

Community and Stakeholder Engagement Report

Sportsground Lighting Passmore Reserve (Stage 1 of 2)

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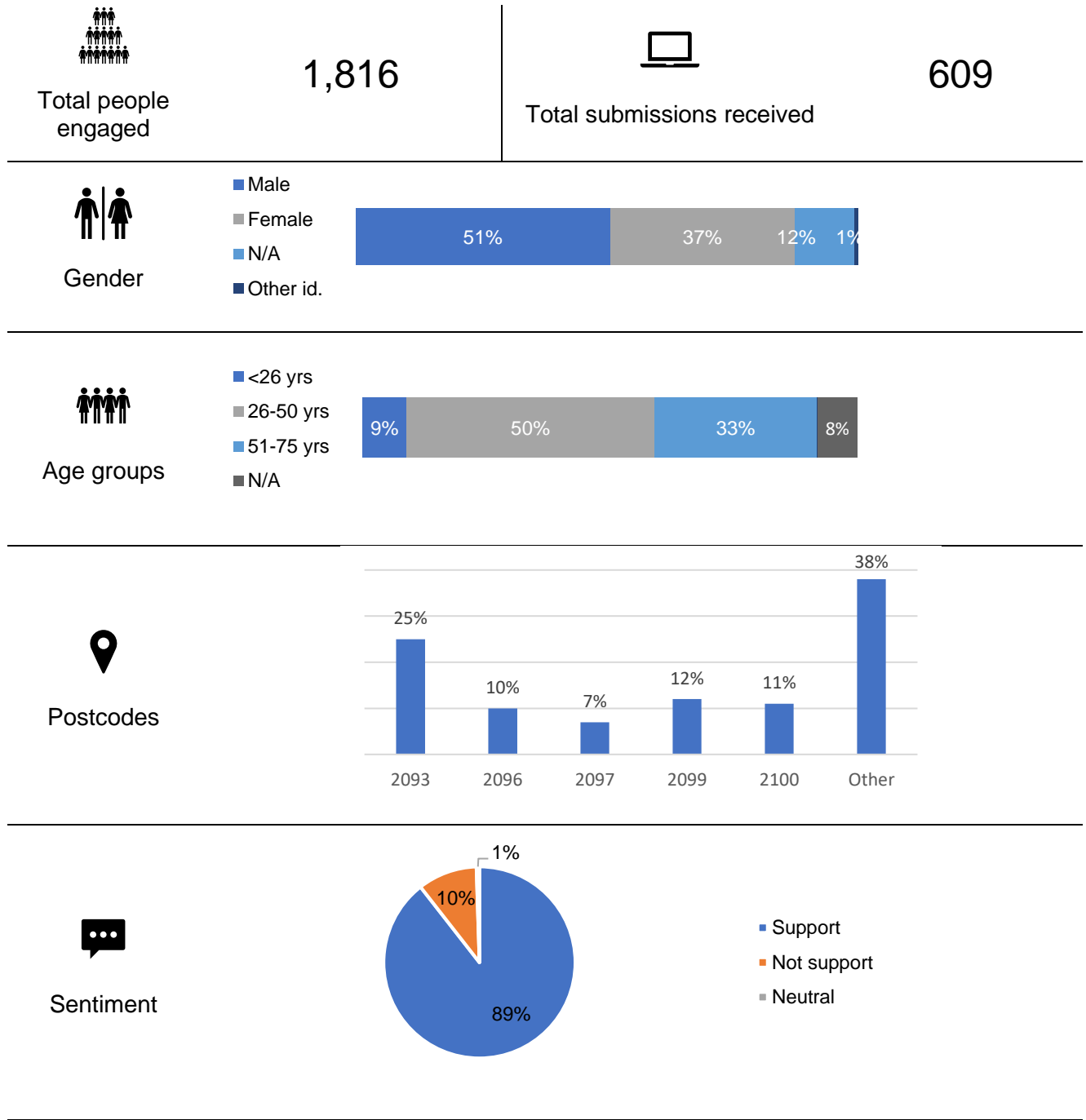
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1. Summary¹

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





1.1. Who we engaged



¹ 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"> • Increased sporting capacity • Community recreation benefits • Traffic congestion in local streets |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Noise • Light spill |

1.2. How we engaged

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|  Your Say | Visitors: 1,323 Visits: 1,816 | Av. time onsite: 2 mins 45 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: 6 | |
| |  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: Phone calls with the Project Manager (Calendly) | 4 phone calls completed |

2. Background

The number of people playing sports in the Northern Beaches is growing. Council recognises the broad health and wellbeing benefits of being active and playing a sport. Through the implementation of our Sportsground Strategy in 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. Passmore Reserve was suggested for consideration as a potentially suitable site for sports lighting (*Sportsground Needs Analysis Dec 2016*).

During consultation for the draft Sportsground Strategy in 2017, many comments were received in support of the option to install lights at Passmore Reserve as a way of increasing sportsground capacity and enhancing the viability of existing facilities.

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 Passmore Reserve was to gauge the sentiment of the lighting proposal from the local residents, sporting clubs and the community more broadly 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 – Passmore Reserve project was planned, implemented and reported in accordance with Council's [Community Engagement Matrix](#) (2017).

The Community and Stakeholder Engagement Plan 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 notification was posted 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, 89 percent of submissions received were in support of the proposed lighting installation at Passmore Oval.

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.

Ten percent of respondents were not in favour of the proposed lighting upgrade, outlining concerns about additional traffic congestion and parking issues on local streets and more noise (e.g. whistles, spectators shouting and other on-field noise).

There were also concerns raised regarding the light spill impacts on adjacent houses and wildlife, particularly birds, bats and nocturnal animals.

One percent of respondents were neutral to the proposal.

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

| Theme | Summary of comments | Our response |
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| Increased sporting capacity | Vast majority of comments agreed that there is currently a shortage of sportsfields in the area with sporting clubs having to compete for training hours on the fields and supported the installation of lights to address the shortfall. | The installation of lighting at the oval allows more teams to train or compete on the ovals, increasing the overall usage of the park. This helps meet the demand for more sportsfields identified in the Sportsground Strategy. |
| Community recreation benefits | Having the fields lit in the evening allows general recreation opportunities for other people in addition to sporting teams. | Council is committed to providing opportunities for healthy active lifestyles. |
| Safety | Many respondents said they would feel safer while exercising or waiting/collecting children after training if the area was illuminated at night. | Noted. |
| Noise impacts | There is a school and units adjacent to the reserve. There are concerns that there will be noise in the evenings due to players, whistles and supporters. Coming and going of additional cars will also add to the noise. | To minimise noise impacts, we are proposing to limit sporting club use of the field to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8:30pm Monday to Thursday (with lights out at 8:45pm). • 9:00pm Fridays (with lights out at 9:15pm). • 6.45pm Saturdays (with lights out 7.00pm) |

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| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6.00pm Sundays (with lights out 6.15pm) |
| Traffic and parking | There is currently limited parking on the local streets. Lack of street parking and traffic congestion will become worse if the reserve is available for longer under lighting. | The lighting upgrades are not anticipated to create additional pressure on parking or increase congestion in the area. |
| Light spill impacts | Concerns that light from the ovals will spill into neighbouring homes causing disturbance to residents. Also potential impact on nocturnal animals. | Potential light spill has been assessed and is compliant with all relevant Australian Standards for light spill and obtrusive light, including the National Light Spill Guidelines for Wildlife. |

Appendix A - Verbatim responses received online²

| No. | Comment |
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| 1 | <p>Could you please confirm that the National Light Pollution Guidelines for Wildlife have been considered in this process? I see that assumptions have been made with regards to AS4282 but not of the guidelines. Given the proximity to wetlands and shorebirds, I imagine this is something that should be recognised.</p> <p>Also, can you provide a diagram, drawing of the fittings that are to be used?</p> |
| 2 | <p>There is a serious lack of safely lit sporting space on the northern beaches for community sporting organisations to conduct training and or games at night.</p> <p>As many people that volunteer for these organisations as coaches/trainers etc also work full time, the majority of them cannot be available to be present for their volunteer duties during daylight hours in the cooler months.</p> <p>The local Football Association already struggles to cater for the scheduling of games for nearly 19,000 participants. Another properly lit facility would assist in making this massive task more achievable as the sport continues to grow.</p> <p>Being part of a club that received upgraded lighting a few years ago, it is evident that the new lighting does not encroach on neighbouring properties or cause any issues for them.</p> |
| 3 | <p>Lights on the sports fields can only increase the participation of boys and girls in sports activities which can only be a good thing</p> |
| 4 | <p>I am the President of Wakehurst Football Club in Belrose. We were actively involved in the review process and we fully support the NBC Sportsgrounds Strategy. We were fortunate to have the vast majority of our local community support the installation of upgraded lighting at Lionel Watts and Hews Parade two years ago. If we want our sports people, from 5 to 55 years old, to be active, healthy and engaged members of our local communities then we need to give them adequate, good quality resources to enable them to play and to train for their chosen sport. The dire shortage of sportsgrounds and sportsgrounds with lighting in the Northern Beaches is a huge problem for many sports clubs. Thankfully the NBC is now addressing this shortfall as part of the NBC Sportsgrounds Strategy. We sincerely hope that the community supports the installation of new lighting at Passmore Reserve. Thank you.</p> |
| 5 | <p>Would be wonderful addition to the after hours sport facilities. Soccer never has enough pitches for after work training and this will provide a further 3 fields that can be used by clubs</p> |
| 6 | <p>This will greatly assist allocation of grounds for teams training during winter.</p> |
| 7 | <p>Appropriate lightning will benefits the long term success of our kids in several sports discipline.</p> |
| 8 | <p>I am a current player/supporter of the St Augustines Football Club. The Club is currently only able to train at its home ground between 4pm and dark during the season due to the lack of lights at Passmore. The installation of these lights will not only be a benefit to the 650 registered players at our Club, but also the more than 19,000 registered football players on the Northern Beaches together with other sporting groups by freeing up sportsfields, increasing field usage, improving the overall quality of sportsfield and providing another amenity to be utilised by the broader community.</p> |
| 9 | <p>It will provide a place for all saints teams to play</p> |
| 10 | <p>To reduce the cost of this upgrade to rate payers will council be undertaking this upgrade under the NSW Governments Energy Savings Scheme, which is offering rebates for energy efficient LED lighting upgrades when accredited LED lights are installed to replace old inefficient lighting</p> |
| 11 | <p>Passmore also needs much better drainage</p> |
| 12 | <p>Critical for Football training and games to be played in the evening.</p> |

² 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.

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| 13 | Based on growing demand for training and sporting grounds given the great work and investment to date by the NBC, the addition of new lights at Passmore Reserve will allow more rate payers that opportunity to participate in sporting activities throughout the year. As well, the modern technology used in lighting means that the impact of these lights will be minimal for nearby residents, unlike the lights used in the 1980's and 90's |
| 14 | This lighting is desperately needed for night time sports use for training etc |
| 15 | Lights at some sporting grounds are important especially when training is on during winter months. As a parent and female, it feels more secure with lighting. |
| 16 | I have two kids playing soccer, and field allocation for training and games is always a challenge. Lighting at Passmore will enable more soccer time for the kids. |
| 17 | Will hugely benefit many different sports and training requirements. |
| 18 | It's great to see more lighting infrastructure getting the go ahead. So many more people can get their daily exercise under lights. Keep it up Northern Beaches Council |
| 19 | More space for training/games at night is great for the community. I would think a 9pm automatic cut off for lights would be suitable for the area. |
| 20 | Provide teams with full understanding of the lighting so that the quality of use is high and people respect the use of the grounds |
| 21 | With a critical need for more open playing/training space on the northern beaches the lighting plan at passmore oval is critical that it is approved. These days the night lighting technology is so advanced it has no glare. It will have minimal impact to the surrounding neighbourhood. |
| 22 | Yes, As this will allow training on the fields at later times during the football season. |
| 23 | Helps the kids with post school training / activities. |
| 24 | I am the president of Mosman Football Club and we as a club are in support of this proposal. 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. Also the new technology being proposed will have minimal impact on the local wildlife and the local residents. |
| 25 | As the recent pandemic has shown, community sport is a vital and fundamental element of Australian life. Enhancements to infrastructure that provide additional capacity for the sporting community are needed to support a growing population. Moreover, the shift towards medium density living heightens the need for valuable outdoor space, especially as our children confront increasing risks of obesity. The Council's efforts to build infrastructure for the future is commended and supported. |
| 26 | long overdue |
| 27 | Hi, Passmore oval is long overdue for lighting. With the number of teams fighting for training grounds its only natural this oval should extend beyond daylight hours. The oval is also utilised by the surrounding residents with its playground and bike track. Lighting at Passmore is essential when you consider all the others that have been installed. |
| 28 | This is LONG overdue with the shortage of fields for the children. Having lights open up fields for a longer period of time for all to enjoy. |
| 29 | As an owner of a unit at 2 Campbell Pde Manly Vale which immediately adjoins the sports field I object to the proposal on the grounds the lighting will cause undue annoyance after sunset for those rooms including bedrooms that face the sporting field. |

