

## Community and Stakeholder Engagement Report

### Sportsground Lighting John Fisher Park (Stage 1 of 2)

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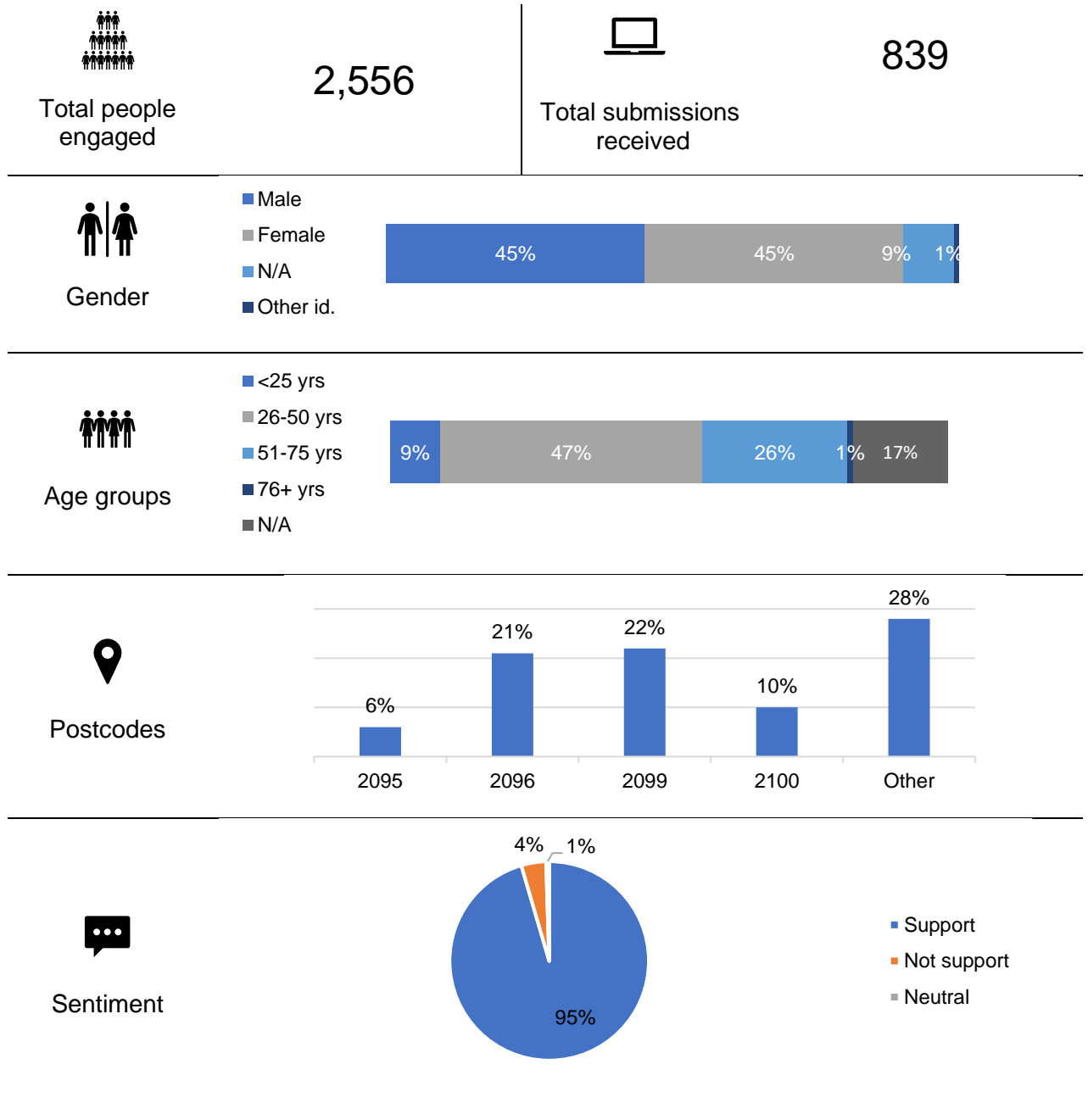
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# 1. Summary<sup>1</sup>


This report outlines the community and stakeholder engagement conducted as part of the Sportsground Lighting – John Fisher Park project conducted between Friday 6 March to Sunday 31 May 2020.

## 1.1. Who we engaged







<sup>1</sup> Community and stakeholder views contained in this report do not necessarily reflect the views of the Northern Beaches Council or indicate a commitment to a particular course of action.

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 Feedback themes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increased sporting capacity for training and competition</li> <li>• Promotion of healthy lifestyles</li> <li>• Traffic congestion in the local streets</li> <li>• Decrease availability of parking in local streets during peak times</li> <li>• Hours of use considered too much</li> <li>• Noise</li> <li>• Light spill</li> </ul>
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## 1.2. How we engaged

 Your Say	Visitors: 1,674	Visits: 2,085	Av. time onsite: 1 min 40 secs
 Print media and collateral	Manly Daily: 2 ads Daily Telegraph: 1 article Letter drop: 1 Site signs: Yes	Distribution: 236,000  Distribution: 4,000 Number: 4	
 Electronic direct mail (EDM)	Community Engagement newsletter: 4 Council eNews: 1 Stakeholder email: 2	Distribution: 20,000 Distribution: 70,000 Distribution: 819	
 Face-to-face	Pop up / Drop in: cancelled due to Covid-19 Alternative tool: Booked phone calls with Project Manager (Calendly) Key Stakeholder Meetings: 2	4 phone calls completed  Attendance: 2	

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## 2. Background

The number of people playing sports on the Northern Beaches is growing. Council recognises the broad health and wellbeing benefits of being active and playing a sport. Through the implementation of its Sportsground Strategy (2017), we are continuing to work towards increasing the capacity of our sporting facilities to meet this growing demand.

Preliminary research and consultation with stakeholders and community in 2016 found support for the installation of new lighting to “make better use of existing sportsgrounds to enable more use.” John Fisher Park (Frank Gray and Mike Pawley ovals) was suggested for consideration as a potentially suitable site for sports lighting (*Sportsground Needs Analysis Dec 2016*).

## 3. Engagement objectives

Building on the strong community support for increasing capacity of existing playing fields evident during the Sportsground Strategy engagement, the aim of the Sportsground Lighting engagement for John Fisher Park was to gauge the sentiment of the lighting proposal from the local residents, sporting clubs and the community and to understand and address any concerns regarding the project prior to the Development Assessment phase.

The engagement objectives of the project were to:

- build community and stakeholder awareness of project objectives and information and how to get involved
- target stakeholder participation to identify concerns, viewpoints and local knowledge
- provide accessible information via a variety of channels so community and stakeholders can participate in a meaningful way.

## 4. Engagement approach

Community engagement for the Sportsground Lighting – John Fisher Park project was planned, implemented and reported in accordance with Council’s [Community Engagement Matrix](#) (2017).

The Community and Stakeholder Engagement Strategy established the approach to promote the project engagement, identify risk, map key stakeholders and identified easy and accessible ways to collect feedback that reflected broad community sentiment including levels of support, opportunities and issues.

Engagement was primarily conducted through the Have Your Say project page with supported by technical designs and Frequently Asked Questions. Behavioural economics principles guided the development of our online content to ensure clear and consistent information was provided to our community.

The engagement was promoted through email updates and newsletters to those who expressed an interest previously during engagement for the Sportsground Strategy or clicked ‘follow’ on the project page. A letter box drop was also completed to 4000 surrounding properties to ensure the residents were aware of the project.

Feedback was collected through an online submissions form on the Your Say project page, with email and written responses also accepted.

Due to social distancing restrictions in place during the consultation period, face-to-face drop-in sessions were not held. An additional activity was added to the engagement approach during implementation to provide an opportunity for community members to book a phone appointment with the Project Manager.

## 5. Findings

Overall, 95 percent of comments were in support of the proposed lighting installation.

The majority of comments received outlined the benefit of sporting lights to both the general community and sporting clubs including that lighting would allow additional sporting teams more hours in the day to train and to hold matches, particularly in winter.

Local residents and visitors believed they would obtain the benefits from being able to use the reserve for exercise or recreation in the evenings (e.g. after school or work) while the lights are on.

Four percent of respondents did not support the proposed lighting upgrade, outlining concerns about children’s safety, additional traffic congestion, parking issues on local streets and additional noise.

There were also concerns raised regarding the light spill impacts on adjacent houses.

Several comments mentioned that the increased use of the fields most nights of the week would damage the playing surface and make them unplayable and dangerous for hockey players.

One percent of respondents were neutral to the installation of lights.

Key themes from the feedback have been identified and summarised below, along with a response to the commentary.

Theme	Summary of comments	Our response
Increased sporting capacity	The vast majority of the comments received mentioned the benefits to their clubs offered by the lighting.	The installation of lighting allows more teams to train or compete on the fields, increasing the overall usage of the park, while also reducing the training load on the nearby Weldon Oval.  This helps meet the demand for more sportsfields identified in the Sportsground Strategy.
Community recreation benefits	Many people saw a broader community benefit in having the fields lit in the evening. It means children particularly, can play and exercise in the afternoons in a safe, illuminated environment.	More training and recreation space for the community.  Council is committed to providing opportunities for healthy active lifestyles.  Lights provide an increased sense of safety for people transiting through the parkland at night and reduces the risk of vandalism and antisocial behaviour.

Noise	Several comments noted the increase in amount of noise that would result from sports teams training on the ovals in the evening.	To minimise noise impacts, we are proposing to limit sporting club use of the field to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 8:30pm Monday to Thursday (with lights out at 8:45pm).</li> <li>• 9:00pm Fridays (with lights out at 9:15pm).</li> <li>• 6.45pm Saturdays (with lights out 7.00pm)</li> <li>• 6.00pm Sundays (with lights out 6.15pm).</li> </ul>
Traffic	For the residents living in the vicinity of the ovals, the impact of lighting and increased usage of the ovals will be increased traffic congestion in their local streets and associated parking issues.  There are also safety issues for children playing in the usually quiet streets.	Council acknowledges the parking issues in the vicinity of these ovals.  We have secured an agreement to use the Freshwater High School car park at night so cars do not have to park in local streets.  We are also recommending an earlier lighting curfew time of 8:30pm to assist with parking and traffic congestion associated with sporting uses of the ovals.
Light spill	Concerns that light from the ovals will spill into their house, disturbing the occupants	The latest state of the art lighting technology provides very good control of the lighting distribution.  The lighting design proposed for John Fisher Park complies with all the Australian Standards for obtrusive light and safe lighting levels for sporting use.  These standards recommend no more than 10 lux at the property boundary; the proposed lighting design has a lighting level of below 2 lux at the property boundary.

## 6. Appendix A – Verbatim responses received online<sup>2</sup>

No.	Comment
1	<p>Additional lighting for sportsfields will alleviate a number of concerns in the local community around the accessibility of sports fields. The growth in football for example has current field usage at breaking point.</p> <p>I note that it appears like additional football fields will be incorporated into this plan which is another terrific step.</p> <p>Am fully supportive of this proposal</p>
2	<p>I do not support the proposal to install lighting at John Fisher Park, as I believe that other sporting facilities such as the ancient and disgusting amenities at the Abbot Road grounds are more worthy of the funding.</p>
3	<p>There is a serious lack of playing fields in the Northern Beaches and more should be allocated for a growing population. The fact that there have been no large field playing allocations in the whole Warriewood housing developments in the last 10 years is a sad blight on councils planning ability.</p>
5	<p>I have played hockey on the Frank Grey fields since I was a junior (40 years ago!) and I am still playing as part of Warringah Hockey Association. In the last few years, since the AFL club started using them, the fields have become divetted, dangerous and as the season goes on, unplayable for hockey, especially after rain. Lights on the fields, extending their usage will make this ten times worse. Currently the AFL can only use the fields on Sundays and this does enough damage. If they were used for training every weeknight they would be totally unplayable for hockey after a few weeks. The fields were in beautiful condition after the council resurfaced them about 5 or so years ago. Now we are dodging dangerously raised balls, falling in holes, players are getting hit by high balls which bounce up off the uneven ground, ankles and knees are being sprained. Hockey uses a hard ball which is hit very hard. Unpredictable surfaces are very dangerous. It is a matter of time before we have a really serious injury. Hockey is not compatible with sports that wear football boots, and the more wear and tear the ground gets, the more dangerous it becomes for us hockey players. The AFL teams fill divets up with sand which then become a hazard for us running on the field. Their boot studs turn our fields to mud and strip the grass. Frank Grey is the only hockey venue we have between the Northern beaches and Ryde. We have the largest junior competition in NSW and many senior players. AFL and Soccer have a multitude of fields and the more they use our field the more dangerous it becomes for us. It is not fair that our only venue is being taken from us by stealth, because AFL have the funds to pay for lights. Hockey does not have such funds but we still deserve to have our fields in a reasonable condition. We are primarily an amateur women's sport but our competition at Frank Grey includes all members of the family, we have Mum's, Dad's, girls and boys playing, sometimes in the same team. We accept kids with disabilities and learning difficulties. We have a really successful competition for all ages. Our oldest player is 73! What other sport includes so many different people. Please don't let these wealthy, mens sports take over our fields and kill our highly inclusive sport.</p>
6	<p>The northern beaches council continue to increase housing developments, with minimal increases in sporting fields , no consideration for existing house surrounding these sports field, a prime example is the on going parking problems that the netball creates on Saturday and night netball and practice afternoons, when is the council going to address this issue and start introduce residents parking only, give the residents a break, Randwick council have done it</p>

<sup>2</sup> Comments are published as verbatim and inclusive of spelling and grammatical errors. Clear spelling errors are highlighted with (*sic*). Some minor formatting is corrected by Council.

