



SUBMISSION TO LEGISLATIVE STANDING COMMITTEE

ON PUBLIC WORKS

The New South Wales Rugby League welcomes the opportunity to comment on this important issue.

The New South Wales Rugby League recently created a Government Liaison Committee to represent Junior Leagues across New South Wales.

The committee was formed to assist League Districts deal with all levels of government and to develop a strategy to ensure that Rugby League can adequately face future challenges.

The committee has identified the following issues that we feel are worthy of consideration.

- The need to have an agreement between the Department of Education and Training and sporting bodies regarding usage of ground.
- The need for local councils to enter into fixed term agreements with lease holders and the lease holders being responsible for the upkeep of the ground and the determination as to who can use the ground for the duration of the agreement.
- Public liability and Insurance
- Vandalism
- Amenities
- Section 94 – There needs to be clarification of this we need to know the formula used when determining the number of houses V number of fields
- Ground Lighting – we need to consider the effects of ground lighting in residential area. How do we reduce the impact on the residents?



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- State of playing fields – The lack of water has left many of our playing fields in a perilous state. We need to examine the cost of watering systems.

We also need to have the assistance of local government when we submit grant applications for water saving systems.

- Rugby League is happy to share facilities where appropriate.
- Quality of Facilities – We need to ensure that our sporting facilities are adequately maintained. This should be a joint effort between clubs and council.
- Government Bodies – Clarification of which government bodies have an impact on sport at the State and Federal Government Levels.

The list of points provided by this committee is by no means exhaustive and we look forward to expanding upon these at a later date.

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