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| 30 | <p>1. The council seems to be changing its mind about what is the best use for Passmore Reserve. Several years ago (10?) council wanted to build basketball courts and flood lights, along with hundreds of car parking spaces on the reserve. Now it obviously deems soccer, football and cricket the most appropriate uses.</p> <p>2. The public hearing for the previous flood light proposals had the Mackellar Girls school (now secondary college) Principal giving evidence that the combined flood lighting, the extra cars parked on the reserve and in adjacent streets, the activities themselves, the hours they would be training/playing and, most importantly, the noise they would be making (shouting, screaming, whistles blowing) would be extremely detrimental to the school's operations. In fact she said it would, and I quote, "spoil the professionalism of the school". This school has a very high ranking and reputation in the education community, and it was her opinion that the proposals would diminish its value and performance severely.</p> <p>3. We understand the noise and whistles will disturb significantly their nighttime activities of the school as they have a significant number of these happening frequently after normal school: performances, plays, public meetings on education matters, parent teacher interviews, and out of hours general school business. All of these require car parking at night, and as this is a wide catchment school, requires spaces at night on the border parking bays of the reserve.</p> <p>4. The noise from the Calabria Club further along Campbell Parade, has night time soccer under flood lighting and whistles often blowing till late. To add more whistles, and shouting directly opposite the school with this proposal seems quite ludicrous.</p> <p>5. Campbell Parade, Gordon St. and Quirk Rd are completely full of cars when the school has events. Combined with offstreet car parking for many residents in Campbell pde, the traffic movements and requirements are hectic, to the point of being potentially dangerous.</p> <p>6. Large service vehicles for the shops, services and outlets along the nearby Condamine shopping strip use Campbell pde and Quirk rd to do loops as there is limited turning manoeuvres off Condamine after delivery. These are often large trucks and semis and these roads are only residential streets, not distributor roads. Serious traffic issues!</p> <p>7 Many school buses, including extended buses use Quirk rd and Campbell parade, causing conflicting movement directions when special pickups are needed. We live opposite the school and just hold our breath at times as a lot of these events come together.</p> <p>8. The idea that more lights are needed, just for "training" purposes, over the broader area seems far fetched. The flood lights are very high (25 to 30 meters- more professional than amateur to me), and these are required for training?? The Miller and Nolan reserves have a total of 23 of these flood lights covering grounds on Condamine and Pittwater rd. This should be the limit for the area. Or create some more open space as the population is building.</p> <p>9. Considering all of these factors, it seems plain that the general area is very constrained by a number of factors (highlighted), and there exists a substantial number of flood lit fields in the area already.</p> <p>10. Summary: car parking, noise, high school- major reasons to say no.</p> |
| 31 | <p>This is outrageous! The high powered lights will shine directly into the bedrooms and loungerooms of residents opposite and adjoining Passmore Reserve. They will be on for up to six nights a week from dusk until as late as 9.30pm.</p> <p>The traffic will be horrific - it is already a nightmare as cars detour and go "the back way" to get to and from Condamine Street. There is not enough parking in Campbell Parade and neighbouring streets as it is, with visitors to the Calabria Club with its patrons and Football courts as well as competition Cricket and Soccer matches already taking place on the reserve throughout the year.</p> <p>The noise will be intrusive, excessive and unbearable for residents not only directly opposite Passmore Reserve but in neighbouring streets, noise pollution caused by whistles, cheering and yelling and screaming from players and referees, not to mention the inevitable supporters and hoons</p> |

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| | <p>coming and going and revving their cars. The value of our properties will decline - nobody really wants to live across the road from noisy sports games, traffic, spectators, players and referees particularly with nighttime activities and huge sports lights lighting our apartments from Monday to Saturday until 9.30pm!!! There goes our peace and quiet! There goes our votes for you next election!</p> |
| 32 | <p>As Secretary of Manly Vale Football Club, our club wishes to fully support this urgent prioritisation to help cater for the year on year increase in participation numbers for our club and code in general. Not only will our club and all Manly Warringah Football Association clubs benefit through the increased winter season usage (for both competitive matches and training) - but arguably all members of the community - incl all sports, schools, nearby residents and any other potential twilight & evening hirers. All reserves in the area should have capability for sportsfield lighting to enable better sharing of increasing congestion and wear & tear on other reserves. Sportsfield lighting can be structured to minimise impact on any residents - as is the case with the lights in other nearby fields such as Millers Reserve and David Thomas Reserve. We are hopeful that Council proceeds with this much needed sportsfield enhancement as a matter of priority. thank you.</p> |
| 33 | <p>It's not the LIGHTING ... it's the LACK OF PARKING. As it is, there isn't enough Parking for the limited Sports events that use Passmore, this will encourage MORE people to come and use their cars ... exacerbating an already inadequate situation. We've already had idiots taking up residents parking spaces on sports carnival days, heck, even idiots blocking the resident's garages ... this ridiculously ill thought out plan will make the situation intolerable. PROVIDE MORE PARKING **BEFORE** ANY SUCH PLAN IS EVEN CONSIDERED.</p> |
| 34 | <p>I have several concerns. Firstly that the lighting will potentially have a negative impact on our units ambience as it will be bright in our unit which has a balcony and 7 windows overlooking the park. Secondly I believe that the finishing time should be 9 pm if this lighting goes ahead. There should be regulations to ensure that users of the park leave quietly after training. Consideration should be given to making this area an alcohol free zone in the evenings so that players and friends do not congregate after evening training and make noise which will disturb local residents.</p> |
| 35 | <p>I appreciate the need for more sport field capacity in our area and therefore it is hard to argue against this proposal. However, the site adjoins Manly Creek an important wildlife corridor (which is in desperate need of ongoing remediation). I believe that to compensate for the undoubted impact on birds, bats and nocturnal animals there should be additional native tree planting and bush regeneration along the park's perimeters.</p> |
| 36 | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Intensifying the use of Passmore reserve will increase traffic and make accessibility and parking to my home more difficult than it already is on a regular basis Monday to Friday, as commuters park out the area during the day and this lighting plan will increase the traffic and parking demands and noise well into the evening on many nights. 2. Campbell Pde residents opposite the reserve in particular, experience an unreasonable amount of traffic during football season on Saturdays and Sundays. Over the last few years this has intensified due to the fields being subdivided to double the no. of games (for young children) and this has meant double the car driving spectators and the greater no. of games also on Sunday. We actually often cannot leave or get to our home or even the surrounding streets by car regularly on Saturdays for weeks. 3.in relation to the lighting, last night (and on other nights , lately) for example, the existing lighting was on all night and so the thought of having to put up with the light shining into our bedrooms late into the night or all night on many more nights of the week is an unreasonable ask. |
| 37 | <p>There is already insufficient parking at the reserve for sporting events. This results in traffic spills into the surrounding streets, namely in front of residential properties. There is noise from people coming</p> |

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| | <p>& going from their vehicles. This seems unfair to expect that to be ok at night too, car doors, engines, conversations etc.</p> <p>Is there a curfew on the times the reserve can be used.? What happens to the rubbish which is left from these events?</p> <p>I'm all for community sports, keeping fit & active but I think when it is in the open air the noise carries & it is the local residents who will suffer, together with other things I have mentioned.</p> <p>The concept is good but I believe it would adversely affect local residents which is not good.</p> |
| 38 | <p>You say these are temporary measures so will you take the lights down at a later date. I think not. This looks like a permanent arrangement which will increase light and noise pollution so close to residential properties where families are trying to get their children asleep which will be impossible if their bedtime is constantly being interrupted by the sharp shrill of a whistle from a ref and the shouting and screaming from the players and their coaches throughout the evening.</p> <p>9.30 is way past most children's bedtime who need at least 12 hours sleep to be alert at school. Increase noise, lights and traffic during the weeknights will be intolerable for residences already suffering from matches and training during daylight hours.</p> <p>Please look at other grounds which are not next to hundreds of families to extend sport training and games. Thank you.</p> <p>P.S. I live at Parkview Apartments opposite the ground</p> |
| 39 | <p>Both boys train and play for Soccer here in the winter months and use the space during the summer month where with light we able to use it longer in the summer but not in the winter, it makes sense for his to occur</p> |
| 40 | <p>Noise pollution, bright lights shinning into homes, parking is bad at best of times would be a nightmare with increased traffic flow.</p> |
| 41 | <p>It would be nice if the oval next to the courts also had additional lighting. This is part of Passmore Reserve. We like to run there as a group, but cannot in the winter as it is pitch black. I'm sure there must be other groups that would like to continue training on the oval in the winter. We would be prepared to pay a nominal amount - we are a small group.</p> |
| 42 | <p>I'm more concerned about the constant noises coming from the sports field for 6 nights.</p> |
| 43 | <p>I live in [REDACTED] bedrooms & lounge rooms look over the park, the light will shine into our bedrooms/ lounge rooms and the noise will be so loud. At the moment we can hear the noise from the Calabria club when they play at night. The noise travels across the park and into our units at the moment. The lights you are thinking about installing the council try to install years ago it was stopped as the units are too close to the park. Please don't install the sporting lights as it will make our life like hell. Sporting whistles noise and shouting will be happening then people are trying to put children to sleep and while we are watching TV. This is a big problem. Please don't install with will be a disaster to all residents not only our unit block, other unit blocks across the road will have the same problem.</p> |
| 44 | <p>Due to noise and parking problems for residents in Campbell pde Noise from Nolan's reserve is quite noticeable during sporting events But acceptable due to distance From my place of residence but if night events at Passmore would be right on my front door disrupting my life comfort and comings and goings of vehicles clogging up an already busy street plus rubbish not disposed of correctly also the nature of bird life and other disrupted.</p> |
| 45 | <p>I live just opposite Passmore Reserve in Campbell Parade and believe lighting would be a great addition to the facilities.</p> |

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| 46 | Campbell Parade is already grid locked traffic at school drop off and pick up times and during the day on weekends which makes it difficult to get in and out of the drive way. To extend access to Passmore Reserve to night time as well will cause chaos in the surrounding streets. Something needs to be done to restrict traffic to this area. There needs to be an alternative access road to the school and reserve or children need to walk more. There are also a lot of homes close to the Reserve which would be affected by the noise of sporting events after hours. |
| 47 | ██████████ The bedrooms look over Passmore Reserve. The lights will shine into the bedrooms and the noise the teams make playing is very loud. If you put lights in the park the teams will play too late at night. We already find that the teams playing late at night make a lot of noise at the Calabria Club which is 300m away. Please don't put the lights at Passmore Reserve. There was a successful partition several years ago. |
| 48 | We have petitioned against 2010 / 2014 and now 2020 with the COVID19. We can not petition due to social distancing laws. Please use Nolan reserve Night lighting for the soccer player to play at night. Please put different sport code line mark on Nolan reserve. There are many units that look over the passmore reserve ██████████ our lounge rooms and bedrooms look over Passmore Reserve . The noise will be so loud from the soccer player screaming swearing and umpire whistle will be at night when we are trying to relax after work watching TV or sleeping. |
| 49 | I live at ██████████ and therefore will be directly affected by the lighting. I am supportive as long as there is a curfew i.e. lights cannot be turned on after 10pm or if left on by a sports club are automatically shut off at that time? The most common users of the park are actually walkers, runners, parents and dog walkers who use the circular pathway 7 days a week during daylight hours. If putting in major electrical infrastructure why not provide lighting for the path to make it safe for early morning and evening use. You would actually provide benefit to a much larger number of residents than the occasional soccer team. |
| 50 | As a regular user of local reserves for both casual exercise (jogging and training) and organised sport (football) I am fully supportive of this reserve having sportsfield lighting, which will help optimise this reserve's usage by all members of the community - incl all sports, schools, nearby residents and any other potential hirers. All reserves in the area should have capability for sportsfield lighting to enable better sharing of increasing congestion and wear & tear on other reserves. Sportsfield lighting can be structured to minimise impact on any residents - as is the case with the lights in other nearby fields such as Millers Reserve and David Thomas Reserve. I am hopeful that Council proceeds with this much needed sportsfield enhancement as a matter of priority. thank you. |
| 51 | There are lots of teams and to be able to use the ovals for 1-2 hours per weekday, seems inefficient and not utilising all your assets to their greatest effect |
| 52 | Only concern is for noise levels from touch football. Currently we can hear the touch football on Campbell pde from Nolan's Reserve. I can't imagine what it will be like with it in Passmore. |
| 53 | The lighting will mean that sports teams will be able to play into the night and create loud noise, and a bottle neck for traffic in an already overcrowded street. There is not enough parking to support this initiative |
| 54 | It's a much needed, much wanted initiative. Thank you. |
| 55 | We live in Manly Vale and fully support the plans for lighting. |
| 56 | Great idea, and good to see the council investing in these type of projects to get more use from the beaches fields. I am a 10 year resident of Campbell Parade and welcome this proposal. |
| 57 | We need more ovals with lighting to enable training for sports groups in winter |
| 58 | Absolutely necessary as a high value sporting facility for the community plus in a perfect location for limited impact to residents. |
| 59 | Residential parking is already challenged without increased vehicle numbers parked to attend evening sports events. Increased noise and light pollution is also concerning. |