No.	Comment
7	Not sure why you would make the clubs pay the electricity bills. Great that people can have extended time for exercise activities. Possibly reducing mental health issues earlier rather than having additional costs for treating later. Shame we don't have enough hockey fields on the Northern Beaches but extended hours for current sites will help a bit.
8	I have played hockey at Frank Grey for at least 15 years. When AFL trains on the field it tears up the fields and then when we play the ball bounces wildly on the field and the game becomes dangerous. If AFL is training all week at night, the fields will be awful for us on Saturday.
9	All the extra wear and tear on the fields every night of the week would make them unplayable and dangerous for hockey.
10	We already have sport four or five days a week ,all without sufficient parking ,subsequently all the surrounding streets in Curl Curl get inundated with cars ,on Saturday's it's starts at 7.45 am till 6.pm Sunday's are similar and the midweek training or catchup games .we already have to put up with north Curl Curl primary school with little or no parking ,and parents that think my driveway is there for them ,and preschool and aftercare which runs from 6.am till 6.pm those carers start arriving in the street at 5.45am and don't leave till 6.15pm ,but I'm not against any of these problems that we residents have had to endure for decades ,but just spare a thought to some car parking.
7	<p>My concerns with the lighting reflect a number of areas, not just the lighting itself. How many people do you anticipate using these ovals at night? Increased people equals increased noise and increased number of cars needing a parking space and an increase in the number of people who do not reside in the area. This significantly changes the dynamics of the family friendly residential area, for which we have paid a premium for.</p> <p>What sports will be played on these fields at night? Some sporting teams are quieter than others.</p> <p>Will it primarily be male teams playing at night?</p> <p>The reason I question this is because as a female, I at times feel vulnerable at night near a group of males. For instance, when I play tennis at night at Keirle Park Tennis Club and the rugby training is on at the same time at Keirle Park Field, some men together with their friends (certainly not all the men!) will wolf whistle at me whilst I'm simply walking from my car to the courts and then hang off the tennis fence and stare. It's disturbing. I am simply trying to play tennis. I do not experience this during daylight hours. I am highlighting this as it is something to be considered for the women and children in the Curl Curl area. We as a family love the outdoors and would like to enjoy the area without feeling vulnerable, threatened or intimidated.</p>
8	I am a Warringah Grass hockey player and each season we have problems with the state of the pitch after AFL players have used it. In fact a few years ago i broke my ankle as there was a big divot out of the pitch and i rolled my ankle in it. So I would be against the lights going in as I reckon the pitches will get ruined with all these different sports using it.
9	Its all good to increase usage but parking is never addressed. If i attempt to move my car my spot is immediately taken sometimes within seconds. If council wants to increase usage they need to address parking
10	<p>I am very happy to support extending the afternoons to be able to play sport. It is beneficial for us, our kids and the community.</p> <p>Thank you for developing the area, any upgrade is welcome. Regards,</p>



No.	Comment
11	<p>There is already much noise in the evening from sports training. Night time lighting will exacerbate this noise within the surrounding neighbourhood and illuminate the sky detracting from the peaceful night sky we enjoy.</p> <p>We already here noise reverberate from Brookvale Oval when events are held.</p> <p>We do not support this and feel money would be better spent in improving access to the parklands via a pedestrian crossing over Abbott Road to connect the North Curl Curl neighbourhood to the parklands.</p> <p>Or money should be spent rehabilitating Greendale Creek as a biodiversity corridor through the park which is enjoyed by everyone.</p>
12	<p>I do not have an issue with the lighting as long as it is not intrusive to the residents whose properties back on to the sporting fields. The main issue I have is parking, it is a major issue between April and September, there is insufficient parking for the number of cars trying to park, especially weekends. I live in Bennett Street and we have great difficulty reversing out of our driveway and with cars parked on both side of the road on a very narrow street, trying to negotiate with a car coming the opposite way is a nightmare. I feel that there will be an increase of vehicles during the week as well, when the lights are in place. Before lights, I feel the parking has to be improved and be a significant question asked to planning committees.</p>
13	<p>At this stage I am not sure that I support this project as I am concerned about the impact that the extra traffic 6 nights a week will have on this area as well as the noise level into that time of night, with whistle blowing and AFL hooter sounding (which is very loud and very prolonged - it is bad enough on weekends without extending it into week nights).</p>
14	<p>I am the president of Mosman Football Club and we as a club are in support of this proposal.</p> <p>It will enable training and matches to be played after 5.15pm in the winter season in an area that has limited options already for evening matches training.</p> <p>Also the new technology being proposed will have minimal impact on the local wildlife and the local residents,</p>
15	<p>I already get the lights from Rueb Hudson oval facing south lighting up our bedroom .I strongly object to any lighting at this height facing south ,I will also point out that people use the oval behind our house in late evening in daylight saving to play soccer and cricket,especially the soccer players make a lot of noise,I take it that when the lights are on we will get a lot more noise,if you have money to waste on this I strongly suggest that you put a footpath along the northern side of Bennett St to cater for the over population of Freshwater High another thing council approved for a school population of 500 which is now way above this amount.I have been a rate payer at 3&amp;5 Bennett St since 1989 and I am yet to see any number of councils make a decent proposal for anything around this area especially where they got the soil from for the previous top soiling of said ovals.I believe the soil came from the I.C.I.plant at Rhodes where they use to make Agent Orange,could you answer that question?I think not.</p>
16	<p>What an awesome idea! Lights here would be a great initiative so lets do it! Sport would thrive!</p>
17	<p>There is huge congestion in the street-7 days a week. There are over a dozen children living in Manuela place (a cul-de-sac) and cars come whizzing down an already narrow street that is very hard to see past the parked cars (often parked awkwardly and illegally) Adding lights to oval, thus extending ovals usage time will increase traffic further and for later. The parks also back on to highly residential areas therefor one would assume an increase in noise- yelling, whistles, bells. Part of the suburbs charm is its tranquility ad relaxed vibe- both of which would be disturbed if the lighting of fields goes ahead.</p>

No.	Comment
18	<p>I have 3 sons and they currently play Junior AFL and Cricket using John Fisher, Weldon, Frank Gray and Mike Pawley. As they get older I'm keen for them to remain involved in team sports. By having access to fields that are lit into the early evenings, it will mean they can train through winter and the darker months. By giving our community's youth these types of activities, it not only gives them a sense of belonging but importantly, it keeps them 'off the street' and out of trouble - as our grandmothers used to say.</p>
19	<p>I have been a resident on Manuela Place (a cul-de-sac) for over two years. During each school term day our street is used for parking by the students at Freshwater Campus during school hours which brings a huge amount of congestion already to the street. Often on bin day the bin trucks struggle to get down the street where cars have been parked badly/illegally, which impacts the residents. Currently we are subjected every weekend to attendees of sports on the ovals using our cul de sac as their all-day parking, again this impacts the residents as we struggle to park our own cars or having visitors as there is limited space due to non-residents using it as a car park.</p> <p>We have 16 children currently living in Manuela Place and often non-residents come flying around the corner at speed not realising it is a cul de sac presenting danger for all that live here (especially the children). It is already hard for the kids to see past the parked cars to cross from one side to the other at weekends! If the proposal for the lighting goes ahead the increase of traffic and parking issues will impact us enormously. Manuela Place would have traffic and parking issues pretty much 24/7, this is a quiet residential cul de sac and not a main road. It is a wonderful community in Curl Curl and Manuela Place is very much a community cul de sac, in the afternoons the residents gather outside after school and the children play. The proposed lighting to the oval would basically take our street away from us. I strongly oppose the lighting proposal it would extend the ovals usage time, increase traffic and parking issues further an issue with noise late in the evening - yelling, whistles, bells etc. Part of the suburbs charm is its quiet, tranquil and calm vibe and reasons why we all moved to this cul de sac, which would be hugely disturbed if the lighting of fields goes ahead.</p>
20	<p>I suggest some time limit be imposed so that noise from those using the sporting fields at night is limited to say 8pm so that residents in nearby houses are not impacted late in the evening. Also consider a limit on number of times per week that lights are utilised eg not on Saturday or Sunday nights as fields are used all day.</p> <p>However sensible to extend use of the fields. May need to use synthetic surface as extra traffic may effect playing surface which gets very boggy after heavy rain</p>
21	<p>As President of Dee Why football club I firmly support the project. We recently had floodlights installed at our ground at the corner of Lismore &amp; Pittwater road. The result is fantastic. The pitch is lit up with 130 lux giving great playing conditions and there is virtually no lighting spill off that would affect our neighbours and surrounding roads. I would imagine that the same floodlights would be used in this project and this would not affect neighbours or local properties.</p>

No.	Comment
22	<p>I am extremely opposed to this lighting project for the following reasons...</p> <p>There is already huge congestion in our street- 7 days a week, due to the NBSC senior campus and weekend sport.</p> <p>There are over a dozen children living in Manuela Place (a cul-de-sac) and cars come speeding down an already narrow street where it is very hard to see past the parked cars (often parked awkwardly and illegally) often not realising it is a dead end.</p> <p>Adding lights to the oval, thus extending oval usage time, will increase traffic further and for later, particularly during hours of darkness making the risk to pedestrians/children even higher.</p> <p>The parks also back on to highly residential areas therefore one would assume an increase in noise- yelling, whistles, bells. Part of the suburbs charm is its tranquillity and relaxed vibe- both of which would be disturbed if the lighting of the fields goes ahead.</p> <p>Please consider the local families living close by before going ahead with this project.</p>
23	<p>I live in Manuela Place Curl Curl, a beautiful, family-oriented cul-de-sac that backs right onto John Fish Park. We moved here 4 years and love that the street is full of young families with kids that play on the street all together. The street is a cul-de-sac with a bend in the middle, which makes available parking to the residents already limited and difficult. During school days, the street is full of kids parking for Freshwater school campus. On the weekends the street is also full of people doing sport from Park Run to cricket season to hockey on Saturdays and AFL on Sundays. This already brings a huge congestion to the street each weekday and all weekend and means very limited parking for the residents and any visitors we may have. Often as a result of such limited parking, people park illegally on the bend or across driveway access which is dangerous.</p> <p>If we were to extend the hours of the sporting fields with the introduction of lights, this would further contribute to the parking issues and extra traffic in our small, tranquil street. When we return home at night after work, we want to be able to park in our own street and not fight for a carpark like we must do during school days and weekends already.</p> <p>The quiet, tranquil nature of the street is the appeal that we all love of our street and why we all paid a premium for our homes in this area. If there were lights on at night on the ovals, this would contribute to noise and disruptions all evening. We can already hear the football whistles and cheering from the bowling club at night from our home which is some streets away - so we know how loud this will be when right next to our homes. We strongly feel the introduction of these lights will add more traffic and noise at night which will ruin the beautiful, peaceful atmosphere of our local Curl Curl cul-de-sac.</p>

