sport in NSW (including the NSW Rugby League Centre of Excellence and the NSW Netball Centre of Excellence) and the facility will add to the extensive range of sporting facilities and events already located within the precinct.

The Association looks forward to the Department providing consent to the development application for the new facility at the earliest time.

Yours in cricket,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ben Woods".

Ben Woods
President
Inner West Harbour Cricket Association