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| 60 | It means kids who train in the afternoons in winter will be able to train under lights rather than in the dark. |
| 61 | There just enough grounds available for training and games - this simple addition would provide a solution for so many |
| 62 | Our community has a shortage of sports fields. Lights will provide the local community with more hours to use our sporting fields. |
| 63 | We would like additional permanent lighting on the pathway to increase visibility and personal safety between Passmore and Nolan's. |
| 64 | Great initiative |
| 65 | The infrastructure will increase the flood risk for the area like the disastrous cricket nets and stadium across the lagoon at Nolans Reserve. More importantly it will destroy the nocturnal habits of the many native and rare animals and birds that live in the area. Why is the NBC council so intent on destroying a long held restful and environmentally rich area for what - flood lights for a few hours of sport. The cricket net disaster as mentioned above - cricket only goes for around 4 -6 months - no basketball court (that kids and adults use to enjoy), huge increase in flood risk due to massive hard surface area increase - what anti resident and local people the NBC has become. |
| 66 | It would greatly help training and games during winter |
| 67 | The more local children and adults we can have playing sport and being active is surely only healthy for the whole community. |
| 68 | My children both play soccer and we get very limited options for training times and days as Brookvale FC has to schedule days due to too many teams trying to train on Passmore/Nolans and Grahams and only Grahams has lights. |
| 69 | It is really hard for sports teams to get allocation of lit fields on weeknights in winter. More fields with lights are desperately needed. |
| 70 | As a resident that will be directly affected by this. No, I do not support this proposal. I do not want flood lighting outside of my bedroom window. Council have tried (unsuccessfully) this proposal before. Local residents overwhelmingly objected to it then. We will again this time also. Leave Passmore Reserve and our peace and sanity alone. |
| 71 | My children train there and cannot do so after 530pm on a autumn/winter afternoon due to the darkness. We would love lighting please!! |
| 72 | As a local resident I am deeply concerned with the noise and traffic impact. |
| 73 | I am volunteer coach at St Aug, as its hard for me to take time off work plus taking the time it takes me to transit from the Syd CBD to the field in the late afternoons it would be a relief on myself and the team if Passmore had lights, this would allow us open the field to different training options and put less stress on myself and the team. |
| 74 | There is way way way too much light pollution as it is. There are numerous studies showing how disrupting the daily light patterns harms both human and animal life. Enough with prioritising funding for team sports. Seriously. If you want to do more to support sports. Why not actually provide safe cycleways to every beach from every suburb on the northern beaches? Currently I'm terrified for my kids life to get them on a bike in our area. Running, cycling, swimming - there are plenty of other activities you can put funding into without continuously eroding our natural heritage with narrow priorities that benefit one vocal group of our community. Light pollution is a serious problem, do more good, not more damage. |

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| 75 | I live near Passmore Reserve and my son trains for soccer there. I do think it make sense to have lighting there so teams can train there longer in the winter, as they do at David Thomas. It is important to have pitches available as we all want out kids and ourselves to remain active and use these council reserves for that purpose. |
| 76 | <p>As a resident of [REDACTED], I oppose the new lighting plan on three grounds:</p> <p>1) Light impact on</p> <p>a) wildlife, specifically flying foxes which live in our trees and the trees of the surrounding area. Last year there have been birds of prey breeding on top of a post of the Passmore reserve, very unlikely to be chosen as a breeding ground ever again, with the light and sporting crowds in plan.</p> <p>b) Further, the impact that lighting will have on our ability to watch the sun set and overlook an otherwise green and peaceful district. So while you might classify the area as densely suburban populated, with some light pollution apparent, fact is, that the combination of golf courses as well as the Passmore reserve and surrounding areas result in a low suburban population density in that North-Western outlook. The brightest next thing in view is the red Westfield sign in the distance. These uninterrupted district view has been the major draw card for us in acquiring a house on top of this ridge.</p> <p>2) Noise impact, brought about by evening sports training and competition, along with a myriad of car parking issues continued into the evening. At present we can hear voices carried from sports training from even further away. We desire peace and quiet and don't want to have our evenings and sunsets ruined by whistles, shouting, and jubilation every single evening of the week. Car parking is a significant issue on days that the Calibri Club is busy with sporting or other evening events, and with car parking overflowing well into Lovett Street. With the three additional sporting grounds overplayed on your map this is bound to attract at least 40-60 additional cars on a normal weekday training night at any one point in time.</p> <p>3) In its current form the Passmore Reserve is a mixed park which now in times of Covid-19, more than ever, is enjoyed as a mixed park of informal leisure grounds. It's not a a series of three soccer fields, nor cricket pitches, or AFL or rugby leave as your drawings suggest it to be. It's where children and adults alike pursue whatever form of structured or unstructured exercise or leisure activity they want to pursue. It's a Reserve at people's door step. People are enjoying picnics in the reserve, teaching their children to cycle or drive a roller, run around and kick a footy. It's not yet another formalised sporting ground.</p> <p>Thanks for your consideration</p> |
| 77 | when there are activities in the calabria club until later at night, parking, traffic, noise already becomes a nightmare on Campbell Parade. 3 football fields would just make the situation here even worse. People coming back from work and having no where to park their cars. Nolan Reserve has lights and is never over utilised, why spend the money and cause more disruption where it isn't needed? |

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| 78 | <p>Hi there, I don't support the lighting project.</p> <p>The area is already densely populated with 100% apartment blocks around the reserve.</p> <p>I would support the upgrade of facilities, but not lighting at night. Currently when there is sport on the weekends there is absolute chaos. People park in the visitors bays in our apartment block due to the already limited parking on Campbell parade.</p> <p>Parking is limited due to all the apartment blocks and the residents from the blocks use the parking alongside the reserve in the evenings. Additional lighting will make it challenging for people to find parking in the evenings when returning home.</p> <p>The additional congestion created by sporting events is abominable , with the intersection of Campbell Parade and Condamine Street jammed due to the slow traffic lights at the best of times.</p> <p>Frankly I would be forced to support an alternate party for state government if you proceed.</p> <p>The sporting fields on the Freshwater side of the reserve have LESS residential housing surrounding the fields and are a viable alternative.</p> <p>The high density living in the apartments we live in means it is tough at the best of times to enjoy peace and quiet, and now you are throwing in an additional noise factor.</p> <p>Please spend your time focussing on public transport and other more pressing issues on the beaches rather than where to light up sports fields. I cannot believe we pay tax and rates to employ you folks in the council to come up with hair brained schemes like this that frankly result in a poor outcome for everyone who lives in the area. There is tons of space or land along Wakehurst parkway that could be cleared and state of the art facilities put up with proper parking and away from residential land, so why dont you invest in proper planning, use my rates appropriately and come up with a more creative solution rather than upending a quiet sought after piece of Manly Vale.</p> <p>Your proposal will also affect the value of my property and and fall in market value in my property attributable to this development, you can expect legal action from me to recover the deficit.</p> <p>Not enthusiastic , and disappointing to find out this is what I pay my rates for. I intent to contact Zali Stegall and get the local MP involved if need be.</p> |
| 79 | <p>Would also be good to have lights on in winter months for people who would like to jog as it is dark by 5:30pm</p> |
| 80 | <p>Noise: The level of noise coming from people shouting, yelling and swearing while playing sport at the park on the weekend is bad enough, but to have it all throughout the week as well is not acceptable. That is seven days a week that a large proportion of residents will be subjected to this. There is more than enough room already on the other side at Nolan reserve.</p> <p>Parking: At the moment there is barely enough parking spaces for residents along Campbell Pde, which is furthermore restricted by having a no parking zone along one entire side from 7:00 - 9:00 am and 3:00 - 4:00 pm meaning most people who do not leave for work until around 8:00 am are forced to try and park on the other side when they return home at night.</p> <p>This will be impossible with influx of vehicles from people going to the reserve and parking there for a few hours then leaving late at night.</p> <p>Residents who were not able to park on that side (or find a park at all) would then be forced to go out later and move there vehicle if spaces become available as by this time all the parking spaces on the surrounding streets are packed with the residents that live on those streets.</p> |
| 81 | <p>I am a local Manly Vale resident and I do not believe Passmore Reserve and the surrounding area are suitable for an increase in organised sporting activity.</p> <p>Anyone who has spent time at Passmore Reserve during COVID-19 understands how important this park has been to the local community. Every day amid social and physical restrictions, hundreds of families have visited Passmore and enjoyed the pristine grounds and local environment to ride bikes, kick a ball, watch the ducks and turtles, or just wrestle in the grass. This free play and enjoyment has been vital for the mental and physical well-being of the community during this crisis. The Council's</p> |

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| | <p>proposal to install lighting on Passmore Reserve for organised sport to play 6 nights a week until 9:30pm will irreversibly alter the park through increased traffic, noise and the heavy toll a significant increase in organised sports as well as bright lighting will take on the environment. The recent months have reminded us the value of a 'un-designated' piece of green space not subjected to extended hours of heavy usage. It is vital that Council considers the great worth of our undeveloped parklands for simple family and community enjoyment and the role Passmore Reserve has played in helping our community get through these difficult months.</p> <p>Council states in its Statement of Environmental Effects: "In summary, the provision of sportsground lighting does not trigger additional noise emission intensity at the location but rather, a modest extension of the time within which noise is likely to be generated." In fact, the Council's plan to light up the field to extend sporting hours up until 9:30pm six nights a week. Rather than a modest extension of time, would at least represent a doubling of annual noise emissions.</p> <p>Additionally, the adjacent Nolan Reserve just is significantly underutilised and already features the lighting infrastructure to allow night sport.</p> <p>In summary I do not believe Passmore Reserve suitable to such significant alteration and plans to develop lighting infrastructure should be scrapped.</p> <p>Without wishing to equivocate or back-peddle from my primary recommendation, if the proposal goes ahead regardless of community protestations, please consider an earlier "switch-off" time for the lights of 8:30pm. 9:30pm is just too late considering the additional light, noise and traffic. Thank you for the opportunity to make a submission. All the best.</p> |
| 82 | <p>I'm supportive of this proposal. I live in [REDACTED] so was initially concerned about additional noise and light pollution this may cause. However, there are reasonable limits on the light operation, it supports healthy lifestyles, and i'll feel safer walking through those fields at night (in the depths of winter that area is pitch black!)</p> |
| 83 | <p>I am highly concerned by this proposal due to the foreseeable negative impact on the hundreds of residents in Campbell Parade. The concerns relate to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Very loud noise from whistles and players (screaming and yelling) until as late as 9.30pm of an evening, six days per week. In fact the noise would likely continue after 9.30pm as many people socialise after matches and make their way to vehicles. Aside from the many adults who resign to bed of an evening from 8.30pm onwards, there are many young children who live in Campbell Pde and go to bed in the early hours of the evening. Noise can already be heard from Nolan Reserve (located hundreds of meters away) of an evening due to competition sport. 2. Parking. All residents who live in Campbell Pde live in apartments and often rely-on on-street parking. This is at its limit during the week, and challenging on Saturdays when regular competition sport is played. On occasions where there is an event held at Mackeller Girls High School of a night time, parking becomes a major problem. 3. Lighting. Considering that this is a high residential area, with a number of apartment blocks directly facing the oval (one sharing a boarder with no road separation), excessive night time lighting is going to impact on resident's relaxation and sleep. 4. Traffic. Campbell Pde is already a busy thoroughfare. Evening competition sport is likely to see a significant increase in traffic. This has the potential to impact on the safety of residents accessing cars, the many people who walk their dogs of an evening and cyclists using the cycle paths. It would also further add to the high levels of noise generated by sporting participants. <p>I play competition sport and regularly use local sporting facilities, including a golf club and Andrew Boy Charlton Swimming Pool. I don't object to competition sport. My significant concerns relates to the direct impact on hundreds of residents who live next to this beautiful and peaceful park.</p> <p>I hope that you please seriously consider my concerns.</p> |