No.	Comment
24	<p>I'd like to express my objection to the proposed sportsground lighting at John Fisher Park, Curl Curl.</p> <p>After reading the technical documents, it doesn't appear car parking has been taken into consideration. There is no designated car-park for these fields and the impact of having 4 sporting matches (8 teams) comprising 100+ players each evening will severely impact the surrounding roads.</p> <p>We already see the impact of this during wintertime sport, when multiple hocky and AFL games are played. Due to the lack of designated car parking, players and supporters use surrounding streets to park their cars, which leads to significant congestion. It's common for traffic jams to occur on Manuela Place, Bennet Street and Holloway Place. Speaking from personal experience, I have been stuck for 15mins while cars try and navigate their way out tight streets against oncoming traffic with cars parked on either side.</p> <p>It's a serious safety risk with so many children using these same streets to play and ride bikes.</p> <p>It's currently manageable considering the current congestion only happens weekly, however the proposed plan to hold sporting events during weeknights will cause significant damage to the quiet enjoyment of neighbouring property and place people's safety at risk.</p> <p>The roads aren't built for this level of traffic.</p> <p>Surely it makes more sense to illuminate the field adjacent to Harbord Road which has a designated car park already in place?</p>
25	<p>We don't have enough sports fields with lighting in our area to support demand for sports training for our kids. By providing lighting will allow for more hours each afternoon/evening for teams to train.</p>
26	<p>The lighting in general throughout the park (along the pathways) needs to be improved to ensure the safety of those walking in the park after dark. This includes those using the local sports and club facilities.</p>
27	<p>An important facility for soccer community for both training and competition. Lighting will provide extended hours of use.</p>
28	<p>On behalf of the Manly Bombers J AFL Club. Our club is currently experiencing significant growth now facilitating over 700 members. This growth is heavily driven by the introduction and increasing levels of girls participation and growth in auskick - boys and girls 5 to 8 years of age. Due to a lack of available usable ground time for training we are now having to close many junior age groups, under 8 to under 12 boys and girls which is providing great disappointment to many parents and young children. This lighting project will enable our club to facilitate the growing appetite for junior sport (AFL) in our local community and is supported by the committee and club members in full.</p>
29	<p>Lights will greatly improve accessibility to training pitches in winter for a multitude of sports.</p>
30	<p>This project is the single most critical project and its progress will determine our clubs, the manly bombers, ability to facilitate the growing desire of local boys and girls wanting to play sport, not limited to AFL but to other sports as well.</p>
31	<p>As a coach of Youth Girls football (U14), getting access to train at night is really difficult. The benefit of these lights will be considerable, as it will give us the option of training on a greater amount of space and also reduce the impact on Weldon Oval.</p> <p>We need to support and encourage girls sport and equity of access, and this is another step that will enable this to occur.</p>
32	<p>The lighting upgrade is an absolute must for the sporting clubs to use the grounds across a greater time period. Not only will it increase the participation and enjoyment of current users, but it will lead to increase numbers of community use and lead to a more healthy and active community. The AFL in particular is heavily under resourced and the addition of lights will help lighten the load of Weldon oval.</p>

No.	Comment
33	As our area continues to grow in population we need to be able to offer every opportunity for our community to be involved in fit and healthy past times. The lighting will add capacity to the fields and reduce the foot traffic on the current areas that have lighting.
34	It is important to provide sporting facilities for all members of the community to be active, increase fitness and reduce obesity levels. With our growing population, our Council needs to provide the infrastructure to enable the community to achieve this both now and into the future. There is simply not enough green space with suitable lighting, to enable teams from a variety of sports to train after business hours during the week. This is particularly true for AFL. As all Coaches and Team Managers are volunteers, training is usually scheduled after 5pm on a week day. During the winter months, Mike Pawley and Frank Grey ovals are completely dark by 6pm and can not be utilised for any sport training. As a result, all training must take place on Weldon Oval, which is the only facility with suitable lighting. Due to this, the grass surface on Weldon Oval is under significant stress as it is being used by a large number of people most days of the week and then hosts the Division 1 AFL games on Sunday. It is fair to say that Weldon Oval is "over used" because there is no where else to go. The surface at Weldon does not remain in good condition throughout the season and at time is "sub standard". The Manly Bombers JAFL Club is one of the largest AFL clubs in Sydney. The Council needs to provide the infrastructre to support it's community sporting clubs, it's members and their families. I strongly support the installation of outdoor lighting at Mike Pawley and Frank Grey Ovals and it will have a positive effect on the thousands of people who are members of local sporting clubs and the thousands people who are family and friends of these sports people. Giving children a new, safe and appropriate place to practice their sporting skills at night can only benefit our community as a whole.
35	Given the amount of sporting interest and community involvement by the youth of the area Soccer the provision of lights to John Fisher Park will enable larger participation which is a benefit to the Northern Beaches Community as a whole. It fosters and deepens community connections.
36	What a great way to allow these sports to grow by having upgraded facilities and extended us of the fields
37	There are so many children and members of the public trying to stay fit and look after their health! This will allow more of them to utilize facilities!!
38	i support this as we need to extend the hours available to play sport. Especially for youths.
39	Both my children are members of the Manly Bombers JAFL club. Over the years, it has been difficult for all of the teams in the club to have sufficient training time on Weldon Oval alone. Being able to make use of Mike Pawley and Frank Grey fields during the week day evenings will make a huge difference to club. It may also allow for some Friday nights matches on Weldon which would be amazing.
40	It's a great initiative for the whole community not just young and old sports teams, this facilitates people exercising by walking and jogging in a safe environment while the football codes are training.
41	I think it is important to allow a number of kids' sports additional access to the park, and new lighting will help to achieve this.
42	My son plays and trains with the Manly Bombers which is an excellent club. The facilities here are vey good the only limitation is day light hours which unfortunately in winter means that there is pressure on capacity at times. Should there be rain or competing requirements for the ground at Weldon someone often has to miss out which is a shame when there is a very large space I.e Frank Gray currently unused as it is unlit. Installation of lighting would benefit so many and has my full support.



No.	Comment
43	This park definitely needs more lighting
44	The Northern Beaches attracts more and more families, justifiably so, its a fantastic place to raise a family. I would like to see Northern Beaches Council make more space available to kids sports. The AFL community is making massive positive gains to community engagement and kids participation rate is increasing enormously, and yet we limited sports fields to play. This lighting is essential to ensure that we can maximise the use out of our playing fields. Lights mean extending the hours on which the fields can be played and therefore increasing the number of people that can use the fields. I fully support the initiative to have lights.
45	With kids playing multiple sports in the area now for a number of years, the proposed lights at John Fisher Park will provide many more options for scheduling training in particular, and will give us a better chance to keep our kids out enjoying sport on the beaches.
46	Field lighting is badly needed to support the growing membership of the Manly Bombers AFL Club. This is an exceptionally well run and loved community club, only let down by the degrading state of its facilities.
47	We desperately need training facilities for AFL and hockey in winter. I have three children and they play both sports on these fields. Please note that our house borders the field and we strongly support the lighting.
48	We want an active population and the more exercise we get people doing the less it costs in the long run to treat diabetes, obesity etc.
49	The area desperately needs more lightning on ovals for the increase in numbers not only playing sport but living in the area. It's a great idea.
50	My family and I are strongly supportive of the proposal for lighting installation at John Fisher and Mike Pawley fields. This will permit longer and broader usage of the playing fields, supporting healthy childrens sports activities for this part of the Northern Beaches. In particular, the ongoing interest and growth in AFL in the area demands an upgrade to facilities available to kids and the community.
51	Of course!
52	My son absolutely loves his AFL, it is such a big part of our community engagement and to offer it to more students would be great!
53	Our family has watched the activity around John Fisher Park grow over the years, as an increasing number of children and adults are getting involved in the sports clubs around the area. All our three children are now involved in activities there, as are most of their friends. Making this special park usable and available after sunset as well would be a very beneficial step forward for the expanded local community.
54	Our family utilise the sports grounds during both summer and winter for cricket and AFL. Our children have been using these sports fields for 7 years. The addition of modern lighting will be of enormous assistance. The lack of lighting especially during winter is a significant problem for our three children who are forced to use Weldon Oval for training. The problem being that Weldon Oval is beyond its capacity. Hundreds of children and adults use the oval all winter and as a result training arrangements are compromised - insufficient training time and a usable area of less than one quarter of the field. In addition Weldon Oval has almost no grass cover during winter due to the volume of players that use the ground. The addition of lights to John Fisher Park is long overdue and will enable more people to participate in all the sports that utilise the grounds.

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55	<p>This would also really help the Manly Bombers Juniors AFL. MB are one of the largest junior clubs in Sydney, and we should be proud of this and continue to help it grow. So with one oval under lights only (Weldon), it really limits space and time. For example our 16s and 18s girls have 1 session a week and a quarter of the ground each, this makes it hard for growth and then also causes the senior teams to train quite late, to which many are parents and find the late times difficult.</p> <p>We have to set up for the growth on the northern beaches and for fast rate of growth in particular sports such as AFL (highest growing).</p> <p>I have been apart of these clubs my whole life and to see the growth of this sport on the northern beaches is amazing and I know it has come from a lot of sacrifice and hard work of many so please add the lights for further success and growth in AFL and other sports that use the oval also.</p>
56	<p>More fields/space is definitely needed as AFL continues to grow on the northern beaches.</p>
57	<p>The installation of the lights will improve the playing experience of all junior players in the respective sports. This will help further foster sense of community bringing families together along with promoting health, wellbeing and strong relationships for kids</p>
58	<p>Yes please!</p>
59	<p>I believe the addition of lights on these fields will greatly benefit the community. Not just through the health benefits these fitness activities result in, but also through the connections made, for the players as well as parents, supporters and the all involved in the clubs.</p>
60	<p>This will allow more sports teams to train at night on the fields which is very important.</p>
61	<p>Yes! Yes! Yes! We need more grounds available for training due to growing interest in sport (which is awesome!) on the beaches!</p>
62	<p>As a level two AFL coach who is extremely proud of the growth of both AFL boys and girls on the northern Beaches, lighting on these ovals is critical for both players and officials of manly wolves and bombers</p>
63	<p>More lighted facilities to support youth (and adult) sport in the area is only a good thing.</p>
64	<p>This is very positive - something we absolutely need!</p>
65	<p>The northern beaches is struggling to cope with the demand of various sports (noting basketball also) so anything that can be done to support the kids playing gets a YES vote from me</p>
66	<p>With a growing number of children playing sport, we need to increase the capacity to play on fields. Rather than converting other open space like golf courses, utilising current fields at night under lights is a much smarter use of resources to make this happen.</p>
67	<p>Player at St Augustines. Growing club of junior and senior players. We need a field to train at night and play night time competition. We do not have a home ground. We are sharing and overcrowding other ovals.</p>
68	<p>This is an excellent project that will support sporting clubs and will help cater to the increased demand of sports such as AFL in our community. I support giving more opportunities for our children to participate in sports and encourage an active lifestyle.</p>
69	<p>Important for exercise in an already disputed sport area. The advantages of exercise in the community is well documented. The advantages of exercise to mental health is supportive. The needs of the many outweigh the needs of the few. Lights on for our health.</p>
70	<p>this would be amazing so we can train for sports even after it gets dark</p>

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71	As a female and mother of two very active sons who frequently utilise this space, I'm extremely supportive of the proposal to install lighting in this area. We all know how crucial exercise is for physical and mental health, and it's becoming increasingly difficult to find open spaces where you can feel safe after dark. Community areas like this are also crucial for social and community interaction, and this lighting plan will greatly extend the usability for the increasing number of sporting and community clubs seeking facilities.
72	Lighting at John Fisher Park, as proposed, will allow community sporting groups to make greater use of existing facilities. It will also "spread the load" in terms of training and playing use, hopefully allowing more successful maintenance of grounds (such as Weldon Oval) that are currently overburdened by growing numbers of sports participants.
73	this is integral to enable our children to keep playing sport - particularly in winter - after 5pm.
74	This is a great initiative to help the club who support so many boys and girls in the local community in developing skills for the sport but also developing friendships.
75	The increasing number of people participating in sport (particularly children) means more grounds are in required to satisfy demand.
76	This lighting upgrade is going to benefit sports-playing children and their families across the northern beaches. With more people, less space and an obesity problem, the need to facilitate evening/dull weather sports training is more important than ever. It also makes it much easier for families to take their children of different ages to the one location with multiple ovals rather than trying to get them to different places on time. This can be enormously stressful and time consuming, and I know of families who have had to stop playing a sport because of this issue. I really hope the community can support this important and worthwhile proposal.
77	I strongly support this upgade to the current facilities. The sooner it is completed the better.
78	We strongly support all and every increase to the accessibility of public space for sporting groups.
79	Great idea that will really benefit the growth in all sports through the darker months and likely increase participation.
80	The importance of training and group activities for the younger generation is so important and clubs simply cannot train with the suitable lighting
81	We have seen the growth of our football club, curl curl youth club over the years and now our son has joined manly bombers for AFL too and was surprised at the growth of MB also. More local fields for training and games is needed
82	I'm order support the love and community sport having these up grades put in place would be a highly valued addition. Thankyou
83	The wear and tear on our main playing field, due to the lack of space for training means that the ground/Weldon can be become an unsafe playing field or is constantly closed when a small amount of rain has fallen, due to overuse. If we can alleviate the burden of this and share the training onto other fields that have sufficient lighting we could have a much better quality ground for games.
84	sport groups will benefit if we have longer access to ovals
85	Definitely support this initiative, these lights are critical in more kids/adults being able to access public spaces and engage in healthy outdoor activities.



