

COUNCIL REFERENCE: 21682-02
CONTACT PERSON: Lila Sawko

The Committee Manager
Legislative Assembly - Standing Committee On Public Works
Parliament House
Macquarie Street
Sydney NSW 2000

10 August 2006

Dear Sir,

Inquiry into Sportsground Management in NSW

Reference is made the Call for Submissions on the above inquiry.

The call for submissions for the inquiry was reported to Council's Sports Board on the 26th July and will subsequently be considered by Council in its August round of meetings. You are advised that the Sports Board has endorsed the following issues and management tools to be included in the submissions to the inquiry.

Issues in the Shoalhaven include:

- Council faces a number of current issues resulting from environmental pressures restricting development of projects identified in its Section 94 Contributions Plans necessitating the review of existing plans that have been in place for over 10 years.
- The need to cater for the ageing population, particularly in areas with numerous retirement villages and retirees.
- The onerous responsibilities placed on volunteers undertaking sports club administration including, the Occupation, Health and Safety legislation, resulting in a decline in the volunteer base upon which the traditional sports club concept has been based.
- The declining scale of available grant scheme and funding sources to assist sport and local government in the development of infrastructure which is escalating in cost.
- The issue of use of responsible service of alcohol at events, including use of glass at venues and availability of plastic beer bottles.

Council systems developed for the provision of sportsground development and management include:

- Council's hierarchy for the provision of sporting facilities at the local, district citywide and regional level is the basis for planning and provision of sporting facilities.

- Council has developed and Open Space Maintenance Agreement which identifies the level of service to be provided for facilities at various levels of quality.
- Management committee guidelines have been developed to assist volunteers who are appointed to sports ground management committees, appointed under the Local Government Act.
- Ground allocation checklists have been developed to guide users of sporting grounds conditions under which use of facilities has been granted.
- Council has endorsed the Good Sports Program, which is a partnership Program between the Australian Drug Foundation, Sporting bodies and Government Agencies.
- Council has developed a Sports Facilities Plan 2016 as a strategic document to guide planning and S94 developer contributions, which requires review as changes are made with respect to Settlement strategies.

Council requests an opportunity to make a presentation to the Public Hearing to elaborate on the above matters.

If you need further information about this matter, please contact Lila Sawko, Community & Operations Group on (02) 4429 3152. Please quote Council's reference 21682-02.

Yours faithfully

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Attention Kylie Rudd
Committee Officer

Hello Kylie

I have attached a Submission from Shoalhaven City Council on the above Inquiry. A copy of this letter will be sent by mail today.

Could you please advise by return email when you have received this.

Regards

Carolyn Haigh
Acting Admin Assistant to
Director Community & Operations
Shoalhaven City Council