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| 84 | <p>Noise pollution caused by whistles, screaming from players and officials. It's a chaos on the weekends already so no games at passmore reserve in the evening please. Campbell parade is a massive way to turn right at Condamine street going to Dee why Direction, it will crease the traffic flow and reduce the curb side parking too.</p> |
| 85 | <p>Considering Nolan Park has a huge amount of oval space with lighting already in place, turning passmore into another night time sports oval will be</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Many people use Passmore to walk their dogs and exercise on the open grass, installing new lighting will result in the oval becoming mostly used for team sporting events thus leaving dog walkers/casual exercisers no other oval to enjoy. Nolan already has lighting in place and significant room to host numerous sporting events. 2. Weekend noise from Passmore reserve during sporting events is already loud, considering many residential apartments are in close proximity to the oval, nightly sporting events will generate unwanted noise during quiet evenings when many people want to relax and enjoy the peace and quiet of their surroundings from a hard days work! 3. There is insufficient on-street parking to accommodate extra people that would use the oval for night time sporting events. 4. David, Millers, and Nolan reserve all have night time lighting, it would be unfair to convert all the ovals in the community for sporting events. We have to cater for everyone, with 3 out of the 4 ovals already setup with lighting, it's only fair 1 is kept open for the general public for casual sports and exercising etc. |
| 86 | <p>This will cause a major disruption to residents and if this is going to be passed which I very much hope it won't be should not allow six nights a week up to 930pm!! Absolutely unacceptable!!! It is close to residential and will be a major disruption! Also parking is very limited and streets are very Narrow so this will Cause even more problems.</p> |
| 87 | <p>I'm extremely concerned about this proposal. My bedroom faces this oval and I'm very worried about the light beaming into my room and the noise disturbing my sleep. Like many other residents in Campbell Pde I am also reliant on off street parking which will no doubt be impacted upon by numerous sporting teams.</p> |
| 88 | <p>I would like to protect the peace and quiet of the neighbourhood I chose to live in. This lighting will support an increase of organised sport, so there will be reduced access to the parkland for neighbours, to excercise (<i>sic</i>) and recreating activities, it will also increase noise and light pollution, besides traffic. I like my quiet neighbourhood, and would like to keep it that way. This park is a great place for local residents to meet, exercise (<i>sic</i>) and enjoy outdoor sports, and wouldnt like to lose it for organized sport takeover.</p> |
| 89 | <p>It is necessary to have light on this field.</p> |
| 90 | <p>I'm a supporter of St Augustines football club. The Club and football on northern beaches is crying out for facilities as there are 19000 players that play the code. When I was playing I remember training being cut short many times on pass more as it would get dark before training would finish. This would be a great benefit to the community.</p> |
| 91 | <p>Having lived within a few blocks of sports field previously I understand the noise and disturbance it creates especially into the night with whistles, yelling and crowds. I now live right on Campbell Parade so I know that this additional noise disturbance and congestion, on an already congested road with limited parking, will negatively affect us local residents.</p> |

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| 92 | <p>My Partner and our 14 month old son are living in [REDACTED] and our unit overlooks the park. We've noticed the lights and noise happening across the oval near the Manly Vale bowling club. The lights aren't too much of a problem over there but the noise is heard all night especially the whistle blowing and crowds. This has some effect on our sleep. If this proposal went ahead I believe this will not only have a really negative effect on my partner and my sleep but our son as well. The lights will be a very big problem and the noise will be next to unbearable. You mention 6 days a night but my partner and I both agree that even 1 day a week will be detrimental. We didn't partition the sports ground across the oval and we wish we did. This however would not go unheard.</p> |
| 93 | <p>It is with extreme satisfaction to finally have the project of installation lights on Passmore reserve field. The field get very dark, especially in a winter time from every early at 5pm and in condition of a raining day, get too slippery and dangerous, therefore we cannot enjoy a walk along the field.</p> |
| 94 | <p>I am a local and live on [REDACTED]. I am concerned about this project for a few reasons. I believe the lights will affect the local bats that nest in the trees. I also frequently walk my dog and except use around the oval and as this becomes a sporting precinct it will lead to more people in the area ruining the local park vibe that currently exists. I'm also concerned about the parking. It is already challenging to have guests as there are so many apartment complexes on Campbell Parade and this will significantly worsen the already significant problem. I am very opposed to this project and am happy to be contacted to discuss it further.</p> |
| 95 | <p>We live overlooking the park and will recreate too much noise, light into our house at night and increase in traffic to make this difficult for those who need to park on the street after work due to the increase in vehicles wanting to park nearby. I do not support this and believe this will not benefit the local area</p> |
| 96 | <p>This will greatly benefit sports on the northern beaches</p> |
| 97 | <p>I strongly support</p> |
| 98 | <p>This is a great idea as it will positively impact a variety of children and adults across multiple sporting platforms.</p> |
| 99 | <p>What is the traffic management plan for additional cars driving to the area and parking spaces to cater for increased usage? Please consider the impact on residents for the additional traffic and noise. Traffic is already very high on surrounding roads from residential unit developments and retail stores in Roseberry street. More needs to be done on this to limit traffic on Quirk road and Campbell parade.</p> |
| 100 | <p>We have visited this issue in the past and council overturned the proposal. The reasons put forward at the time were as follows</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Millers Reserve not currently at full capacity, lights being left on - Passmore Reserve is a family type play area (kids learning to ride bikes, picnics, bbq play area etc, electric lighting and possible increased use of playing fields for competitive sports will detract from this atmosphere. - Potential vandalism and safety issues for Mackellar Girls Campus due to increased use of the area late at night. - Those of us that live directly by the park will suffer significant light pollution - this already occurs from the lighting at the Calabria Club and from Millers reserve. It is simply not possible to light an area without disturbing resident despite meeting "Australian Standards". - Extending the park use also extends the noise created by these activities - weekends are already extremely busy and residents I believe are entitled to some quiet time in the evenings when there working day is done. <p>I cannot understand why this issue is being revisited when it has already been rejected and at a time when people are particularly concerned about climate change and energy use.</p> |

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| 101 | <p>I am very concerned about this proposal. The light and noise pollution from Nolan reserve is very evident during the evenings without both being brought closer to residential areas. Current use of Passmore reserve is at acceptable limits with cricket and football noise starting early on weekend mornings as it is, without further noise and light activity later in the evening during week and w.e evenings.</p> <p>For the substantial number of young families already living in close flat dwelling proximity in the immediate area, trying to settle young children for bed would be very challenging of an evening with loud cheering and bright lights directly opposite.</p> <p>Parking is already an issue around McKellar school when there are training events on Nolan reserve or school evening events and always at weekends so I can't imagine how bad the parking problems would be with more people attempting to park at these times!</p> <p>A very strong No , Miller reserve off Condamine would make a lot more sense.</p> |
| 102 | <p>Not supported! Should maintain current playing hours. Manly Vale residents have been struggling with additional traffic and parking for the last 20 + years. Therefore, to install lightning at Passmore Reserve for additional night time training and game time is not supported. It will simply make conditions for the local residents much worse.</p> |
| 103 | <p>Very important requirement for our children and general community to everyone can gain access to these fabulous facilities. Proper lighting provides increased access time.</p> |
| 104 | <p>Agree with the rationale provided above. The lights will provide greater access time to sporting communities.</p> |
| 105 | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Agree with having lights to enable greater use of the fields for TRAINING BUT NEEDS TO BE LIMITED nights and times. The field barely survives a season with non-light usage at the moment. 2. DO NOT AGREE with 6 nights a week until up to 9.30 pm. 9.00 pm should be the latest based on proximity to residents. It seems unreasonable to increase the usage on the field to that level immediately. 3. DO NOT AGREE with 6 nights. Please limit the use of the lights to 3 or 4 week nights and NOT on a SATURDAY night. This is an unreasonable expectation for residents - additional noise, traffic and parking. From no nights to 6 nights is NOT FAIR OR REASONABLE. The Futsal competition at Calabria Club can already be heard many nights. 4. Excessive lighting is also bad for the insect population overall. |
| 106 | <p>Thanks for asking for community response.</p> <p>Passmore and Nolans only cater for cricket, soccer and rugby league.</p> <p>I noticed that the open air basketball area on Nolans has been fenced off and cannot be used any more. I would support your plans for floodlights at Passmore if you also provided a basketball area on Nolans or Passmore.</p> |
| 107 | <p>It was extremely disappointing to learn that our local Council is, once again, considering installing light towers in Passmore Reserve, Manly Vale. The issue of installing lighting in the Reserve was first raised by Warringah Council (WC) in 2009 and conclusively dismissed in 2010. Even so, the Council tried to re-introduce the lighting in 2014, but like before, it did not proceed because of local resistance.</p> <p>To avoid spending more undue time writing why I believe the proposal should once again be dismissed in 2020 by the Northern Beaches Council, I have attached pertinent documents from 2010 and 2014 to make my case. Problems which existed back then have substantially increased with more apartments being built locally and increased activity, and lighting, from the Calabria Club, resulting in considerably more night time light, noise and street parking.</p> <p>Back in 2010 submissions from former Premier, Mike Baird, Mackellar Girls School Principal and Bill Kennedy Medal Winner, Christine Del Gallo, then owner of Robinson Strata Management and Vice President of Strata Community Australia, Austin Robinson, and hundreds of local residents were</p> |

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| | <p>considered by the WDAP on 24th April, 2010. Its unanimous vote was 4-0 against the lighting being installed. A majority of elected WC Councillors at the 25th May 2010 Council meeting voted to accept the WDAP's decision as final, and Council's Internal Ombudsman advised in writing: "... and that finalises the issue."</p> <p>Nevertheless, in 2014 WC tried again when [REDACTED] Senior Recreational Planner, Parks, Reserves & Foreshores was given the task. Fortunately, she quickly became aware of what had previously occurred. She understood and respected the concerns of local residents by terminating further action.</p> <p>Thank you for your attention to this matter, and for considering the detail in the attachments.</p> |
| 108 | <p>The use of this space in this way does not indicate to me that it is providing everyone with an equal opportunity to enjoy what is a really great advantage to the neighbourhood. I personally make use of the park regularly to take a walk/run, something I thoroughly enjoy and appreciate about the neighbourhood. The area is pretty much taken over by sports fields which will be operating 6 x days a week up until 9:30pm. The amount of pollution (noise and waste), bright lights and congestion (to name but a few factors) for these extended periods of time is unreasonable, negatively impacting the peace harmony of the neighbourhood. Not to mention the disruption to the wild life in the area e.g birds and ducks. These creatures too need some peace and quiet. Making use of this space for sports purposes is fine however, utilising this space predominantly for sport with a lack of consideration for those residents who don't play team sports and the consequences thereof I consider to be a limited and fairly inconsiderate use of public space. All residents are entitled to a reasonable amount of peace and quiet without being subjected to activity continuing way into the evening 6 x days a week.</p> |
| 109 | <p>Please have some permanent low level lighting between Nolan's and Passmore. And along the footpaths. It is so dark and feels unsafe to walk across when it starts getting dark. Lots of people get off on bus on Pittwater and walk across.</p> |
| 110 | <p>A great initiative, very important for sports in the area. Well supported by the community.</p> |
| 111 | <p>With so many children playing soccer in the area we need more playing fields where they can safely practice at night with lights.</p> |
| 112 | <p>This is great. We badly need more evening training spots in winter. Thank you.</p> |
| 113 | <p>The training facilities at nearby Millers and David Thomas are insufficient for the no of players trying to use these sites, so adding lights to Passmore will relieve this pressure. This site has very little residential impact and ensures we are making better use of our sports grounds.</p> |
| 114 | <p>The proposed plan will make Passmore Oval a more usable space for local residents and the broader community. I fully support the plan.</p> |
| 115 | <p>The Passmore Lighting project is a fantastic initiative and essential to meet the growing Northern Beaches population and community demand for sports field access, through extending the usable hours beyond 5pm in winter for training. The location of Passmore Reserve is ideal for lighting given it is bounded by a blend of open space parklands, a sports club (with field lighting), Campbell Parade with adjacent high school and home units on one side only situated behind tall mature trees. The modern lighting technology proposed, mitigates any issues associated with traditional lighting over spill. This project is a sensible and much needed improvement to provide sufficient facilities for the youth of our Northern Beaches community to support physical and mental wellbeing through team sports.</p> |
| 116 | <p>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 ideal location next to further open space.</p> |