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86	As a volunteer Manly Bombers AFL Coach of now 3 years, and running the Auskick program this year with my wife, We are desperate for more space to train our growing numbers of kids enjoying to be active, health and play AFL. The oval space is there, our sport communities of AFL, hockey and cricket need more effective and efficient use of these ovals. Lighting would certainly alleviate this training pressure!!
87	Helpful for soccer teams, location adequate for many of them in the area, gives opportunity for those teams fo exercise after work in winter once its dark
88	This is a fantastic initiative, and will take some pressure off Weldon Oval
89	Great opportunity for all sports to have access to sports grounds when dark. Thus allowing increased participation.
90	The population in the area is booming, with more and more families choosing to live in apartments, this means there is a greater density of kids...who are ultimately the ones who will benefit from this project...LETS DO IT!!!
91	It's very good for the well-being of our kids, to enable them to play sport in the winter when it gets dark early.
92	This is definitely needed considering the growing numbers of Manly Bomber JAFL club
93	Womens footy on the northern beaches provided me with a community in time of need, it was a source of health and socialisation and empowerment. Please support the growth of footy in the area and the chance for more training grounds for female participation.
94	Great idea to maximise available time for several sports to train, play etc. Brings the ground up to an equivalent standard as with many other ovals in the area
95	It is vital to improve and maintain the sports grounds for the community
96	My son has enjoyed afl with manly bombers. The club has a dedicated following with fantastic coaches. This helps keep boys engaged with good role models , a vital community asset. We need more room as numbers grow and the lighting is required quickly please.
97	I have an 11 year old daughter and an 9 year old son that play for Manly Bombers ALF club. We definitely need more space for training and the lighting plan would make a huge difference to us.
98	Sport is a large part of a child's early life and facilities impact their participation and performance.
99	My son plays at the manly bombers and they are desperately needing training space. This project is really important for getting young kids off the screens and Into sport. You have my supper.
100	Fantastic initiative. With increased population density over the Northern Beaches, continued development of community support and engagement areas such as sports grounds is critical to ensuring access to sports for everyone's kids. Highly support this sort of well considered investment of taxpayer funds into real community engagement projects.
101	We are a huge and growing community with healthy lifestyles and the installation of these lights will ensure we can be active families all year round in safe well lit environments. We encourage the local Council to support our sporting communities and provide great safe facilities. Thank you in advance.
102	We need a lot more services in the beaches for team sports. This is a great initiative.
103	The lighting is desperately needed so the fields can be utilised for extended hours.
104	This must happen to facilitate growing numbers during winter months.

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105	It seems to be the latest initiative that gives too many resources to sporting groups and not enough to other strategic goals or members of the community. Where are the initiatives to boost the natural environment and non-sporting green space in JF Park? Where are the plans to improve the care of the trees and other plants that make up the green space and are woefully undermaintained? More people use the park to walk themselves or their dogs than to play sports, and I believe more people want green space than highly developed sporting facilities, but Council seems to have money only for sporting groups. I don't oppose funding for sporting groups, but I do oppose out-of-proportion funding for sporting groups.
106	This will open up facilities to help Manly Bombers and other teams facilitate more kids both male and female being active and participating in organised team sports.
107	There is a huge (and growing) number of children wanting to participate in AFL at the Bombers club, so this lighting will allow a much greater window for training and cater for the demand.
109	The limited availability of facilities that can be used for more extended time than just daylight hours restricts ability for active engagement by a range of kids as training times are restricted. Making more room for times that training can be done will allow for a further active participation.
110	This is an essential activity that enables existing sporting clubs in this area the ability to cater for the needs of all their members and allow access to their sports for all members of the community. Without this lighting people in the community (many of them children) will miss out on the opportunity to play these sports, as the clubs are currently operating at full capacity for the limited infrastructure and grounds they have available.
111	People need extra time to get out & about in the evenings especially in winter times when its dark earlier. Being active & staying healthy, keeps us from getting sick & immobile. The lights are a great idea & option. It also keeps people safe if they are out & about in the parks at night / early evening.
112	With my children entering inter club sports recently and for the next 10+ years there is an obvious need to enhance the existing sporting infrastructure. There are plenty of examples where improvements could be made across the northern beaches and this proposal, given the explosion in junior playing numbers at the Manly Bombers AFL club, seems to be an appropriate use of resources and available grounds. To my knowledge there are limited options to relocate training elsewhere because of competition from other sporting codes who are probably having the same problems - lots of kids, not enough space. Kids need to be encouraged to play sports wherever possible. It is good physically, emotionally and socially to be involved in a team dynamic. Having inadequate facilities is a significant disincentive to stay involved. Therefore I fully support the proposal.
113	Looking at the photo and considering closing time of 9.15pm I can estimate five to seven hundred plus people movements for 8 football matches and cricketers in nets. Six nights per week up to 9.15 pm will cause traffic problems, most traffic will enter through Bennett St which is very narrow. Extra noise will be generated by balls being kicked, referees whistle, match shouting and arguing, hoons arriving and departing, leather banging on willow in the cricket nets. Rubbish will be left behind (cups bottles wrappers cigarette butts electrical tape)
114	Having access to adequately lit sports fields after dark for training and matchplay is crucial for the young adults on the Northern Beaches.
115	Extend the use of these parks in winter months.
116	Kids need to have sport/ soccer training. Every opportunity to keep teenagers doing sport, will help to decrease Australias problem with childhood obesity and teenage boys especially need sport for their mental health - to help avoid isolation due to technology and gaming and the increasingly online life. This is so important on so many levels.

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117	It's an invaluable service for children and local schools and communities
118	Much needed to provide an additional northern beaches ground with after-dark training facilities
119	My son's school soccer team trains here and at Passmore and mostly in the evening, so it's imperative that they have lighting to be safe.
120	So many people in the community use these fields, we need modern, safe lighting.
121	The activity in the Curl Curl sporting precinct during the day is inspiring with so many active people engaging in exercise. It's a great reflection of our community. However, due to the increased participation in sporting activities within this precinct, there are some grassed areas being worn out too quickly. We need to be able to spread the load. This will go a long way. I would hope residents would be equally inspired by the beauty of floodlit playing fields with active people participating.
122	Our family have used this facility over a number of years through our AFL , soccer and various school sporting commitments. Its a vital part of our community infrastructure and upgrade of lighting would allow greater usage of the site throughout the year.
123	This will better the community and kids.
124	There is a chronic shortage of fields for training during the winter months and John Fisher Park is a good example of fields that can be used much better through installing lights which will have a limited impact on people who live nearby.
125	Great idea, with shortages of playing fields this will add capacity to train safely in the evening. With Football growing in numbers and offering kids an organised outdoor activity, this is an ideal location surrounded by trees & parkland.
126	This will allow our kids who attend local schools to have full access to parks and facilities after hours including evenings for sports activities encouraging exercise and socialisation. Also to note we have a shortage of fields so can be used for catch up games etc...
127	Our children can't play sports in the dark. They will need this more than ever when we come out of any kind of social distancing or isolation. It will also enable older children/adults to play and train at a later time of the evening, freeing up the pitch for younger children earlier in in the day. Thanks for listening!
128	With our team's soccer training in winter, the proposed lighting will help immensely.
129	Particularly in winter months for sports and activities - strongly support
130	Our Boys play soccer here on the weekend but there is a shortage of available night training grounds and Lights at Fisher oval will address this
131	This is a great opportunity for the youth of today to be able to train and play for longer with lights, great to be using these fields to their full potential. Not sure why this wasn't done sooner!!
132	We would like lights at these locations in order to support lower grade soccer team get the opportunity to train after dark.
133	Absolutely, it is so hard to get training slots for the kids over winter it makes perfect sense to light the ovals and reduce the impact/ damage on the current floodlight fields
134	Really need lights for passmore
135	It is a wonderful idea for the benefit of the community and our young gentleman and boys.
136	If we are to stay a healthy and close knit society it is imperative that we increase playing /training surfaces which are under lights.
137	Greater use of community facilities is essential given the finite number of resources/facilities and the growing demand from increasing population

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138	I support the lights but use should be limited to Hockey, AFL and cricket. Soccer do not need to use these grounds
139	There is a significant lack of ovals with after dark facilities that is impacting the ability of the community to engage in sporting activities which contribute to the social fabric of the community. Over the last 2 years we have had to pay for oval/court hire at 'Kik off' at the Harbord Bowling Club as there have been no other options available given the inability of most working people to get to ovals prior to dark, particularly during winter.
140	Let use our land resources to the fullest, and promote healthy activities and sport.
141	Lets make the most of such a valuable asset.
142	it will greatly enhance the enjoyment and participation of sporting team members if the fields are available for use longer into the evenings. It will also improve safety for the many people who walk in the area if they there are extra lights on most evenings.
143	I think we really need this for teams training etc.
144	my sons play football. training in winter is hard without day light savings
145	There is considerable demand for sporting fields on the northern beaches, This is at a time when we need to encourage outdoor recreation across all age groups. Lighting plays a significant role in achieving this as it increases opportunities to utilize John Fisher Park 2.
146	Its about time this occurred we are in desperate need of these facilities and we welcome this asap. I have two boys whom use these ovals in the winter months with the numbers of children playing sport no one can train anywhere else other than Weldon which is already overcrowded.
147	If there is longer time access to the field through the installation of lights it will encourage boys and girls to participate more in sports activities which can only be a good thing.
148	More facilities like this are required and greatly benefit the kids sport in our community
149	This should of been done years ago.
150	This will greatly benefit sports teams on the northern beaches
151	This would be very beneficial to the public
152	Provide teams with full understanding of the lighting so that the quality of use is high and people respect the use of the grounds
153	There is a squeeze on all junior/ senior sports clubs to provide adequate training and playing facilities in a time of increased health issues. Whether it is the challenge of young people choosing to play video games or an unhealthy lifestyle sport and recreation can be part of the answer to address the short and long term effects. With many of the clubs growing beyond capacity, especially the Manly Bombers footy club, this is a must to help support our Northern Beaches kids for the future.
154	although a 'lighting' system for the sporting field is needed, I have grave concerns that the 30m tall lighting stanchions on the Northern side will shine light directly into our house, into our bedrooms and our kitchen/dining area and into our living areas. This is NOT acceptable and therefore strongly OBJECT to the proposal in its current form
155	We all have a lot to put up with in North Curl Curl....Netball for several months, football for several months. Not enough parking for the sports played on these sporting fields, now you want to take our night time peace away. A lot of homes in this area have bedrooms on the front of their properties. Surely you can understand that we need our sleep without constant traffic, talking and car doors slamming. When you live opposite sporting fields you expect

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	them to be used however this lighting suggestion and more activity of a night is just too much to ask of us all.
156	Essential to alleviate load on other fields that can not handle current volume.
157	Don't ruin our hockey pitches please. We don't have enough and the hockey community is unique.
158	I live adjacent to the park and will be affected directly by the proposal. I wish to object on the grounds of traffic, parking, privacy and general amenity of the area. I will file a more detailed objection in due course, stating my reasoning behind the above objections. Thank you.
159	<p>I have lived [REDACTED] for twenty two years. In that time my wife and I have raised three children at this address. Over the years we have seen many residents come and go. In recent times the cul-de-sac has experienced an influx of young families with children and in my opinion the neighbourhood has never been better.</p> <p>We all have the usual frustrations with parking whether it be during the day with the students from Freshwater Campus or sporting events at weekends. However, to exacerbate this with night-time sport activities and training is just taking things to another level. We already have to put up with the lights from Reub Hudson Oval which is some distance away. This carries on until 9.30pm. Reub Hudson Oval does not have residents living literally on the sidelines of the playing fields and for this reason to a certain extent can be justified.</p> <p>The residential properties adjoining John Fisher Park, Frank Gray Oval and Mike Pawley Oval are literally only metres from the sidelines of the sporting fields. I cannot object to this proposal more strongly and trust that some sanity will prevail. We have a neighbourhood of young families with young children and the last thing we need is more noise, street congestion and floodlights keeping us awake well into the night.</p>
160	This will allow more evening games to take place. It will allow our kids to be out an practice more soccer as opposed to playing fornight.
161	I think it is needed as the northern beaches have limited sporting grounds and lights enable greater use of them (particularly in winter with shorter days).
162	Hello my name is [REDACTED] and I can't believe you are contemplating putting lights and night time activities so close to our home of 22 years. Three of our upstairs bedrooms face out into the park. We have enjoyed living here most of our lives, raising our children and enjoying our close neighbours. We already have major issues with daytime parking because of the school not to mention weekend sporting activities. Already there are issues with garbage collections because of the parking. If there were to be a fire emergency during weekdays or at weekends emergency fire vehicles would be unable to gain access. Now you are asking us residents to put up with this at night as well. I can't object strongly enough to this proposal.
163	Due to the fact that there is no proposal for parking it is obvious that the streets near the ovals will be used for parking. We already have school children parking during the week days and sporting parking at week ends and to have congested parking in the evening as well is really too much for any locality and unfair to nearby residents.



