

Community and Stakeholder Engagement Report

Northern Beaches Secondary College Freshwater – Sportsfield Lighting

(Stage 1 of 2)

Consultation period: 24 July 2023 to 20 August 2023

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1. Summary




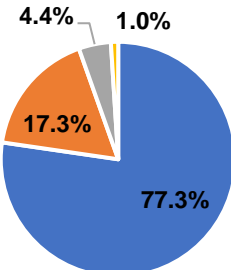

This report outlines the outcomes of community and stakeholder engagement undertaken as part of a proposal for the provision of new sportsfield lighting at Northern Beaches Secondary College (NBSC) - Freshwater Senior Campus to enable the extended use of the grounds outside of school hours.

The consultation period conducted was between 24 July 2023 and 20 August 2023.

Overall, the feedback collected during consultation indicated a high level of support for the proposed lighting from sporting users, comments citing the anticipated benefits for additional evening training facilities.

Respondents who were not supportive of the proposal felt that evening use would increase noise affecting nearby residents and impact parking in the adjacent local residential streets.





1.1. Key outcomes

 <p>Total unique responses</p>	<p>669*</p>	
 <p>How responses were received</p>	<p>Submission form Written responses (email/letter)</p>	<p>Completions: 658 Number received: 11¹</p>
 <p>Online sentiment question: DO YOU SUPPORT THE LIGHTING PROPOSAL?</p>	<div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Yes ■ Yes with changes ■ No ■ Unsure/ Prefer not to say/ NA <p>Total responses = 658</p>	
 <p>Feedback themes</p>	<p>Increase evening training space for sport Traffic and parking</p>	<p>Obtrusive light Noise and hours of lighting</p>

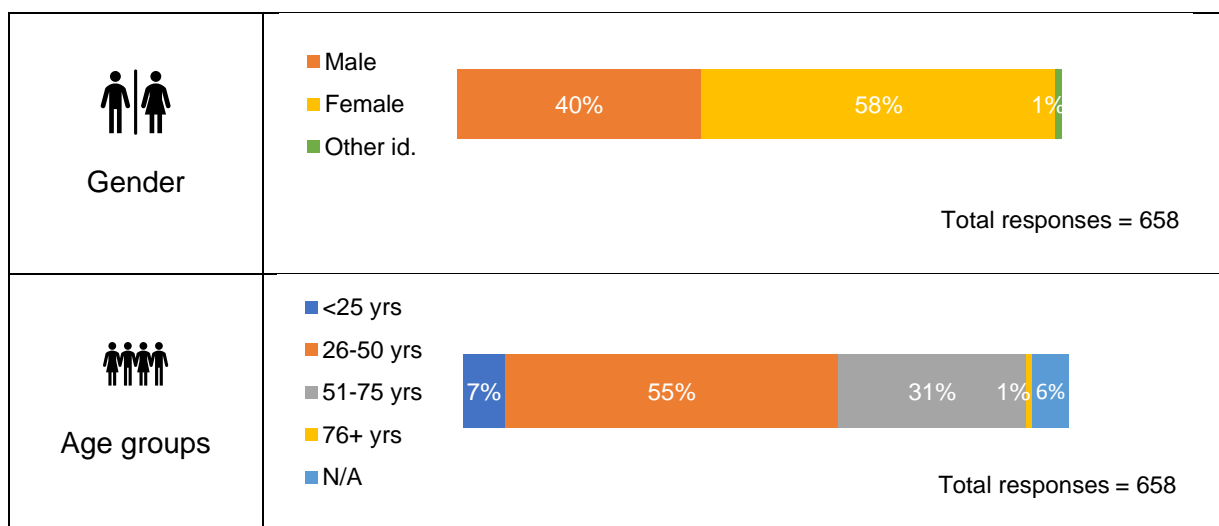
*Not every respondent made a comment in addition to answering the sentiment question.

¹ 3 individuals submitted a written response in addition to making a Your Say survey submission.