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| 117 | These lights are desperately needed in this park. It will allow soccer players to train later into the early evening and allow a safe environment for walkers and bike riders using the park. It will also allow for a safer environment for children and parents waiting around for games to finish or training sessions to finish. I highly recommend this project proceed. |
| 118 | Would allow more teams to train and take pressure off other grounds |
| 119 | I think it's a great idea. As a soccer player, much more space is needed just for Brookvale FC teams to train during weekday evenings, given the c.1000 players the club has. Therefore any increase to ease "training schedule congestion" and increasing capacity doesn't have a downside as far as I can see. |
| 120 | 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. |
| 121 | We train here during the year and we have to get off the fields by 5 because over winter it gets too dark. It is very scary to stay around waiting for parents to pick up their kids because there is insufficient lighting, I think it is desperately needed and will be a good addition to the northern beaches. |
| 122 | It is too bright too noisy. I can't live in my flat |
| 123 | Fantastic after all these years. New change rooms would be the icing on the cake. Having played football there many many times before retiring, this will be great for Female and males of all ages. Congratulations. I hope this will be quicker than the Nolan's project. |
| 124 | It will allow a lot more people to be able to play sport and exercise there. |
| 125 | Absolutely, gives everyone more opportunity - to train and be active, during day and in dusk/dark |
| 126 | Absolutely essential to have these fields available for evening use during the winter months. Impact on local residents will be extremely minor. |
| 127 | There is a shortage of grounds available for winter sport training due to lack of lighting outside of daylight hours. Addition of lighting at Passmore Reserve will greatly assist in addressing this problem. |
| 128 | There is a significant shortage of sports fields on the Northern Beaches and availability of training for winter sports(when it gets dark early) is even more problematic - the limited number of fields with lighting are significantly overused which is detrimental to the pitches. Lighting at Passmore would help alleviate this overuse and provide more opportunity for a variety of sports to train in the evenings. |
| 129 | There is definitely a need for sporting grounds to have more functionality, particularly in the winter months when it gets dark quite early. Being able to use the fields under lights will take less pressure off trying to find venues for training in daylight hours. |
| 130 | Great initiative to get the facility up to a modern standard |
| 131 | Let use our valuable natural land resource, for healthy living across the community. |
| 132 | Great idea, well overdue. More investment in community sports infrastructure is priority on the Northern Beaches. |
| 133 | This is the St Augustine's Football Club home ground and training location so lights would be very helpful, particularly in winter, to enable the boys to train. |
| 134 | Lets make the most of such a valuable asset. |
| 135 | Will give our young local community more space to train after dark in Winter |
| 136 | This should of been done years ago |
| 137 | The sporting activity on the Northern Beaches 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 |

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| | 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. |
| 138 | Having lights on Passmore Reserve means that more people can use these facilities year round. It is dark there at 5pm in Winter and is not pleasant to be walking around or nearby in the dark. It is great to see sporting teams, people cycling and jogging and getting out and staying active. These fields would get so much use if there were lights |
| 139 | get it done now |
| 140 | The area needs more floodlight pitches to facilitate the dramatic increase in team sport especially through girls' teams. The facilities in the area have not kept pace with the increase in participants. Therefore the existing floodlight pitches are getting overused and the playing surfaces are deteriorating, probably causing more money in the off-season to repair them. Passmore has a great surface but is only utilised during the day time. Passmore is one of the better pitches to floodlight without the impact on neighbouring houses as much as other options such as Frank Grey |
| 141 | Great to see more of these grounds become available outside of business hours. |
| 142 | I fully support this. |
| 143 | Great idea |
| 144 | We need these lights for our children's sports fields! I support this project wholeheartedly |
| 145 | Our property overlooks this oval from a height. We do not want any more light pollution. We already deal with a lot of light pollution from our property and it significantly disrupts my sleep. |
| 146 | This will provide access for future training after dark for our kids who attend local schools and play team sports encouraging exercise and socialisation. |
| 147 | Absolutely support anything that helps the development of our area in the way of outdoor exercise and development of sport, why wouldn't we want to create the best facilities possible!! |
| 148 | Greater use of community resources and enhanced safety from the lighting proposal is welcomed |
| 149 | It would be great to enable older children/adults to play and train later in the evening to free up the pitches early on in the evening for younger children. We will really need our sports fields to be available, more than ever before, after we come out of social distancing / isolation. Thanks for the opportunity to provide input. |
| 150 | The instillation of lights at Passmore Reserve is a fundamental pillar of the Northern Beaches Council sportsfield strategy that will provide enormous benefit for thousands of Northern Beaches residents and help ease the chronic shortage of sportsfields on the Northern Beaches. |
| 151 | The ground is under utilised due to lack of lighting. The lights are long overdue |
| 152 | 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. |
| 153 | we train football there all the time and need to stop training as no lights. |
| 154 | If we are to stay a healthy and close knit society it is imperative that we increase playing /training surfaces which are under lights. |
| 155 | Football on the Northern Beaches continues to grow and unfortunately, with this growth there are no real increase in the number of fields available. Passmore is currently only utilized until the sun goes down and during winter this doesn't allow much time to train in the afternoon. Having lights would be of great value to football teams, meaning training could be increased, therefore getting better value out of Passmore football fields. This would help spread usage across more fields after dark. With the new ,lighting systems, there is less overflow towards nearby residents meaning the impact will be reduced. |

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| | Lighting on Passmore will be a huge step forward for several clubs who use Passmore and neighbouring fields. |
| 156 | We need more fields with lights to spread the workload on our fields |
| 157 | The project will alleviate high traffic, overuse and crowding at other fields currently shared by multiple clubs |
| 158 | Great to extend football training and game times |
| 160 | We need more playing fields in the area |
| 161 | <p>In general, the upgrading of lighting at sports fields across the Northern Beaches is something that I support as it provide many benefits to residents and ratepayers. At Passmore Reserve, however, I do not support the use of ratepayer funds to upgrade the lighting or provide other significant upgrades.</p> <p>My reason for this is very simple - Passmore Reserve is home field for teams from St Augustines College in Brookvale. St Augustines is a private school and, although their teams generally compete in local competitions, they do so as representatives of the school as part of the school's mandatory sporting program.</p> <p>At the time of writing there are more than 360 submissions to this proposal. Unfortunately I can't find a way of viewing, but my guess is that the St Augustines school community has been asked to show their support for this proposal. If St Augustines wishes for these facilities to be upgraded, then I believe that they should be contributing financially rather than asking Northern Beaches ratepayers to foot the bill.</p> |
| 162 | Given the amount of sporting interest and community involvement by the youth of the area Soccer the provision of lights to Passmore Reserve will enable larger participation which is a benefit to the Northern Beaches Community as a whole. It fosters and deepens community connections. |
| 163 | <p>There is a need for more sports fields and the fact that this is an important part of the Northern Beaches Council's sportsfield strategy to assist with the growth of sport, in particular football. Since 2017, when the sportsfield strategy was released, the MWFA competitions have grown by 1,500 players to go past the 19,000 mark.</p> <p>Lighting projects are crucial to increasing training capacity and spreading the traffic across more fields after dark.</p> <p>The new style lighting ensures lighting does not escape the field and has a dramatically reduced impact on surrounding areas and houses.</p> <p>Curl Curl Youth Club supports the submission/proposal for the new lighting at Passmore Reserve.</p> |
| 164 | This will add another facility for use and take some of the pressure if existing facilities. |
| 165 | <p>I 100% support the proposal to install the lighting at Passmore reserve</p> <p>This will enable sporting groups such as soccer to train and play games in the evening. The quality lighting is also safer for training, pick up and drop off for children.</p> |
| 166 | <p>I totally support the lighting of the fields. The lighting nowadays is so far advanced and doesnt impact with glare and directing light outside of where it is set up. There are 19000 + registered football players in Manly warringah Football Association and a lot of these (parents) are rate payers. Numerous clubs use theses field and I think we should be encouraging more people to play sport in the evening. I feel this also provides some safety for local residents who like to exercise after work and can do so under lighting in a safe environment</p> |
| 167 | Having access to adequately lit sports fields after dark for training and matchplay is crucial for the young adults on the Northern Beaches. |
| 168 | Our family have used this oval over a number of years through various club and school sporting commitments. Its an integral part of our community infrastructure and will support the communities ability to utilise the capacity of the grounds for after-hours activities. We completely support the proposal. |

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| 169 | 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 & 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. |
| 170 | Would help kids to be able to train more.... Outdoor exercise is very important and lighting would encourage people to get out more and feel safe. |
| 171 | Much needed to provide an additional northern beaches ground with after-dark training facilities |
| 172 | supports sports and activities into longer hours |
| 173 | Demand for access to playing fields is an issue for numerous sporting codes on the northern beaches. This is at a time when we need to encourage physical activities across all age-groups. The installation of lighting at Passmore Reserve will be of significant benefit in achieving this goal as it will increase opportunities to use this treasured resource. In fact, it will increase safety and prevent potential injury. As last year I observed people attempting to use the field in the dark which led to safety concerns, not only for the keen sports people but also other observers and visitors to the park due to the poor and dangerous visibility. |
| 174 | There is great demand for field space and lighting will enable the available time slots to be increased giving more teams the chance for training times and possibly more training if they need. It is also safer for others who may be walking through the parks to have the lighting in the early part of the evenings. |
| 175 | Yes Please!!!! it will greatly help in our Training efforts during the winter months! |
| 176 | There are not enough fields lit to cope with the current demands. |
| 177 | The installation of lighting at Passmore Reserve would allow Manly Warringah Touch Association the ability to increase capacity of our local touch football competition on a Friday night by 60 teams. That's an increase of 600 local kids participating in a low cost, easily accessible local community NFP sport. This has enormous health and wellbeing benefits for the kids that can get some much needed exercise for both body and mind which will have a positive flow on affect for our local community. As an aside, anyone who buys or rents an apartment adjacent to a local sports field must do so with the understanding that local sports are played on that particular field on weekends and weekday afternoons, and there will also be lighting on that field to accommodate the large number of recreational users on the Northern Beaches. Overall the installation of lighting at Passmore Reserve will be such a positive outcome for the entire community. If you would like to discuss this further please do not hesitate to contact me direct. |
| 178 | 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. |
| 179 | This will help the community greatly. Relieving stress on the crowded and stressed fields at present. Thank you. |
| 180 | More chance for people to be active both day and night. Local sporting groups are crying out for more sporting fields access. |
| 181 | Needed for Training after hours during winter. |
| 182 | Pass more gets quite busy. It will be great to be able to use it also at night |
| 183 | A must for sport / training to take place after dark in a safe lit environment |
| 184 | Would be amazing to share the load on all fields. |
| 185 | Would be fantastic for the kids to train into the evening, greater use of Passmore! It will also put less pressure on surrounding fields that have lights. |

