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**Application number SSD-10354 - Cricket NSW Wilson Park Development at Sydney Olympic Park**

Dear Karl,

I write this letter in support of Cricket NSW Development application at Sydney Olympic Park.

The Australian Cricketers' Association (ACA) exists to protect and improve the rights of past and present cricketers in Australia. We currently have over 1,500 current and past playing members who we represent on a variety of issues.

Over the years New South Wales as a State has been the greatest producer of Australian cricketers with over a third of male and female Australian Test players coming from New South Wales.

With the increasing professionalism in the game particularly for female players in recent years there is a need to continue to improve and develop cricket facilities to cater for and support this growing professionalisation. We have seen players in other States benefit from (or will benefit from) developments of their state sporting infrastructure. This includes the Junction Oval (Cricket Victoria), the WACA ground (Western Australia Cricket Association) and improvements to AB Field (Queensland Cricket).

When the Cricket NSW indoor facilities at Moore Park were first developed these were seen as one of the leading high performance facilities in the country but decades on Cricket NSW had outgrown these facilities at Moore Park - before they were knocked down as part of the Sydney Football Stadium redevelopment.

The Wilson Park development at Olympic Park provides the facilities cricket in NSW desperately needs to properly cater for modern professional athletes as well as the development of our next generations of male and female stars from a wide variety of backgrounds. As well as elite players, young male and female players from around the state who show promise will be able to attend specialised coaching sessions and train alongside their heroes.

We support and commend this development as a vital part of NSW sporting infrastructure.



Alistair Nicholson  
Chief Executive Officer