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The Committee Manager
Standing Committee on Public Works
Parliament House
Macquarie Street
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Dear Sir/Madam

INQUIRY INTO SPORTSGROUND MANAGEMENT IN NEW SOUTH WALES

Thank you for your advice that the NSW Standing Committee on Public Works has commenced an Inquiry into sportsground management in New South Wales.

The aim of the Inquiry is to assess current and projected demand for sportsground facilities and the adequacy of current measures to allow equitable access, management of environmental pressures and ensure maintenance and public safety.

You have invited Council to make a submission by 11 August 2006.

This Council's concerns with the operation of its sportsgrounds are entirely financial. In particular, providing funds for timely capital upgrades of both existing facilities and new facilities to meet demands from an increasing population is very difficult. The reasons for this are adequately described in the recent report on the Financial Sustainability of Local Government in New South Wales by Mr Percy Allen.

Any additional funding programs to provide capital for sportsgrounds would be most welcome.

Yours faithfully

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