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| 186 | This would be a great move forward for football, cricket and touch football. Lets make it happen! |
| 187 | We definitely need more sportsground in the northern beaches and passmore would be a fantastic addition to it! |
| 188 | <p>I feel these lights are vital to the ongoing sustainability of community sports on the Northern Beaches.</p> <p>We have a severe shortage of grounds as it is, with training options for all sports limited by ground availability. By having lighting at Passmore this will free up a significant space for us by a wide variety of sports, easing pressure on already over utilised pitches and proving much needed additional options for community clubs.</p> <p>Having experienced the modern lighting already in place at other ovals in the area historical issues such as "glare" are no longer a problem, with lights having no impact on the surrounding areas. I implore the council to go ahead with this initiate.</p> |
| 189 | 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. |
| 190 | This will ease the burdens for clubs to organise training schedules. And also ease use at other fields so they can last longer during the season |
| 191 | It's a no brainer |
| 192 | Passmore needs lights for various sporting teams so they are able to train, and train safely |
| 193 | Need it for more training and playing areas |
| 194 | This will better the community and kids. |
| 195 | For such a large local sports field facility to not have lights in order to allow broader community use of the area is both frustrating and disappointing. Lights would provide possibly 40% more operational window, and help alleviate the load of other sports fields. SYNTHETIC SURFACING SHOULD BE CLOSE BEHIND as means of improving the viability of the ground |
| 196 | With so many kids on Northern Beaches playing football we need these lights to allow proper, safe training and games. |
| 197 | This project is long overdue, the surrounding grounds are over used for training purposes, this helps enormously to share the load. With modern light design the impact on residents is minimal. |
| 198 | <p>The lighting of Nolan's reserve some years ago has not had a significant impact on the local community and i cannot see properly planned and standards compliant lighting having any different result in Passmore.</p> <p>However, I regularly see the Nolan lights on when there are no teams there using them. Better management of the use of lights would be appropriate, particularly on Passmore which is closer to a more dense residential area.</p> <p>Another improvement would be the addition of pathway lighting and could possibly serve a larger number of people who walk in the parks after sunset, Nolan and Passmore, after dark is indeed being almost completely blind.</p> <p>Pathway lights would not only assist the sporting community but also make it safer for the local community who walk and ride through it, by necessity. NOTE: the sporting lights do not illuminate the pathways or car park areas.</p> |
| 199 | The need for sports fields to have proper lighting is paramount these days with the increased amount of registered players playing various sports, especially during the winter sports time frames. I am associated with a Football Club & it disheartens me when I continually see 4 teams trying to train on a field in a congested fashion. Adding more lights to the unlit fields will also help share the wear of fields |

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| 200 | This is very much needed by the sports associations using the field. |
| 201 | <p>There are several areas I believe deserve further consideration.</p> <p>(1) nighttime activity does not only involve intrusive light, but also noise.</p> <p>(2) the right of people to enjoy their homes and surrounds should not require them to shut the blinds except between 11pm and 6am.</p> <p>(3) there appears to be no consideration given to the loss of amenity - a sky where stars are visible - with the assumption seeming to be that darkness may be consumed at no cost in pursuit of a 24x7(or more precisely an 18x7) lifestyle.</p> <p>More specifically, there does not appear to be any justification for assessing Passmore park as 'A3'. It is bounded on 2 sides by another park and a golf course, neither of which could reasonably be considered to be street lit urban areas.</p> |
| 202 | Given there is very little room to add NEW fields on the northern beaches, any opportunity to share the load across all the fields in the area is an absolute positive |
| 203 | Lights are necessary for children's training sessions. Given that we are 18K insured members, the importance of training space with lights is of urgency. |
| 204 | A Definite must. Lights at Passmore reserve will help spread the traffic away from other night fields, which are already heavily used. Fields are in very high demand. Enabling night time use can greatly assist the load on other fields. |
| 205 | <p>Whilst there may be a shortage of playing fields within the Northern Beaches Council area, I do not believe that the lighting proposal for Passmore Reserve is a good or appropriate strategy in it's present form.</p> <p>We reside in close proximity to Nolan's Reserve, and lighting was installed here several years ago. We have young children, and the noise from the playing fields at night at Nolan's has, on many occasions in recent years, impacted on our children's abilities to get to sleep or stay asleep at night. Passmore Reserve has residents in much closer proximity to the sports ground than is the case for most of Nolan's, so the negative noise impact for these residents is going to be significant.</p> <p>I believe that the time limits on sporting grounds usage in built up residential areas should be no later than 8pm or at the latest, 8.30pm. As Council staff with young children would know, having children kept awake by horns to signify time on / time off of games, whistles of referees and yelling from people til 9.30pm (and later as people pack up and leave the grounds), potentially up to 6 nights a week, will impact significantly in a negative way on their health and behaviour. It will cause anxiety for the residents.</p> <p>Council does not appear to engage in any assessment once lighting is installed of the level of noise, nor any regulation of that noise. Yet it would appear that under the EPA guidelines for noise, the noises from a sporting ground in close proximity to residences, occurring til 9.30pm, potentially up to 6 nights a week, would be likely to be deemed 'offensive noise'.</p> <p>All of the planning documents sent out by Council appear concerned with the impacts of the lighting. From our experience of residing close to sporting grounds where lights were installed, the loud noise coming from the playing fields to a much later hour, several nights a week, has proved a far greater impact on near by residents. And I imagine that for the neighbours residing in close proximity to Passmore, these negative noise impacts will be very significant.</p> <p>For this reason I don't support Council's proposal for lighting in it's current form.</p> |
| 206 | Extend the use of these sporting fields in winter months |
| 207 | As a local resident with teenager sport kids I fully believe this is necessary in our local area - we don't have enough fields as it is so to have another option for night time would be awesome. |
| 208 | Will allow better use of the field for children |
| 209 | This is really important for team training in our area. |
| 210 | Without the lights, it makes getting training times and development of the soccer skills. |

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| 211 | I am writing as President of Manly Allambie United Football club. We have over 700 members living and playing football in the local area. The Club supports the installation of lights at Passmore Reserve as per the plan, which will open the fields up to evening training and games, thus alleviating the burden on other local fields and giving Northern Beaches residents the opportunity to play the most popular sport in Australia. |
| 212 | Greater benefit for the whole community |
| 213 | This will increase the opportunities for the local community to participate in sporting activities. |
| 214 | This will have such a positive impact on the community, providing extra playing fields, better lighting and allowing more children to play. My children use these fields year round so we are very happy about this proposal! |
| 215 | Yes this would be great for local and rep touch football teams |
| 216 | Outstanding Initiative to provide opportunities for more active options during night time. |
| 217 | As we have soccer training in winter at this field, the proposed lighting would help immensely. |
| 218 | I have no objection to the proposed lighting at Passmore reserve as long as they are managed correctly and clubs are accountable for turning them off when not in use. I support that they will not be in use on Sunday evenings. 9.30pm shut off seems reasonable. I would like to recommend that as part of this project we also consider safety lighting between Campbell parade and Pittwater road. As a female its very scary to walk in the dark around Passmore and Nolans reserves. The area is remote and dark and people hang out there. Whilst the activation will assist with this, can we also have some low impact path lighting across the bridge between the parks. |
| 219 | As long as the plans are correct the the lights will not affect any private dwellings. |
| 220 | Passmore really needs lighting solution |
| 221 | Definitely needed for sport team training. It's a very dark oval and limits training times not having lighting on sports fields. |
| 222 | We need more options for sport/training and recreation! I think there should be a 8.30pm/9pm limit to protect local residents, so considering needs of both! |
| 223 | strong support from us |
| 224 | Much needed and long over due. Not enough facilities for night training. |
| 225 | We need to make safe environments for our children to train in by providing lighting after dark. This is not a luxury but a necessity. |
| 226 | About time |
| 227 | Passmore is an essential field not only for St Augustine's football and cricket but also other sports. The need for further night training to accommodate the growing amount of players in football and cricket is essential. This provides more flexibility to family and students to ensure not only they are able to balance school and sporting needs but provide parents more flexibility in pick up times around work commitments. At this stage during winter most training session finish at 5pm and start at 4pm which makes it extremely difficult for students to get there when school finishes by 330pm as well as parents who some can not finish work in time to pick up there kids. The time is now as our world and needs are becoming more demanding we need more flexibility for players and parents as well as meeting the needs of the growing participation pool in cricket and football |
| 228 | It would be great to have those lights it means more kids get to play more sport |
| 229 | This is a great opportunity for the youth of today to make full use of the sporting fields for training playing I and general use it's a great idea to have longer access to these fields for the larger community to use |
| 230 | I played football for many years on Passmore oval and also used it for recreation. The grass surface covering was the best of any sports field. I noted the reason being was due to there being no lighting |

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| | therefore restricting the use. What is better; greater usage or a better playing surface. |
| 231 | Passmore Reserve desperately needs lighting to enable the various sports to use the fields for both training and competition outside daylight hours. At the present time with no lighting at Passmore Reserve participant numbers are somewhat limited. Lighting will enable a greater capacity for usage of the facility, especially by children, whose numbers in numerous sports continues to grow. Lighting for Passmore Reserve is a great idea and I'm 100% in favour of it. |
| 232 | An important training and playing facility for soccer community. Would be good to install lights for extended utilisation. |
| 233 | Kids need to have sport/ soccer training. Every opportunity to keep teenagers doing sport, will help to decrease Australia's 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. |
| 234 | I currently coach the under 12/1's for St Augustine's and we train at Passmore every Wednesday afternoon/evening. We are constantly finish up our sessions early due to poor light. Not only is this very disruptive to our season preparations, it is also a massive safety concern throughout the season. Having lights will ensure we (as well as many other teams) get the training time needed. |
| 235 | Our Boys play soccer here on the weekend but there is a shortage of available night training grounds and Lights at Passmore will address this |
| 236 | 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 |
| 237 | My son's school soccer team trains here and at John Fisher and mostly in the evening, so it's imperative that they have lighting to be safe. |
| 238 | As an owner and previous resident of [REDACTED] I saw the playing fields are busy during summer months. Passmore is used well into the evening and only once the light is completely gone does it get quiet. Currently we hear the Calabria Club play futsal late into the night from half a kilometre away. My concern would be unexceptable noise levels all year round just metres from bedrooms well into the night. |
| 239 | I am the owner of a unit [REDACTED]. Provided the lighting is shut off by 9.30pm I support the proposal. The Calabria Club has games past 10pm which is intrusive to residents. I would also suggest that if Passmore Reserve is to be utilised more heavily, Council should look at more traffic calming along Campbell Parade. Cars currently speed on the approach to and after the speed bump at the bottom of the street and race up to the lights at Pittwater Road which is dangerous and also disruptive to residents. |
| 240 | lights would be good and some proper nets on the baseball ground would be good too and turn the music down at the roller skating rink while we are playing please. i havn't played there for a while probably not since 1967 so i and glad you are finally doing some stuff. |
| 240 | definitely not for this street, we have to put up with school buses twice a day, five days a week, spewing out diesel, plus long lines of traffic, there is already saturday sport ,with traffic coming and going continuously from 08:30 till mid afternoon. I am a pensioner and go to bed at 9 pm to sleep not to listen to whistles, horns, shouting, screaming and cars revving up the incline to get out of the area, just dont ruin the night time peace that the residents, now enjoy. thank you |
| 241 | Great idea! |
| 242 | Well I dont live there. Wondering would it interfere with the local peacefulness I mean noise. inability to park and general disruption of an after hours (i like the way it is and dont want changed) |

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| 243 | The lights will be very useful for many of the St Augs football teams |
| 244 | Massively helpful for people training after dark who need to due to daily work commitments |
| 245 | I strongly support this project. As a resident of the area, I don't believe the lighting would disturb any surrounding residents. I have also seen several junior sports teams training at Passmore during winter, and by around 5pm, the lighting is not adequate to do any sort of physical activity down there. I believe these lights would make a much safer environment for our local sporting teams to train, and it would also benefit local residents looking to engage in physical activity during evenings. Even if the lights were only operational to 8:30-9pm, I think they would greatly benefit the local clubs and residents. |
| 246 | I was affected by the lights before. They shine straight into my flat. To have this every night will affect my use and comfort in flat |
| 247 | Just do it - footy training in winter after daylight saving is a nightmare with so many teams sharing ever decreasing quality of pitches. More evening training on Passmore would help enormously. |
| 248 | require the lights so that the whole community can use the facility after dark |
| 249 | There are not enough fields in the area to accommodate all local soccer teams to train at a time that suits them, so this will greatly help overcrowding at fields such as Grahams and Nolans in the evenings |
| 250 | much needed once Corona restrictions are lifted all sports, especially winter sports, will welcome the additional training and game opportunities this will provide |