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164	<p>As a resident of the affected area, council would ALREADY be aware that there is terrible congestion on the surrounding streets of Manuela Place (cul de sac), Holloway Place (cul de sac) and Bennett Streets. Every single day there are traffic issues...on school days from Freshwater High from 8:30 am and again in the afternoons, with sports training from hockey, AFL, cricket and soccer. There is also sport on weekends starting Saturday with the Park Run at 7 a.m and the noise of the megaphone starting at 6:50 a.m. This continues until late in the afternoons on both days.</p> <p>Our driveways are often blocked by people dropping off kids and/or parking incorrectly, blocking access both in and out of our home. We also have to endure the Futsal at the Harbord Bowling Club, which often runs until 11 pm, producing both lights and noise. There are NO FOOTPATHS on any streets, which further endangers local families and children, with many children having to navigate the parked cars and numerous blind spots in the area. This is a SAFETY issue.</p> <p>Where are we expected to line up the MANY BINS on our streets the day before collections. The trucks can barely get past now and one car can block the entire street's bin routine. There is also the matter of NOISE.. Our home backs to the oval and while we support local sport, the already congested area means we would have more traffic, cars honking at each other to get out of the way....whistles...cheering, cars moving in and out etc.</p> <p>We appreciate that everyone has a right to enjoy the outdoors and we also understand the shortage in field space, but local residents also have the right to enjoy their homes and not have the amenity of the neighbourhood destroyed.</p> <p>HOW can council bring MORE TRAFFIC and more PARKING PRESSURES to the area when it DOES NOT control parking at the Harbord Bowling Club (this is PRIVATELY owned) and is already heavily used.</p> <p>It is our understanding the Harbord Road parking area at Freshwater High is owned by the Dept of Education. So, in fact, there is NO DESIGNATED parking for these playing fields. If we were to apply to conduct an event in Northern Beaches Council which had no parking, our application would be summarily dismissed.</p> <p>Surely council can judge the sensitivities of the local community to increased parking traffic and noise, based on the recent application for markets at the Harbord Bowling Club which was withdrawn after such strong and vocal objections by the local community.</p>
165	<p>This will benefit the community greatly. Taking the load off the already stressed fields available.</p>
166	<p>Is council serious? Does any council staff live in close proximity to John Fisher Park? This is a complete residential area. Weldon Oval is only meters away and with its large crowds and traffic congestion plus AFL night training, council wish to aggravate an already growing situation. The roads Bennett st ,Holloway Place, Manuela Place and part of Stirgess Ave (near Harbord Bowling Club)have reached their capacity and now council wish to impose further incumberance of congestion on the residents whose properties are on the border with the oval and properties surrounding. Not good planning.</p>
167	<p>It depends on how much bad language is envised and is the Car Park big enough and will they have to park in the School Grounds, Manuela Place and Holloway Place. The areas are overcrowded in Manuela due to schools children not wanting to park in the schools. Two people I know have accidents having to back up due to the kids blocking the streets; Are you going to put in another Car Park and if so where.What time do they have to finish their sport and go home. This is nighttime and we all need our sleep. Weekend Hockey and other sport, cricket clogs up the streets. Clogging up the streets young children play continually in the street due to the "go slow" sign. It is more like a kindergarten in our street and you actually agree with it. So is this going on all night with cars banging doors etc. Late night parties I suppose. Will it devalue our properties</p>

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168	<p>This proposed lighting will have a huge detrimental affect to all housing on the perimeters of these parks. Mike Pawley Oval is directly opposite our cul-de-sac with laneway access to the oval.</p> <p>During the sporting activities that are played on this field of a weekend now, ignoring the noise factor, our street is parked out with cars whose family member/owners are using these fields from early morning till late afternoon/early evening.</p> <p>We currently have cars parking two abreast in a small street with traffic trying to travel in both directions, cars parking across our driveways and parked in such a fashion that it makes it difficult to even drive out of our driveways, parking in and around the turning circle and trying to park straight cars next to the curved guttering of the street. This almost bumper to bumper parking is also in Holloway Place and continues into Bennett Street and goes virtually from Oliver Street to Harbord Road (which is also parked out, as is the school parking lot) and in other related streets.</p> <p>Residents take their lives in their hands trying to exit our street when this type of parking occurs and most of us have narrowly avoided having accidents. Parking is also found in this fashion during school days and gives us very little relief. Also when there has been evening training sessions in the past carried out on the oval we are forced to listen to the barking of coaches orders, the cheering and calling out instructions or delight of the trainees to each other followed by the noise made when they come into the street and have loud conversations till they start up their cars and on occasions hoon out of the street.</p> <p>You now propose to enable this unsatisfactory situation to continue into a permanent evening event and that, without question, is totally unacceptable.</p> <p>Not only will there be difficulty for resident parking, we will have lighting blaring into our homes and irritating loud noise coming from these fields.</p> <p>In our particular household we have shift workers who need to be able to have deep and proper sleep during your lighting times, without the noise factor and without having parking issues - one of these workers has a highly skilled job that involves tending life and death critical care patients and the other having to get up in the wee hours of the morning to go to work. We now have families in our street that have from babies to exam important pupils that would also be adversely affected should you chose to ignore the wishes of your rate payers .... us, the people who will be directly affected.</p> <p>Council cannot go ahead with the proposed installation against our wishes and proceed with this totally unsatisfactory and unacceptable plan. Surely our rights to evening peace override this nightmare planning of Council.</p>
170	<p>This initiative is essential to support the health and wellbeing of our sporting community across a number of sports. Sporting ovals are sadly lacking across Sydney but particularly on the northern beaches. By extending the hours of use by installing state of the art lighting, council will be supporting the growth of sport in the community, which is essential to keep the youth of today active and healthy. This initiative will also reduce the maintenance costs, particularly resurfacing costs, of Weldon oval as it will relieve some of the sporting traffic from that oval. With the growth of womens AFL in particular more training facilities need to be found, or other sports have their current access reduced so grounds are more fairly spread across multiple sports. ie soccer access reduced so that other ovals are open to access. This is a no brainer for council and should be approved without challenge. Please don't listen to the precious residents that will no doubt argue their community will be impacted by this initiative with increase light in their premises and noise. Most sporting teams finish training by 8pm (maybe that's a condition that could be a compromise between sporting clubs and the local community) so any arguments that people cannot sleep because of noise or light before 8pm is a load of BS. Council needs to support this proposal for the good of the entire community.</p>

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171	<p>We live in Manuela Place, Curl Curl, behind Mike Pawleys sports ground. Our little street has over a dozen young kids playing in it from 315pm till around 730pm weekdays, so extra afternoon/night sports games would mean more cars coming and going from our already busy street which would make it more dangerous for our kids. We have Freshwater Campus kids parking in our street from 830am to 330pm weekdays which is bad enough.</p> <p>As we have young children they are in bed at 730, so extra noise and lighting would be very offensive and frustrating to try to get our children to bed.</p> <p>Please please don't put lighting on the sports grounds (Mike Pawleys Oval and Frank Gray Oval).</p>
172	<p>I feel we should encourage sports and fitness groups to use these areas rather than parks and beaches. I don't understand why we are told we cannot hire a netball court area at 9am then there is no one using the area? We have been told it's "booked out"?</p>
173	<p>Please put posts up at Denzel Joyce and Reub Hudson. Also build another clubhouse two stories with big balcony for game viewing and comfort. New bathrooms and proper shower spa facilities.</p>
174	<p>Insufficient parking Unnecessary noise Loss of quite space Over development</p>
175	<p>As a former Auskick Coordinator for the Manly Bombers, I can not describe how frustrating it was to have to share training space for Auskick (150+ kids aged 5-8) with the older Juniors, in a space not designed for the level of use required during the winter months (half of Weldon Oval). It was our only option as Weldon was the only space with lights, a necessity when training on winter afternoons.</p> <p>In addition, as our training space was at Weldon Oval, and our game space in Sunday's at Frank Gray Oval, we were required to shift gear for 200 kids from one ground to the next. This meant getting to the grounds over an hour early, packing up gear into a box trailer, moving it over to Frank Gray, then back again, each week. This included shifting cars back and forth due to parking restrictions.</p> <p>Lights on Frank Gray would mean transporting gear is no longer required. It would severely lessen the load on Weldon Oval which is overused in winter.</p> <p>I'm sure the NIMBY 'Friends of Curl Curl Lagoon' would object. But the benefit of lighting on those fields to over 700 AFL kids, along with the senior AFL men and women, hockey families, cricket and soccer families must be taken into account. Lights on these ovals is absolutely required and long overdue.</p>
176	<p>Our community sports need more access to ground time and this is a significant project to help our kids play more sport.</p>
177	<p>The sports grounds in this area are used by multiple clubs and in particular, Weldon oval is overused due to the high demand for training space during the winter AFL season. Multiple teams have to train on Weldon oval as it is the only lit area available and this results in too much wear and tear on the Weldon field. Teams have to share the oval and with 600 playing members, the pressure on the ground is too great. Lighting at Frank Gray and Mike Pawley ovals would allow the training to be spread across a wider area with much less resultant wear on Weldon oval. The Junior AFL club has grown immensely in recent years both with increased numbers of boys, and the addition of girls' AFL so the existing training space is just not sufficient.</p>
178	<p>Great for many young kids and families on the beaches. Provides improved fields for various codes and is a great idea!</p>
179	<p>Great initiative to extend use of fields for sports teams - this will be of huge benefit to the community.</p>



No.	Comment
180	It will allow for more sporting teams to train and support the growth of all sport but in particular women's sport in the area!
181	The existing grounds such do have lighting are extremely crowded. This is not only problematic for the community Sports teams looking to engage the community and train at night, but also causes issues maintaining the grounds which are prone to overuse (because they are the only ones with lighting available). We desperately need more space with adequate lighting. Very very supportive of this project.
182	It is so important to give an opportunity for outdoor sport enthusiasts to train when it gets dark!
183	This would allow safe community involvement in sports, exercise, dog walking. This would highly benefit young people to keep practising and excel their skills- keeping them outside inside on screens!
184	It creates more playing fields that can be used for training. A very essential requirement and important for the community
185	Lighting upgrades would have a very positive impact on the community and all sports and recreational activities. Would be a fantastic upgrade and I look forward to seeing it done
186	Would greatly impact our sporting club, allowing us to have more training times, free up space and allow fields to not be so congested.
187	Absolutely support this to ensure sporting teams have more time to train all year round. With sport always growing on the Northern Beaches, we want to be able to support and foster it!
188	The installation of lighting to the fields will allow multiple sports clubs to train and play on grounds once reserved 1 or 2 day a week use. It will ease congestion in adjacent fields
189	Lightning is needed to increase physical activity in the area, particularly in winter when the sunsets early at 5-5.30. Also needed to improve the health and safety of team sports after this time.
190	Critical for our kids and development of sport, also to remove pressure on limited space in the area
191	Would be great for the local community of sporting clubs and will enable clubs to be more versatile and plan around off season- training ground clashes an enable more teams to share the grounds in the area.
192	The local sporting clubs are growing at an increasing rate and the wear on the fields needs to be managed. By having the lights this will help alleviate the night time wear through training and provide the council to better manage the paying surfaces and minimise risk of injuries occurring on sub standard playing surfaces that are currently out of councils control. The lights are designed in a way now where there will be little impact if any on the surrounding residents .
193	More space needed for recreation sports.. Started my Afl football there in 1972..
194	Needed to facilitate the nighttime trining of two clubs. This will make weldon oval a much better surface and easier to manage.
195	I strongly support this lighting initiative. It is long overdue. Well done, Council!
196	We desperately need more sports fields. The more fields that have lighting the more hours they can be used.

No.	Comment
197	I note in your plans you have three light towers facing south these will impact all residents on the southern side of proposed development,I know this as I get the lights from your development at Rueb Hudson and other ovals on the otherside of Greendale Creek with which I wasnt notified by council re this proposal obviously they didnt have the foresight to see this effect ,I think you should redesign so the lights dont shine through ratepayers houses when there on .I must point out that the infastructure for parking to use this is non existent.I take it access is from Manuela & Holloway places both culdesacs & the overflow onto Bennett St,again encroaching on the residents ,furthermore I would point out the noise levels which i am sure the council has not taken into account will also inconvenience residents trying to relax after there days work or activities.I feel these three reasons are more than enough to leave the fields the way they are as you are aware there used all year round on weekends .It would be good of council to save this expenditure for other more important infastrucure and also for the benefit and comfort of long serving ratepayers .
198	100% support All the is all need lightening for kids to train on and adults The more active people out there and available times is only better for our community If you live behind a park you are always getting the benefits and I think if council have a reasonable hour then for these lights to be turned off it shouldn't affect to many people . Our local park Tristam Rd the people who lived there disagreed and now our kids can't train there for soccer very disappointing and selfish In my opinion !!!
199	Also fix the uneven ground and improve the drainage
200	This will help reduce wear and tear on Weldon Oval and support the expansion of women's community AFL.
201	To ensure that a opportunity is provided to the current and future generations to access training grounds to promote community involvement and a healthier way of life for the community in this area
202	With How the Northern Beaches has Grown in the last 30 Years and the Growth of Sport in General on the Northern Beaches. It would be a greater benefit for Sport in ALL IT'S FORMS to have Lighting Around The Sports Prescient. I wish we had More Lighting When I was a Child playing sport.
203	This will spread the load of all the users and ultimately will be better for the grounds and local wildlife and environment.
204	Oval needs lights
205	I am a frequent these facilities quite often in both summer and winter for my sporting activities. The usage of the Weldon Oval is in excess and ruins the oval. The lights would be great to spread the wear and provide more options for teams to train.
206	Big advantage for junior & senior AFL clubs & Hockey to train under lights during the winter season
206	Improve the young persons training for Hockey & AFL
207	Help the local sporting clubs
208	Be good for all sports
209	This will support our local sport for our community and children. It is such an important element of their lives to have access to sports and clubs that can build their wellbeing and health. Thanks, such an important initiative.
210	This proposal provides increased safety and much more flexibility for sporting facilities in the area - particularly around training and rearrangement of fixtures due to wet weather.

No.	Comment
211	This is truly needed and well overdue. Such facilities are in heavy demand. These parks are for all to use during the day and into the evening. Lights are needed for winter sports to train and play through winter. These fields are for the community, not just a private backyard for surrounding neighbours
212	It's important for the sporting clubs and community to have the safe space to train at different times of the day, including evenings.
213	I support the installation of lights for AFL. & Hockey teams to train at night throughout the winter season. Young people need the outlet of sports to maintain good health both physically & mentally.
214	With three children between 13 and 8 all playing for The Manly Bombers, the addition of lighting to Frank Grey and Mike Pawley Oval would be fantastic. Our family have watched the club grow over the last 9 yrs and the club as well as the local community would greatly benefit with more options of grounds for teams of different sports to play and train on.
215	Much needed for the development of sports in the Northern Beaches
216	A vital step forward in the advancement of our kids sport and training facilities.
217	With a growing number of people wanting to play AFL and Cricket we need more facilities to support junior and a ages sports particularly in winter when light is limited after work hours.
218	Absolutely for it! It gives more opportunity for people to train and be active! Let's make it happen!
219	Great opportunity for all clubs who utilise the facilities to grow and promote their game within the northern beaches. There are a lack of sporting facilities in the lower northern beaches which will offer this and will be welcomed by all involved.
220	This essential for the health of the community, supporting outside activities.
221	Lights would be a fantastic addition
222	Excellent initiative to increase sporting field capacity on the Northern Beaches
223	This would open up usage of the ovals which would help increase participation in sport and other physical activities
224	This would be a great move for the young sportspeople of the local area!
225	This will allow more teens and adults to play at night to allow the field to be free for the younger players. Also allow people to be more active at a time that suits their need.
226	The lights are only on for fixed regular periods which makes such a difference to people playing sport. People living close to the oval may object, but the health and mental health benefits of playing sport far outweigh a little frustration by locals who would know which days and times they are on.
227	It will allow more children/people to exercise
228	It will create greater opportunities for young people to participate in physical activity.
229	Drainage and lighting are needed to a fantastic section so it can be utilised to its full potential.
230	Lights are needed to support local kids who want to play AFL and other sports
231	This lighting project will provide more teams with the opportunity to train and play a variety of sports. Given that sporting fields are in such high demand across the northern beaches, this project will help to address this demand and enabling players of all ages, genders and abilities to get time on a playing field.

No.	Comment
232	The addition of these lights will support the growth of sport for children and young adults in the area. Sports club must offer expanded services to cater for the growth in young sports people and ensure all are able to participate. Youth sports club not only brilliant sporting programs, these clubs are offer anchors within the community, providing a sense of belonging and community for our young men and women, including much needed mentoring and support. I strongly support the application for lighting for all areas within this proposal
	As well as the increased safety in having better lighting at John Fisher Park, it will be extremely beneficial for sport on the northern beaches to support youth remaining active and getting the maximum use out of existing sporting fields.
233	The benefit to the community will be immense. Lights would enable the community access to sporting opportunities which in turn builds a sense of community and enhances the lifestyle of individuals. I believe the community benefits created far outweigh the limited impact lights would have on the small number of effected residents.
234	These lights will help all kids improve their physical and mental health with physical exercise.
235	Our whole family would benefit from the lighting proposal at John Fisher Park and thus are highly supportive of the proposal.
236	We need more sporting facilities that can be used at various times
237	This would be a wonderful addition to the Beaches winter training fields. We want our kids to be active and healthy but we lack proper ground in winter for this to happen
238	It's time for the kids to enjoy there sport with greater facilities.
239	better use of a great facility
240	Needed to help keep our kids active
241	I'm a coach of Manly Bombers U11. By providing such a wonderful environment for the boys to be a part of, the club has expanded year on year. It's imperative the boys have the space needed so they can train without impeding other age groups. Providing safe places for active young men to exercise and gain valuable skills is exactly what local councils need to be supporting.
242	I think this is a great initiative for community sport, particularly those that are played over the winter months.
243	This will be a great outcome for so many people in the local area. Surely the majority must outweigh a few voices to progress this project. It is too big a space not to proceed with the project.
244	There is very a small number of residential housing that surrounds John Fisher Park and with the shortage of playing fields it is an obvious solution which will enable the fields to be used year round for longer time periods, especially during winter.
245	I support the lighting at John Fisher park. The continuing growth of girl/women participation in AFL and other sports has lead to a shortage of training and playing grounds. To ensure that sport is continued for all, regardless of gender or age, I support the lighting proposal.
246	Crazy not to
247	A great addition to support community groups and sports
248	This would greatly increase the training opportunities available for the Manly Bombers junior AFL club across all age groups through the winter months.
249	Without additional fields, local AFL clubs are limited in attracting and supporting the players. The health and social benefits of AFL is enormous. Please, please support local sport.

No.	Comment
250	The lighting is a must for future development of our children. Having had two of my kids use Weldon oval for many years it is evident that the current use of the oval as is is unsustainable. Weldon oval cannot sustain the sheer volume of foot traffic without the ground becoming nothing but an oval of dirt. Should the lighting go ahead training (and games) can be divided between the ovals to alleviate the stress on Weldon. It's about time the majority weren't penalised by the minority and our children had the amenities to be able to pursue their love of outdoor activities.
251	Having the lights installed will help in ensuring that there will be more time train our young and inspiring AFL footballers within the Manly-Warringah area.
252	Yes we support the proposal The park has great use with extra lighting and the design minimises impact on the neighbourhood
253	The Manly Bombers and AFL have been very good at encouraging Junior participation in sport. In recent years, the advent of AFLW (women's) league and subsequent women's junior league growth has been constrained by access to facilities and ovals. The solution is to provide new grounds and facilities and/or increase access and utilisation of existing facilities through the provision of lighting. Its a no -brainer. Turn on the lights and give the girls and boys a chance to enjoy the sport they love!
254	Playing sport for health, social and well being reasons is so important for us and our children. With a growing population in this area, we need to provide access to our sports fields in the evenings if we want the wonderful sporting culture we have here to be available to everyone.
255	Support of youth sport is paramount. In the age when mental health wussies are visible and drugs are pervasive encouraging and facilitating youth to play sport is critical. This far outweighs The complaints of those impacted slightly in a perceived negative way
256	Physical activity is an important part of a healthy lifestyle. For exercise to be just part of your is life it must be learnt as a child. If not it's very hard to change learnt habits later in life. On the beaches there's generally a lack of sports grounds. Extending the hours that these grounds can be used in the winter months would be a huge advance in how many kids can get involved in regular team activities and exercise.
257	The sports clubs in the area desperately need more playing areas during the week through winter. Also, lighting the area will make it safer for runners, walkers and those exercising dogs as it's a very dark area. This will also ease the concentration of people using open spaces over the next year as I'm sure social distancing measures will be in place for some time.
258	The growing number of kids playing AFL we need more fields with lights for games and training opportunities
259	Lighting is long overdue on this Oval as sporting fields are limited in our area for night use. Thanks for the opportunity
260	AFL is a growing sport with young kids, providing great exercise and helps further build our great community. With significant demand for playing fields form all sports, it is very difficult to find time for all the teams to train of an evening. Additional lighting at Mike Pawley and Frank Gray provides capacity to give larger field space for team training and also the ability to perhaps train longer than an hour at a time. It would be a great story for the Manly Bombers to provide the next generation of Swans players! Both ovals have housing on 1 side only, so minimal affect on housing, with the north, east and west side fields. In my view, the benefit to the community would outweigh the minimal impact on housing in the immediate area.