Appendix B – Submissions received via email or attached to Your Say feedback

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| 1 | <p>To whom it may concern</p> <p>I write in relation to the proposed erection of new lighting in Passmore Reserve, Manly Vale.</p> <p>As Principal of Northern Beaches Secondary College Mackellar Girls Campus, I welcome the opportunity to respond and make comment on the proposed lighting of Passmore Reserve.</p> <p>Whatever happens at Passmore Reserve has a great impact on Mackellar Girls and is of great interest to the school, considering that the school directly faces the whole length of the Reserve. We are the Reserve's largest neighbour, and so are affected by any proposal of change to Passmore Reserve.</p> <p>I have grave concerns and am vehemently opposed to the lighting proposal. My main concerns about the lighting are fourfold:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The school conducts many evening events in our School Hall on Campbell Pde throughout the year. Each usually involves whole year groups of 250 students, therefore up to 250 parent cars to be parked in the street, plus teachers' cars - we have no night parking available in the school grounds. Parents must rely on street parking for a school of 1 300 students. If night time team training or competitions are facilitated by lighting Passmore Reserve, then that will make it impossible for the school community for parking. The lighting will create even greater traffic congestion and noise, given that parking spaces are already at a premium. We already have difficulties with school events coinciding with sporting events at Passmore Reserve, and if this use of the reserve was extended to continue to a later time, this conflict will be severely exacerbated. <p>It is difficult to believe that anyone who has experienced the drastic traffic and parking congestion in Campbell Pde and its insufferable impact on local residents, the school and those in vehicles when Passmore Reserve is used for sport, would consider it appropriate to make it worse for longer periods, on each or most days of the week, by lighting the reserve at night.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. There is also the reality that team sports' loud, incessant, overbearing noise, particularly from football with constant shouting and screaming from players, coaches and spectators, will greatly disturb our ceremonies, information events, musical performance nights and drama theatre nights. Our most important school events will be adversely affected by noise from Passmore Reserve. <p>On every Mondays and Wednesday, classes for Years 11 and 12 continue until 6.00 p.m. Again noise from Passmore Reserve would adversely affect the teaching and learning of our HSC students. In fact, this proposed night time use of the reserve could be quite disastrous for us.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. There will always be times when the lighting is on, and no intended sporting activity is occurring, for various reasons. The lighting will then encourage antisocial gatherings and resultant antisocial behaviour, vandalism, noise and damage to the reserve and |
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school. Graffiti and vandalism that occurs on the weekends and some evenings have increased over time, and I am concerned that providing lit, somewhat isolated gathering spots for adolescents at night, which are unsupervised, is paving the way for more destruction to the school and our neighbours. Even when sport is happening, the summer sheds and playground area in the north-west corner of Passmore Reserve will become a haven for congregating and loitering teenagers if the grounds are lit.

4. Lighting would allow weekend sport on Passmore Reserve to commence at 8.00 am and continue for over 13 hours, until curfew, with more of the same five nights a week. The unbearable noise, traffic congestion, air pollution, hoon driving and tooting will create a diminution of lifestyle for residents. Desirability to live in the area will be downgraded considerably, which will adversely affect the school and its surrounds.

In 2010 when lighting of Passmore Reserve was proposed, I expressed my concern about probable outcomes of having Passmore Reserve well lit at night. Mr Kevin Short, DA Officer at Warringah Council informed me that any activities that occurred in the park as a result of the lighting was totally irrelevant to the decision to erect the lighting. If there was a negative impact on Mackellar Girls or local residents or the park itself as a result of the lighting, that had nothing to do with any decision about the actual lighting. I must say, I found that perspective to be perplexing and confounding, and left me very concerned about fairness and transparency and listening to the community's voice in this process.

This new Council must work to support and benefit the local residents and community. Care for the community is paramount, as is due process that is intelligent and honourable.

I am a great supporter of sport. Mackellar Girls has been the Champion Sports School in all of Sydney North for the past two years. We have innumerable students who represent in State, National and International teams and as a school, we do all we can to foster a love of sport, physical activity and well-being. My intention is not to hinder participation in healthy activities. However the proposed night lighting of Passmore Reserve can only be to the detriment of Mackellar Girls, a school of over 1400 residents and the largest school on the Northern Beaches, which will be most adversely affected by night lighting. I point out the existence of Nolans Reserve, which has 6 playing fields as opposed to the much smaller Passmore Reserve. There is likely to be far less objection and much less impact on the neighbouring properties when these fields are night lit instead of Passmore Reserve.

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Dear Sir/Madam,
RE: Sportsground Lighting - Passmore Reserve

As resident of Campbell Parade area, I write in opposition to proposed Sportsground Lighting development at Passmore Reserve.

Passmore Reserve is a well-used common community area, frequented by families on a regular basis for picnic, exercise, learning how to skate/bike and play. I view proposed changes may have a negative impact on the family community use and on local residents, not leaving many other reserve areas to enjoy/use as most other grounds are also already limited through use for sports.

Please find my concerns outlined below.

Concerns:

Increased Traffic Congestion & Injury Risks – In addition to the business park commercial traffic and regular evening school activities. Campbell Parade has in the last two years experienced significant increases in evening traffic due to the following changes:

- a. **Calabria** – increased traffic as patrons use Calabria since closure of North Manly bowling club.
- b. **Calabria Futsal** – increased traffic since upgrade of Calabria playing surfaces and floodlights from two futsal courts to four courts. Games are now every night of the week, 6PM till late.
- c. **B-Line car park** – since opening, the evening traffic utilising Campbell Parade to turn right onto Condamine street is significant, including traffic jams going back past Quirk Road.

This has led to increased danger for Children/Families, around crossings and parking areas, which I fear will both continue if not get significantly worse should the council add more traffic load to the area. In particular, traffic related to proposed changes will move every 60 mins for games and training. For example, this is experienced today with the increase in Calabria futsal game traffic every 60 mins on weekday evenings.

2. **Decline in Family Use** – Passmore Reserve is predominantly used by families for picnics, walking/exercise, play and learning how to skate and ride. This is both during the week and weekend.

The use of these fields for increased evening soccer will likely lead to a decline in the use of the Reserve by families and residents. This has been observed today whereby local soccer clubs are using Passmore Reserve for Pre-Season Training in evening daylight hours between Jan and Mar each year. During this time:

- a. **Parking** – families/residents find it very difficult to find accessible parking
- b. **Field Use** – families/residents cannot use the grass fields
- c. **Increased Litter and antisocial behaviour** – lots of rubbish, including glass beer bottles, which is a concern for children and pets.

These limitations in access and use, may turn families away from using Passmore Reserve.

3. **Increased Difficulty for Resident Parking** – the proposed use of these fields in weekday evenings will have a negative impact on resident parking. Residents currently utilise the bottom half of Campbell parade for weekday and after-hours parking, opposite Mackellar Girls Campus. This will add to already heavy current use, as parking is regularly used through the week by the School, additional School evening functions, Calabria Club Sports Patrons, and families whom frequent Passmore Reserve.
4. **Increased Noise on Weekdays** – there will be increased noise on weeknights with a high certainty that this will impact residents living in Campbell Parade, Gordon Street, Lovett St and surrounding areas. Currently on winter weekends, noise derived from sport, is loud. This noise is mainly associated with games including referees, however also includes traffic, players walking to/from cars, and drinking alcohol afterwards. However, today it is only two weekend days, and during the daytime hours. My concern is what this will be like every evening of the week till late.
5. **Increased Anti-Social Behaviour** – added to the Noise concerns, the drinking of alcohol after games, regularly includes the use of foul language, or aggressive yelling. On some occasions after matches, I have confronted players urinating in the park and surrounding private property. This behaviour has continued to occur even though the public toilets are

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| | <p>pointed out to players for their appropriate use. This behaviour is extremely off putting for families, and residents. This proposal increases the risk of this behaviour in our neighbourhood on weekday and weekend evenings.</p> <p>6. Field Overuse – Passmore reserve fields are in poor condition through winter after use for weekend soccer. If this extends to weeknights, the grounds will be of no use for anyone through the daytime, in-particular families. Even grounds with good drainage such as LM Graham Reserve and Keirle Park become trodden in winter. Passmore reserve will likely be worse given the drainage.</p> <p>7. Existing Field Utilisation – the existing fields at Nolan Reserve and Millers Reserve have sufficient lighting and are both under-utilised, particularly Nolan Reserve. Often, I have exercised on these parks during weeknights, whereby lights are on, and fields are empty. This is particularly the case through Winter months. I understand the long-term sports ground planning initiatives, however given the proximity of these locations, would it not make sense to ensure both these fields are more utilised across sporting codes prior to considering or implementing any changes to Passmore Reserve?</p> |
| 3 | <p>I am writing to you, to show my support for the implementation of lighting at Passmore Reserve. 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> <p>Through the implementation of lighting it would be desirable that Passmore Reserve Oval were designated as a Home Ground for St Augustine’s Football Club.</p> <p>For St Augustine’s College FC, it would provide the following immeasurable benefits:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 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. - ALL Saints teams could train at the one location, instead of sharing 3 fields (Millers, Grahams & Nolans) with other clubs, and using a field with no lighting for the remaining of our training sessions (Passmore reserve). - 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. - Cost savings would be achieved, as transporting boys to 4 different training venues will be reduced to one venue. - 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. - 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. - 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. |
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| 4 | <p>I am writing this submission as a long standing member of the football community, previous President of Manly Warringah Football Association and Life Member of Manly Warringah Football Association.</p> <p>The MWFA is the largest sporting body on the Northern Beaches with 18 clubs and more than 19,000 registered players. The MWFA is currently the biggest football (soccer) association in NSW. With a large female participation rate and catering for players from the age of U6 to Over 45. The Association is growing every year and this will continue with the hype that will be created with both the Olyroos and the Matildas representing Australia at the Tokyo Olympics.</p> <p>With the increase in numbers comes the need for fields, especially training fields.</p> <p>Currently with no floodlights on Passmore Reserve, teams in Winter can only train until dark which is usually 5pm. This means that from 5pm – 9.30pm three fields are unavailable for training. Currently, the teams that would use this area for night training are impacting on other fields thus overloading the amount of use on field in the vicinity, that are already at full capacity.</p> <p>Passmore Reserve has been in existence for a very long time (was part of the Manly Warringah District Park precinct). The units built adjacent to the existing field area were obviously aware that these were sporting fields and that the chances floodlighting would be installed was inevitable due to the growing population of the northern beaches area.</p> <p>The floodlights are now designed to eliminate spill to adjacent properties. As can be witnessed by the new floodlights installed at Dee Why Oval. Also, the lighting assessment has identified that the proposed lighting is in conformance with standards and that there are no areas of concern and deems the impact of the proposed lighting will have minimal impact on the surrounding residences.</p> <p>The positives of installing floodlighting at this location will greatly benefit not only the Club, that currently is allocated training over many fields, it will assist Council by reducing the wear & tear on other fields where these teams currently train.</p> <p>I and the many players would appreciate the Council giving the approval for these lights favourable consideration.</p> |
| 5 | <p>I am writing this submission on behalf of the Manly Warringah Football Association (MWFA), which controls and operates the football (soccer) activities for all registered players on the Northern Beaches.</p> <p>The MWFA is the largest sporting body on the Northern Beaches with 18 clubs and more than 19,000 registered players, of which 18,000 reside in the Northern Beaches Council LGA. This also makes us the biggest football (soccer) association in NSW, and hence Australia.</p> <p>We are also the most diverse sport, and have a female participation rate of 32% with players ranging in age from U6 (boys and girls) through to Over 45 (men) and over 40 (Women).</p> <p>The MWFA works closely with Northern Beaches Council both operationally and strategically to ensure our aligned strategic goals to allow residents of the Northern Beaches can stay healthy by participating in their desired sporting activities. In particular, we are working with the Northern Beaches Council to assist with the implementation of the Northern Beaches Council Sportsfield Strategy, which was released in 2017.</p> <p>Since the release of the Northern Beaches Council Sportsfield strategy, football (soccer) has grown by more than 1,600 players with growth in female football and also the “over-age”</p> |

competitions for players aged over 35 who play football to stay fit and mentally healthy into their older years.

We therefore need to increase capacity from our participation level in 2017, and to cater for future growth that creates a greater demand for outdoor space for Northern Beaches residents to play organised grassroots sport.

Following the release of the Northern Beaches Council Sportsfield Strategy, MWFA and Northern Beaches Council worked towards a Strategic Plan to ensure football's growth was considered in line with the Northern Beaches Council's stated strategy.

A copy of that strategy is attached to the submission and has been shared with Northern Beaches Council senior management, Mayor Michael Regan and the current CEO (Ray Brownlee) who have all been supporting and worked collaboratively to bring it to life.

A key focus of the strategy has been increasing the capacity of existing sports fields through lighting projects at grassroots sports fields. Some of these included upgrading existing lights but also included installing lights at sports fields that currently do not have lights.

The implementation of new lights is a "step change" project in terms of increasing the capacity of our existing fields.

As an example, when the Passmore Reserve lights are switched on, it will see a weekly increase of 67.5 training hours (assuming the traditional 5pm – 9.30pm timeslot is followed), from three fields used for 4.5 hours for 5 days.