No.	Comment
261	We totally support the plan for lighting. Our community is primarily families and there are many sporting clubs requiring access to fields. By providing lighting we can ensure more kids can enjoy friendship and healthy activity. I understand the impact on adjacent homes is minimal and that the lighting would be for a limited time in evenings for only some months each year.
262	I believe this project would be of great community benefit. Adding greater flexibility in usage times and assisting in building community through sport and promoting health and fitness.
263	<p>I think any addition to existing sporting grounds is critically important to keep Kids and Adults involved in sport and exercise.</p> <p>There are not enough facilities particularly for AFL for our kids to be able to train and improve their skills. If we want to Northern Beaches to stay as place full of fit healthy people then we need to have facilities.</p> <p>Exercise is also massively important for mental health.</p> <p>There are some many reasons that this and many more projects should go ahead and as a matter of urgency.</p> <p>Particularly coming out of our current situation where by the Winter sporting codes will start overlapping when summer sport starts up and there are just not enough facilities to go around.</p> <p>The needs of the greater community should far out way a small amount of selfish residents.</p>
264	It will improve the amount of time the fields can safely be used for sport.
265	We need our kids/ community to have access to these facilities during the evenings to better support all sports supported within the local area. Anything that allows my child to get out and enjoy the team training or some of our family training should absolutely be supported.
266	<p>Dear NBC,</p> <p>Sporting activity by children and adults is essential to an individual's health and the community's physical and mental health. The availability of grounds is a deminishing resource as demand increases. Therefore the proposal to add lights to Frank Grey and Mike Pawley Ovals helps satisfy demand and improve the health and well being of our community.</p> <p>Weldon Oval is currently overused by AFL during the winter months as it is the only ground that has lighting. Multiple teams train on the same oval which limits the ability of individuals to train effectively. AFL is a growing substantially in our area with girls and boys numbers increasing year or year. By adding lightening to Frank Grey and Mike Pawley ovals ALL sports can extend their training activities and satisfy their members.</p> <p>As a rate payer with 3 teenage children who participate in AFL, Soccer, Cricket, Basketball and Dance I would ask you pass this proposal</p>
267	Essential facilitate the growing desire of local boys and girls wanting to play sport, not limited to AFL but to other sports as well.
268	I am very supportive of this upgrade to public space to increase its use. Please go ahead.
269	<p>with the high number of children in the community, we are very short of useable fields to train and play various codes of sport here in this area. The redevelopment of Lionel Watts has increased the time and area for useable sporting facilities for several codes.</p> <p>These would be an enormous help to the local community and assist in scheduling of training and potentially games throughout the year lessening the loading of the limited space. It would seem crazy to continue to restrict the use of facilities due to the lack of lighting when it is such a simple fix.</p> <p>I SUPPORT THE PROPOSAL 100%</p>

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270	Sports fields are built for the benefit of the entire community and as these are limited and in extremely high demand we need to maximize availability, especially during winter where daylight is limited. These are community facilities and local residents moved into the area fully aware that they were going to be residing near public facilities. Provided lights are off by 10pm this only seems a reasonable solution the benefit of the wider community.
271	The plans look great and are much needed
272	my 3 children all play sport at John Fisher (hockey & AFL) and having another oval to train on in the evenings would be very beneficial to my family and the clubs.
	This lighting proposal would benefit the whole sporting community on the northern beaches. It would take the pressure of the limited current venues that do have lighting. It would offer local clubs and schools opportunities to carry out sporting activities over a larger time frame throughout the year. A brilliant proposal.
273	It is important to have a future for our children to play sport under lights as the population on the northern beaches grows.
274	This area of public space is vital for our community to continue to access. Installing lighting would extend the hours these fields and public spaces could be utilised in a positive way? In the evenings it is an enormous "Black Spot" under-utilised. Winter sport training is limited to Weldon Oval and the foot-traffic places it under immense pressure to remain healthy. Extending the lighting to Frank Grey and Mike Pawley will enable many of the sporting groups who play on these grounds to also train in their own space rather than the over-crowded Weldon.
275	The lighting is essential! The lack of playing fields for kids and young people around Manly is dire and means that trainings and games often have to take place on Friday nights and Sunday's - traditionally family says. Additional lighting will enable trainings to take place all year round on weeknights, and more localized training options means parents don't need to drive long distances to other suburbs with better facilities. The fields support a range of different sporting options and cater for boys and girls of all ages, as well as adults. Please support the local community by granting permission for this lighting.
276	These are significant sporting facilities and will benefit enormously from these lights.
277	Such a critical sporting precinct for the Northern beaches both AFL and cricket. We need to be able to extend the hours of operation especially when day light savings is over. I would suggests the council will need to build more grounds if we can no maximise the potential use of this facility...at a greater cost.
278	The proposed lighting project at John Fisher Park is highly desirable and necessary to ensure sufficient and appropriate access to such valuable public assets. The lighting will support the growing needs of our wider sporting community for adequate facilities for sports training during winter when the daylight is lost as early as 5pm. There is a significant shortage of fields, facilities and training times to support all sports codes and clubs in the lower Northern Beaches area, so this is a common sense project in an ideal location surrounded primarily by open space. The modern lighting technology proposed also mitigates previous issues with traditional park lighting. This is a fantastic project for the good of the community, where exercise, fitness and mental wellbeing through sport is vitally important for our youth on the Northern Beaches.
279	Great idea for the community

No.	Comment
280	<p>I am a resident and homeowner on Manuela Place.</p> <p>So the thing about Manuela Place is it is a cul de sac and as you may know these are popular with families so their kids can play in the street without the risks associated with through traffic from cars and currently we have 16 children that live in the street age between 4 and 14. These 16 children have built up a community between themselves and their parents and they play in the street, they love it and they love playing in their street. The street always has life on it kids up and down on bikes and skateboards, games of cricket you know that kind of thing. The kids are in an out of each other's houses and it is their little slice of heaven along with their parents.</p> <p>During the week when Freshie campus is open the parents know that kids come in and park their cars and until they have left kids generally don't play on the street. Then at the weekends there are more cars for cricket matches which is a pain for parking and creates problems when people accelerate into the street not knowing it is a cul de sac or the presence of children playing (two problems safety the big one parking the second one).</p> <p>Now what you are talking about is creating that same problem in the evenings having people who don't know the street drive in constantly looking for parking in a rush to get to their game which will ruin the unique atmosphere that has been created in the street by the kids and also endanger their lives. People live in cul de sacs to avoid excessive traffic and the council is talking about creating excessive traffic in the evenings as well as the general school kids' traffic and sports matches at the weekends.</p> <p>Someone's kids will get knocked over hurt or worse by this 'community proposal' the proposed lighting shows a gross misunderstanding of the area. There is already a huge number of sports fields in the area used heavily but Mike Pawley oval is also well used but it is not appropriate to use for the purpose suggested as putting lights on it during the evening, it is a quiet residential street.</p> <p>These activities should be focused on the far side of the lagoon or where there is appropriate car parking. This area already has substantial issues with excessive traffic and parking at certain times of the day and the council is proposing making that even worse and also endangering the lives of kids that play in the street and running a great community. Please get to know and understand areas before you make these suggestions. There are other areas which would benefit more from proper lighting (Dave Morgan / David Thomas Reserve for example) and improved parking. This is not the correct place for it.</p> <p>Excessive traffic in a cul de sac full of kids, constant influx of cars for residents already subjected to cars from multiple sources, lights and noise of people playing sport close to residents houses (too close), ruining the oval for dog walkers of which there are many these are the main reasons this is a terrible idea and must be abandoned or re-thought and moved to a more appropriate setting. Please do not do this!</p>
281	<p>Our kids need places to play sport safely and with participation numbers growing its important that kids can play at night as well as on the weekends. With both parents working training needs to be in the evenings to assist parents in getting their kids to training. Also with kids being less active these days its important we support local club dedicated to keeping kids moving and teaching them values of regular exercise, effort and team work.</p>
282	<p>We are members of the Manly Bombers and lights would assist greater training across the week.</p>
283	<p>The club house needs replacing its seen better days!</p>
284	<p>The upgrading of lighting at sports fields across the Northern Beaches the will benefit many residents. This is a great thing to be spending rate-payers money on.</p>
285	<p>Great project - well done. Critical for all local sporting infrastructure to reach its capacity and best utilise the fields. Sport is growing across the region, particularly women's sport and it's critical we support them.</p>




No.	Comment
286	Much needed facility to help many sporting codes and maintain mentally and physically healthy people in the northern beaches.
287	The noise, mostly yelling and profanity, coming from existing lighted facilities in this area already detracts from our enjoyment of our evening and nighttime sounds of nature and breaking waves. Any additional lighting or extended hours will negatively impact the local community and our coastal peace and quiet.
288	Drainage is necessary.....so well done that is included
289	It is fantastic to increase the utilisation of these wonderful sports grounds by community groups. The positioning of the lights is non obtrusive and that they can be controlled by the users is really valuable.
290	This is an under-utilised all year green grass area that this proposal addresses and is a definite benefit to the whole sports community.
291	More training facilities for sporting groups. More chance to get people off the couch and exercising
292	I support the lighting plan as my daughter plays AFL & this will provide more the Manly Bombers club more space for more teams to train. It will also allow opportunities for Friday night games.
293	We need more sport facilities on the NB to cope with the high demand which includes going training on these grounds going into early evenings. This also allows the many volunteer coach and/or manager parents to help the kids play sport comfortably around their schedules. More hard surface netball courts are also required. In the one location is great however turning the grass into a hard surface is waaaay overdue and thus would bring MWNA into the modern era of the game. An all weather cover over 4-6 courts is required as access to indoor courts is near impossible due to the overwhelming high demand of them but there are approx 12 available on the whole of the NB which is a joke really. OR perhaps build a new facility that's solely dedicated to netball (a bit like NBC have done for Manly United) but it has both indoor, and plenty more outdoor courts. You would win plenty of votes!
294	Please make sure lighting pylon no. 4 is not located in a position that it interferes with the Start / Finish Area of Curl Curl parkrun.
295	Time this area was used more often. The Aussie rules and hockey players will like it. Shame you can't add Freshwater high ground.
296	During the AFL season these grounds are wasted for training as it gets dark too early to use them. I think it's really important for the health and well-being of the community, especially our children, to encourage sports and these lights will help! Training times can be longer for each age-group and won't have to go so late and the ground at Weldon can be preserved for games.
297	Would spread out usage of local fields in winter evenings. For instance Harbord Park is very heavily used and it affects its surface quality.
298	Yes, as these light will provide additional training time options for our keen players. These lights will not be on late into the night so would have little impact on neighbours.
299	The lighting plan will provide increased opportunities for sporting teams to have more space and time to train.
300	Increases the flexibility and functionality of these fields.
301	This is an essential project to support local community and sport
302	This will allow for more Sports to be played at different times and ease congestion

No.	Comment
303	Grounds are in growing demand to meet the growing population of healthy kids and adults wanting to play sport and remain fit and healthy.
304	My kids play AFL and hockey. Having lights will greatly ease the challenge of coordinating training time and give a greater window to maximise use of the fields in winter.
305	Really important for all sporting groups to be able to use the facilities and the sports fields are critical to our region
306	I think this proposal is extremely important for the local community. Giving access to playing fields in the evenings for children and adults is crucial for the Northern beaches to develop social interaction and a love of sport. As someone who lives close to Abbott Road that already has floodlights, I see no reason why this application should not be approved to enable other sports to benefit from the excellent facilities we have.
307	I fully support this proposal of Sportsground lighting at John Fisher Park. Firstly with an active family (adults and children) playing soccer, AFL and hockey it is vital that we have the opportunity to train and play our sports. The new lighting would provide all week training and match opportunities which would be amazing. Secondly we live very close to Abbott Road and the Sportsground lighting Abbott Road has is only an advantage to where we live. It is great to see teams and individuals training at night and the noise is minimal. Furthermore I believe that crime and graffiti is reduced because of it. The Northern Beaches is a wonderful place to live but we are short of playing fields so this proposal can only bring benefit to the area.
308	An excellent area for sports to be conducted. Since covid 19 more and more people are exercising and so are the children. Let's hope we can be an active community.
309	I'm all for developing a safe environment for our children to train and play sports but I'm also aware of massive city light pollution and the cost in energy to fuel these lights, I would like a low energy, low light emitting carbon neutral solution for the future.
310	We have more kids playing sport in our area than most in Sydney. State Government is paying each child \$200 per annum to get moving and participate in activities whereby they will need an extension of daylight hours to learn their sport. Coaches are volunteers and kids have school commitments, it's impossible to teach our kids in winter daylight hours. Put some lights in ! By not approving this common sense proposal you are effectively saying to families in our LGA, "don't worry about being active, meeting new mates, gaining new mentors and jump on the X-Box". I'm sure that campaign wouldn't win many elections... From an environmental and health risk perspective, Manly Bombers coach 700 odd kids on one ground all winter season. Then you have the senior team in Manly Wolves in addition. After 2-3 months of activity the ground is trashed and the risk of Injury escalates at a frightening rate, which could be argued is your responsibility for failing your duty of care. Financially, an upfront capex is required and I'd encourage you to consider the ROI of reduced care and maintenance annually as the ground is naturally managed vs the pain it suffers weekly.
311	Please install additional bins as well.
312	Great foe community and foe junior sport.
313	This is inevitable. Sporting resources are insufficient for growing demand in the community and therefore we need to 'share the load' to avoid overuse.
314	Wholeheartedly support installation
315	A great community project that provides a safe environment for people, especially our children, to train & play sport which is essential for their wellbeing.