Not only will this assist with training requirements but it will also allow the MWFA to schedule Monday night and Friday night matches, which is a strategy we are using to keep up with the demand for matches on the traditional weekend slots.

As it stands, Passmore Reserve is allocated to football (soccer) and one of our member clubs (St Augustines Football Club) uses the field for their junior players to train from 4pm until dark (about 5.15pm). It's senior players currently train and play at three different ovals, sharing with the member clubs who use these fields.

While the installation of lights will provide an opportunity to dramatically increase the usage of existing facilities it will also help spread training loads at four different field and benefit four different clubs.

This has greater benefits for Northern Beaches Council in terms of wear and tear at the other sportsfields where players currently train.

The successful instillation of lights at Passmore Reserve will directly benefit the following number of players/residents:

- St Augustines Football Club (600 players)
- Brookvale Football Club (1100 players)
- Seaforth Football Club (1500 players)
- Manly Allambie Football Club (750 players)

The flow on effect of re-allocating teams to Passmore Reserve after dark (with lights) will assist the spread of training across the following fields

- LM Graham Reserve
- Manly West Oval

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seaforth Oval • David Thomas Reserve / Millers Reserve <p>I am available at any stage to go into further detail of the broader benefits of the instillation of the Passmore Reserve lighting project.</p> |
| | <p>It was extremely disappointing to learn that our local Council is, once again, considering installing light towers in Passmore Reserve, Manly Vale. The issue of installing lighting in the Reserve was first raised by Warringah Council (WC) in 2009 and conclusively dismissed in 2010. Even so, the Council tried to re-introduce the lighting in 2014, but like before, it did not proceed because of local resistance.</p> <p>To avoid spending more undue time writing why I believe the proposal should once again be dismissed in 2020 by the Northern Beaches Council, I have attached pertinent documents from 2010 and 2014 to make my case. Problems which existed back then have substantially increased with more apartments being built locally and increased activity, and lighting, from the Calabria Club, resulting in considerably more night time light, noise and street parking.</p> <p>Back in 2010 submissions from former Premier, Mike Baird, Mackellar Girls School Principal and [REDACTED] and Vice President of Strata Community Australia, [REDACTED], and hundreds of local residents were considered by the WDAP on 24th April, 2010. Its unanimous vote was 4-0 against the lighting being installed. A majority of elected WC Councillors at the 25th May 2010 Council meeting voted to accept the WDAP's decision as final, and Council's Internal Ombudsman advised in writing: "... and that finalises the issue."</p> <p>Nevertheless, in 2014 WC tried again when [REDACTED] Senior Recreational Planner, Parks, Reserves & Foreshores was given the task. Fortunately, she quickly became aware of what had previously occurred. She understood and respected the concerns of local residents by terminating further action.</p> <p>Thank you for your attention to this matter, and for considering the detail in the attachments. (Supporting documents received).</p> |

Northern Beaches Council
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Manly, NSW, 1655



Dear Cameron,

Re: Sportsfield Lighting – Passmore Reserve

Football NSW is the state governing body of football (soccer) in New South Wales. A member-based organisation we currently have 31 associations throughout the state – 17 of which are in metropolitan Sydney and 14 which are in regional NSW. Recent Federal Government research, 'AusPlay' has put football as the largest team participation sport with some 1.3 million players nationally and over 600,000 players in NSW.

In October 2019 the National Sports Survey (AusPlay) results confirmed that football is the number one organised sport in Australia with more than 1.8 million participants, a 13% increase on the previous year. The AusPlay figures also highlight that football has almost twice as many participants as any other football code.

The Northern Beaches is a large football region in terms of participants in NSW, it therefore brings enormous benefits to the community. In fact, our recent analysis shows that the economic contribution of football is valued at over \$30 million in the state electorates of Davison, Manly, Pittwater and Wakehurst. Our full report on the Community Impact of Football in NSW can be found [here](#).

Manly Warringah Football Association (MWFA) is 1 of our 31 local football associations across the state and are responsible for governance, competition management and the development of grassroots football in the Northern Beaches region. MWFA was the largest football association in Australia in 2019 with 18,559 registered participants. In addition to this 6.9% of the Northern Beaches participate in football, giving the council area the second highest participation rate in NSW.

Football is active in every corner of NSW, football transcends race, religion, and gender to create community connections. Football plays an unrivalled role in bringing together the different cultures in Australia. Most pleasingly, the growth of female football in recent years across the state has been remarkable, since 2015 women's participation in football has grown by 21%. Today we see female footballer's make up almost a quarter of all participants across the state.

Research evaluating the first year of the NSW Government's Active Kids program showed that almost 167,000 children redeemed the \$100 registration voucher for football almost three times the next ranked sport. On a participation basis we are growing at more than 5% per annum strengthening our position as the number one participation sport in the state and country, and the sport of choice for many families.

To address the future of the game Football NSW, Northern NSW Football and Capital Football have undertaken a comprehensive NSW/ACT facilities audit to determine the current state of play, develop a plan and provide decision-makers with a clear picture of where there is the greatest need.

Our recent state-wide facilities audit identified that:

- 28% of all playing fields in NSW do not have sports lighting
- 46% of all playing fields in NSW do not have sports lighting or have lighting below 50 lux
- Only 21% of all playing fields in NSW have 100 lux (or greater)
- In the Northern Beaches, 21 fields do not have lighting

The Audit revealed the challenges that Footballs growth is putting on our facilities. Pitches across NSW have an average of 183 players per pitch, the Northern Beaches Council area has an average of 1:256 which is above the state average and one of the highest players to pitch ratios in NSW.

The population of NSW is expected to increase to an estimated 9.9 million in the next 20 years with the population in the Northern Beaches expected to increase by 18%, which equates to over 46,000 residents. This projected population increase once again highlights the need to increase the capacity of sporting fields across the Northern Beaches.

Where absent, provision of playing field lighting is a proven method of increasing participation capacity. Sports lighting allows players of all ages and abilities to train safely at night and can provide the opportunity to play competition football providing flexibility in scheduling.

Football NSW fully supports Northern Beaches Council lighting upgrade at Passmore Reserve. The addition of lighting at Passmore reserve will allow this sporting field to be used after the hours of 5pm during the winter season where currently it isn't. New lighting at Passmore Reserve will add 20+ hours of potential usage during the week which is greatly needed for the local football community. Increasing the capacity of football fields in the Northern Beaches will certainly assist in reducing the strain on other football facilities across the LGA and provide much needed facilities for the community in the future.

Football requires additional football facilities generally across NSW as our recent facilities audit unveiled. We urge Northern Beaches Council to continue increasing the capacity of all sporting fields across the LGA as the population steadily grows over the next 20 years. Football NSW and the MWFA looks forward to the installation of floodlights at Passmore Reserve.

Football NSW congratulates Northern Beaches Council in implementing the recommendations that were presented in the Northern Beaches Sportsground Strategy, particularly increasing the capacity of sporting fields across the council area.

For any further questions or queries please do not hesitate to contact me via email on danielr@footballfacilities.com.au or Phone: 8814 4451.

Yours sincerely,



Daniel Ristic
Manager – Government Relations, Funding and Infrastructure
Football NSW

To whom it may concern,

Re: **SPORTSGROUND LIGHTING** - Passmore Reserve Lighting – Submission – St Augustines Football Club ('the Club')

The Club is writing this submission **in support** of the proposal to install lighting at Passmore Reserve, Manly Vale in time for the 2021 winter sports season. It is felt, for the reasons outlined below that the lights will have a positive impact on not only our Club, but the broader Northern Beaches community.

BACKGROUND

St Augustine's Football Club currently has 31 teams and over 650 registered players competing in the Manly Warringah Football Association ('MWFA') competitions. The Club has been a long standing member of that association and actively supports the ongoing development of football throughout the Northern Beaches, including sponsorship of the Manly United Football Club (NPL). The Club has traditionally been made up of school students enrolled at St Augustine's College, Brookvale and since the early 1990's school alumni who continue playing football post-graduation. The Club provides teams from Under 11 through to Premier League and currently has seven Under 18 teams competing in 2020. From Under 11 through to Under 18, the Club is one of the largest clubs in the MWFA.

It is noted that the Club has no official ground which can support it including things such as an official standalone home ground, canteen facilities and change rooms that can be operated by the Club to improve financial outcomes and allow investment in training aids to support the Club. The Club currently relies on the goodwill of numerous local families to ensure that the Club continues to run successfully.

2020 SEASON

The Club is currently the only MWFA Club that has a side competing in Under 12 to Under 18 Division 1 together with both Premier League and Amateur League 1. The Club has further grown this year by 2 junior sides and 2 additional senior sides however has not been provided with any additional fields with which to provide adequate facilities for these teams.

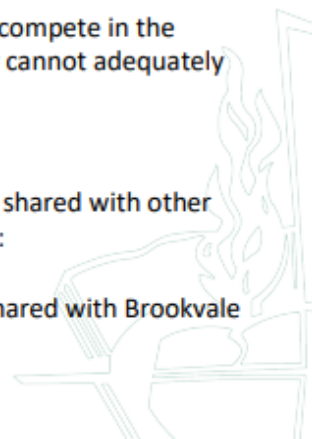
The Club has invested significantly in providing qualified coaches to teams that compete in the MWFA competition (above and beyond that provided by other Clubs), however cannot adequately provide training sessions due to the lack of practical grounds available to it.

PLAYING FIELDS

The Club currently has access to limited training and playing facilities which are shared with other Clubs locally. The Club during the winter sports season uses the following fields:

Grahams Reserve – Monday and Wednesday 4pm to 10pm (including lights). Shared with Brookvale FC

Passmore Reserve – Monday to Friday 4pm to dark



Millers Reserve – unofficial ad hoc agreement for usage around Manly Allambie Football Club requirements

As noted above, the Club is required to have unofficial agreements with other clubs to ensure that it has enough capacity for team trainings and games.

PASSMORE RESERVE

Currently with no floodlights on Passmore Reserve, teams in Winter can only train until dark which is usually 5pm. This means that from 5pm – 9.30pm three fields are unavailable for training which would normally be assigned to our Club and alleviate the need for other arrangements to be made to access fields.

It is hoped that with the installation of lights, further works can be done in the future to improve the drainage of the fields, relocate the cricket pitches to improve functionality, resurface and regrade the field, improve the change rooms and install canteen facilities at the ground.

IMPACT OF NO LIGHTING ON GROUND NETWORK

Currently, the teams that would use this area for night training are impacting on other fields thus overloading the amount of use on fields in the vicinity, that are already at full capacity. This has the dual effect of increasing wear and tear on already strained field resources and also limiting the ability of Clubs to provide Football to its registered players to the standard that is now expected.

IMPACT ON LOCAL AREA

Passmore Reserve has a long existence that pre-dates the building of adjacent unit blocks (part of the Manly Warringah District Park precinct). The units built adjacent to the existing field area were obviously aware that these were sporting fields and that the chances floodlighting would be installed was inevitable due to the growing population of the northern beaches area.

The floodlights are now designed to eliminate spill to adjacent properties. As can be witnessed by the new floodlights installed at Dee Why Oval. The Club notes that the lighting assessment for Passmore has identified that the proposed lighting is in conformance with standards and that there are no areas of concern. That assessment further states that the proposed lighting will have minimal impact on the surrounding residences.

The Club notes that Passmore Reserve is bordered by two distinct facilities, District Park Complex (across the creek) and the Manly Vale Calabria Club. These facilities are interesting in that both have lighting available which is used until 10:00pm daily with lighting installed prior to the development of the current brand of lights used on Northern Beaches sports fields which eliminate light spill. In the case of the Calabria Club, these lights are used for a commercial purpose directly adjacent to Passmore.

The installation of lighting at Passmore Reserve would not adversely impact the local community to any degree greater than the lighting currently operated at these 2 sites.

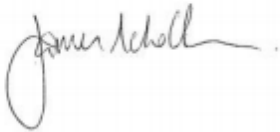


CONCLUSIONS

The positives of installing floodlighting at this location will greatly benefit not only the Club, that currently is allocated training over many fields, it will assist Council by reducing the wear & tear on other fields where these teams currently train and provide a proper home for our Club to continue its growth and support Football on the Northern Beaches

The Club, its committee, registered players, supporters, community (in excess of 3,000 residents) **support the proposed installation of lighting at Passmore Reserve**. The installation will further provide benefits to the over 20,000 registered players and coaches of the wider MWFA community.

Yours sincerely,



James Scholtens
Teacher In Charge of Football



Christopher Gray
President – St Augustine’s Football Club