No.	Comment
316	<p>More playing fields for a kids to use at night will enhance our ability to build on the strong football community in this area. We have one of the largest junior Aussie Rules clubs in the state ... we need the facilities to grow the kids skills and training in a small section of Weldon Oval (due to sharing it with too many teams) is not adequate.</p>
	<p>This is long overdue and put unnecessary strain and additional resource needs onto Weldon oval. By installing lighting it will save on upkeep of all fields in the vicinity by spreading the load.</p>
317	<p>My wife and I do not support this proposal for several reasons</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>. Safety of the local community, the roads surrounding the parks branching off Bennett Street are very narrow and poorly lit. Often there are many young children playing in the area. Increasing the number of cars in the area increases the chance of major injury to children due to their impulsive behaviour and running out on the street.</li> <li>.It cannot be assumed that the car park belong to Freshwater High school will be used for the purposes of sport training. The intersection of Brighton St and Harbord Rd is out right dangerous. People approaching the sporting fields from the local beach area will park in the narrow, poorly lit adjacent streets.</li> <li>. Sport training at night increases the noise level of the local area and noise travels at night. No longer will residents have peace. We already patiently contend with the noise on weekends but at night as well is too much. Some of us have to be up at 4am for work.</li> <li>. There is not a buffering of trees to block out some of the light and noise for the residents whose properties back onto these ovals.</li> </ul> <p>Residents in neighbouring streets will be inconvenienced by the noise of training, the penetrating sound of whistles continually being used, the sounds of camaraderie at the end of training, the closing of many car doors as engines start up.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>. As freshwater High School have evening events the streets and carparks are already full, where to people park then? Once again residents will be inconvenienced as their driveways will be encroached on as the sporting people try to park as close as possible to training. Saturday and Sunday are already a nightmare.</li> </ul> <p>We would support a more appropriate venue eg Denzil Joyce Oval - no residential properties adjoining the oval, fields with tree duffering to the south east and Manly Selective High to the North West which is used less than Freshwater High. This venue has adjacent off street parking on Abbott Road.</p>
318	<p>These lights are vital to improving sports facilities for local residents. The new lighting systems will not impinge on the amenity of local residents either.</p>
319	<p>Hi,</p> <p>I believe the Council should proceed with the Lighting installation at John Fisher Park for the following reasons. It will allow for more community participation in sport as there will be more facilities to play/train on with access to the fields after sunset. As a society we're encouraged to get out and be active . The more hours available to the public to use the fields can lead to more people exercising . It will share the wear and tear on Council's fields by spreading the number of participants that use the fields over a greater number of fields . This can potentially reduce the number of injuries to users on the grounds by enabling the grounds to be in better condition thus making it safer for users .</p>

No.	Comment
320	For over 20 years I have played grass hockey at these fields (along with both my children ) as part of the Warringah Grass Hockey competition. The use by the AFL players (just during daylight hours) has meant that by the time we get to play on the pitches they are badly chewed up by their soccer boots. Installing lights will just mean even more use and more damage! Our competition is run on Saturday's during the day so we would not need to use the lights so we would not gain any benefit by having them. The AFL players training and playing on these pitches creates divots in the pitches making the pitch uneven which can cause twisted ankles (which is what happened to me and I actually broke my ankle!) also the the ball can bounce off a raised bit of the grass and become airborne which can also make for a more dangerous and less true surface! I strongly object to these lights being installed. thank you for your time
321	There are lots of teams and not to be able to use the ovals for 3-4 hours per weekday, seems inefficient and short sighted.
322	A must for sport / training to take place after dark in a safe lit environment
323	require the lights so that the whole community can use the facility aftger dark
323	Will greatly benefit sport!
324	Would be fantastic for St Augustine's to have a training ground after dark.
325	There is a shortage of training fields in the Northern beaches particularly if rain closes fields, having more fields available will reduce the wear on all fields and increase the opportunities with training facilities
326	Definitely needed for sports team training.
327	I think it's fabulous and I'd love to see the abbott rd fields opposite Manly high school upgraded as well
328	Long overdue
329	This is critical to this locality to ensure training beyond daylight hours.
330	The lights will negatively impact on the sports fields for hockey. The fields will become over-utilised and damaged. The grounds also do not properly drain, with the result that over-usage will seriously damage the grass and make the fields dangerous to play hockey on. Hockey has no alternative venue on the Northern Beaches and putting lights on can jeopardise the Warringah Hockey competition that has over 25 years been on this same venue.
331	Very important safety requirement for all using the facilities
332	great idea, particularly for winter months when it gets dark earlier and for hockey training use hopefully
333	Will allow better use of field for children
334	This is a great facility for all our kids on the northern beaches. To extend its use with lighting is such an important way to improve the asset, spread out the use across the day and meet the needs of a growing area. Strongly in favour.
335	Fully support the proposal to increase utilization and efficiency
336	To allow longer usage for teams/people to train, jog and be active ...not just in daylight hours
337	Great idea, well overdue. More investment in community sports infrastructure is priority on the Norther Beaches.

## 7. Appendix B – Submissions received via email or as attachments to Your Say submissions<sup>3</sup>

1	<p>I would like to complain about the absurd proposal to light the park at night we live next to this park and as a pensioner i go to bed early and the noise would be shocking. i do believe the noise level would be above the recommended decibel level and as such would leave the council open to a huge legal bill. This park does NOT NEED NIGHT TIME ACTIVITY</p>
2	 <p><i>Curl Curl Lagoon Friends Inc.</i></p> <p><b>Re: SPORTSGROUND LIGHTING JOHN FISHER PARK - FRANK GREY &amp; MIKE PAWLEY RESERVES</b></p> <p>Curl Curl Lagoon Friends (CCLF) is a community environmental organization that has worked for the past 40 years to rehabilitate, protect and preserve the Lagoon and its surrounds. Our membership is comprised of approximately 300 families in the local area, with a newsletter and communications that reach over 2,500 households. Key components of our common aims are: waste minimization, habitat preservation, pollution prevention and restoration of fragile ecosystems. We aware of the need to provide lighting to extend the use of existing playing fields. We are supportive of the installation of the lights proposed to be installed on Frank Gray and Mike Pawley Reserves but this is conditional upon the following requests being addressed.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The plan shows the 3 lights on the side closest to Greendale Creek are within 40 meters of the bank of the creek and very close to the tree line. It is essential that no trees or understory are lost or damaged because of the installation. The trees cool the surrounding area, allow for passage of native fauna and prevent erosion and soil loss from the edge of the creek.</li> <li>2. That the roots of the trees be protected during the installation of the foundation pads to prevent damage to branches and roots.</li> <li>3. That these lights are not used in future by Telcos to install additional infrastructure</li> <li>4. That bird platforms are installed on the lights in particular those closest to the creek.</li> </ol> <p>Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposal. Pam Rawling Secretary On Behalf of Curl Curl Lagoon Friends Inc. 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2020</p>
3	<p>I am writing to you, to show my support for the implementation of lighting at John Fisher Park/ Frank Gray Ovals. I support the submission of lighting, as a member of the St Augustine’s College Football Committee, as volunteer Club Registrar, as parent of two St Augustine’s students and football players, and as a resident of Freshwater.</p>

<sup>3</sup> Comments are published as verbatim and inclusive of spelling and grammatical errors. Clear spelling errors are highlighted with (*sic*). Some minor formatting is corrected by Council.



	<p>Through the implementation of lighting it would be desirable that the John Fisher Park /Frank Gray Ovals were designated as a Home Ground for St Augustine’s Football Club. For St Augustine’s College FC, it would provide the following immeasurable benefits:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- After 55 years as part of the MWFA, St Augustines College FC would finally have a dedicated home ground, like all other Football Clubs in the MWFA competition.</li> <li>- ALL Saints teams could train at the one location, instead of sharing 3 fields (Millers, Grahams &amp; Nolans) with other clubs, and using a field with no lighting for the remaining of our training sessions (Passmore reserve).</li> <li>- More efficient use of training resources, and consistency across training, as our technical director and other training staff could all dedicate their time to one location.</li> <li>- Cost savings would be achieved, as transporting boys to 4 different training venues will be reduced to one venue. Older boys would be able to walk to Frank Gray Oval, as it is a 2km walk from the school.</li> <li>- Greater interaction and visibility of our Senior club to our junior club members as training and games could follow on the same field. This would also allow some of our senior players to coach our junior teams, establishing a clear pathway for our players to maintain a connection with the school and football club community as they progress through the years.</li> <li>- Our Premier League team could train later in the week (Tuesday/Thursday), like other PL teams in the MWFA, as opposed to Mon/Wed due to lack of fields.</li> <li>- Use of existing facilities such as a canteen. Our current “home ground” of Passmore reserve only has toilet facilities, so unable to run BBQ’s, etc like other clubs who have such facilities at their home grounds.</li> <li>- St Augustine’s College Football Club would establish a fixed and visible community presence, as part of the MWFA community and separate to the school grounds.</li> </ul>
4	<p>The abovementioned Council Proposal to install Sportsground Lighting on Frank Grey Oval and Mike Pawley Oval, and in doing so, allow night training up until 9.30pm, six nights a week, will have a huge detrimental impact on the surrounding neighbourhood. With no allocated Council car parking, the use of the limited Bowling Club car park and the Freshwater Campus school car park will have to be utilised, and obviously the surrounding on-street parking will definitely be first choice for most of the people training. The surrounding streets are narrow and there is traffic congestion on most sporting weekends, now you would like that to be duplicated into most nights, is this good planning or just a desperate interim solution by a Council that can't provide adequate playing fields for our ever increasing local population.</p> <p>Whilst I understand that Council has already extended the consultation period for this project until 3 May, 2020, I whereby request that, due to the current state of the Country with the mandatory lockdown regulations, that this very, very important Council Proposal should definitely be put on hold for a minimum of six months, whereby the neighbours that are going to be severely impacted by this Proposal will have the opportunity to hold a community meeting to discuss the detrimental effect that it will have on their lives and possibly, their property values.</p> <p>We now look forward a favourable consideration to our request for a further extension to the Council consultation period for this project.</p> <p>Please feel free to contact me anytime.</p>
5	<p>20 March, 2020  To whom it may concern,  Re: AFL NSW/ACT Response to Northern Beaches Council ‘Sportsground Lighting - John Fisher Park, Curl Curl’</p>

	<p>AFL NSW/ACT supports and thanks Northern Beaches Council for the proposed Sportsground Lighting – John Fisher Park, Curl Curl. John Fisher Park is home to two large community Australian Football clubs; senior club the Manly Warringah Wolves with 232 players and junior club Manly Bombers with 721 players. Currently Weldon Oval hosts all weekday training and the vast majority of weekend matches for both clubs. As a result, Weldon Oval is barely coping with wear and tear and presents an unsafe surface by mid-season, in constant need of repair. Lighting of Frank Grey Oval and Mike Pawley Oval will allow these two large clubs to spread their training load over 3 fields and cater for the significant increase in demand for Australian football in the local area, particularly by senior and junior female footballers, an area of successful focus by both clubs.</p> <p>This project is deemed to be vital to ensure the Manly Warringah Wolves and the Manly Bombers can cater for local community demand for Australian Football and is fully endorsed by AFL NSW/ACT.</p> <p>Should you have any further questions, please don't hesitate to contact the undersigned. Kind regards, David Lawson Infrastructure Planning Manager AFL NSW/ACT</p>
6	<p>Submission from St Augustines College, Sydney <a href="https://s3.ap-southeast-2.amazonaws.com/hdp.au.prod.app.nthbch-yoursay.files/8915/8527/9393/St_Aug_-_Submission_for_Frank_Gray_lighting.pdf">https://s3.ap-southeast-2.amazonaws.com/hdp.au.prod.app.nthbch-yoursay.files/8915/8527/9393/St Aug - Submission for Frank Gray lighting.pdf</a></p>
7	<p><a href="https://s3.ap-southeast-2.amazonaws.com/hdp.au.prod.app.nthbch-yoursay.files/7815/8849/8153/Sports_Ground_Lighting_-_John_Fisher_Park_-_Submission_.pdf">https://s3.ap-southeast-2.amazonaws.com/hdp.au.prod.app.nthbch-yoursay.files/7815/8849/8153/Sports Ground Lighting - John Fisher Park - Submission .pdf</a></p>