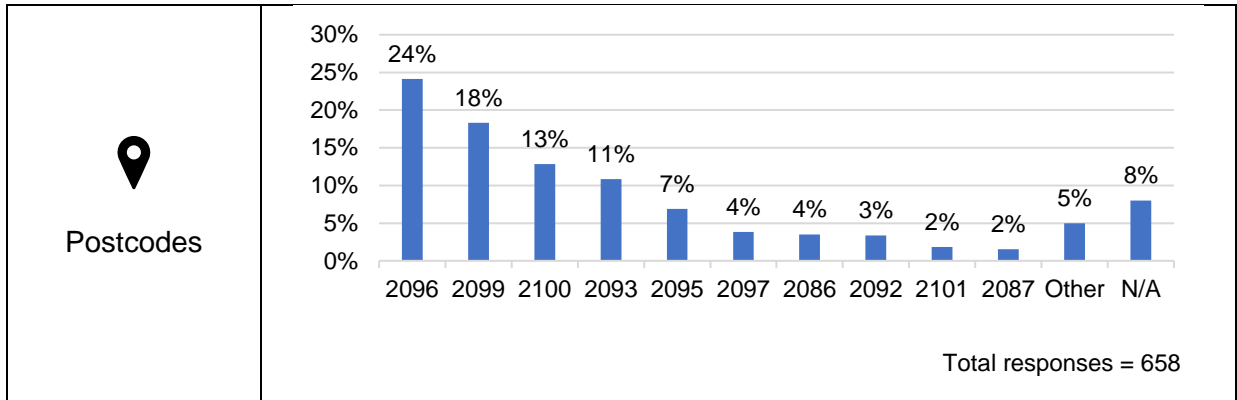
1.2. How we engaged

 Have Your Say: visitation stats	Visitors: 1572	Visits: 2174	Average time onsite: 1mins 40secs
 Print media and collateral	Letterbox drop: 2095, 2096 and 2097 Site signs used: Yes		Letter distribution: 310 Number of signs: 2
 Electronic direct mail (EDM)	Community Engagement (fortnightly) newsletter: 2 editions Council (weekly) e-News: 1 edition Email notification letter Stakeholder emails: 3		Distribution: 23,000 subscribers Distribution: 61,500 subscribers Email distribution: 852
 Key stakeholder engagement	Department of Education Friends of Curl Curl Lagoon Forum Phone calls with Project Manager		Number of calls: 4

1.3. Who responded²



² Demographic data was gathered by request only. The data represented only includes those respondents who provided this detail. No demographic data was captured for respondents who contributed feedback in writing.



2. Background

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

Preliminary research and consultation with stakeholders and community in 2016 found support for community sporting access to Department of Education fields. Council has successfully negotiated community access to the existing grounds of NBSC Freshwater Senior Campus, for after school hours use. New sportsfield lighting is proposed to “make better use of existing sportsgrounds to enable more use” (Sportsground Needs Analysis, December 2016).

3. Engagement objectives

The aim of the engagement of the NBSC Freshwater Senior Campus – Sportsfield Lighting project was to gauge the sentiment of the lighting proposal from local residents, and to affirm the strong sporting club and community support for increasing capacity of existing playing fields, evident during the Sportsground Strategy engagement. We also wanted to get a better understanding of and address any concerns and issues 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 and stakeholder engagement for the NBSC Freshwater Senior Campus – Sportsfield Lighting project was conducted between 24 July 2023 to 20 August 2023, and consisted of a series of activities that provided opportunities for community and stakeholders to contribute.

The engagement was planned, implemented and reported in accordance with Council's [Community Engagement Strategy](#) (2022).

A project page was established on our Have Your Say platform with information provided in an accessible and easy to read format.

The project was promoted through our regular email newsletter subscribers, site signage, and letterbox drops to neighbouring residents. Key stakeholders were kept informed via email and the Friends of Curl Curl Lagoon Forum to maximise community involvement.

We were in regular communication with the Department of Education and NBSC Freshwater Senior Campus. The community was invited to book a 15-minute phone call with the project manager to increase accessibility of information and allow the community to participate in the consultation process in a meaningful way.

Feedback was captured through an online submission form embedded onto the Have Your Say project page. The form included a question that directly asked respondents for their level of support on the proposal.

An open-field comments box provided community members a space to explain or elaborate on their support, not support or neutral sentiment as well as any other feedback they wished to contribute.

Email and written submissions were also invited and have been included in the report.

4.1. Reaching diverse audiences

A thorough stakeholder mapping exercise was completed to identify and understand the needs of the whole community.

It was determined for this project that it was particularly important to hear from sporting groups. Information was distributed to this demographic via Manly Warringah Football Association, AFL Association and Hockey Association and Cricket Club. Stakeholders were notified in the lead up to and during the consultation period to provide feedback on the proposal. We also contacted NBSC Freshwater Senior Campus requesting they include the project in their school's e-newsletter.

We encouraged community participation and sought feedback on the project through several other activities to attract all the potentially affected people including:

- information was provided on Council's Have Your Say project page
- letterbox drops to neighbouring residents
- displays of onsite notification posters
- phone call bookings with the project manager
- Mayor's weekly e-news.

5. Findings

Overall, 94% of comments were in support of the proposed lighting installation.

Most comments received outlined the benefit of sporting lights to both the general community and sporting clubs. Respondents also cited that lighting would allow additional sporting teams more hours in the day to train and hold matches, particularly during winter months.

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.

5% of respondents did not support the proposed lighting upgrade, outlining concerns about additional traffic congestion, parking impacts on surrounding streets and additional noise. There were also concerns for the safety of local children playing in the usually quiet streets.

There were also concerns raised regarding light spill and the importance of protecting wildlife.

Less than 1% of respondents were neutral to the installation of lights.

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

Table 1: Issues, change requests and other considerations

Theme	Issues, change requests and other considerations raised	Council's response
Increased evening training space for sport	<p>Most of the comments received mentioned the benefits to their sporting clubs offered by the lighting.</p> <p>Hockey is advocating for a multi-sport synthetic surface to meet the demand.</p>	<p>The installation of lighting allows more teams to train or compete on the fields, increasing the overall usage, while also reducing the training load on the nearby Weldon Oval.</p> <p>Council recognises the desire for suitable hockey training and competition fields.</p> <p>This lighting project helps meet the demand for more sports fields identified in the Sportsground Strategy.</p>
Traffic and parking	<p>Residents living in the vicinity of the ovals felt that the sports lighting and increased usage of the ovals would increase traffic congestion in their local streets and associated parking issues.</p> <p>There are also concerns for the safety of local children playing in the usually quiet streets.</p>	<p>NBSC Freshwater Senior Campus car park (entry via Harbord Road) will be available for sporting users to park after school hours, so there would be minimal impact on local streets.</p> <p>We are also recommending lighting curfew times of 8:45pm Monday to Thursday, 9:15pm Friday, 7:00pm Saturday, 6:15pm Sunday, to assist with parking and traffic congestion associated with sporting uses of the ovals.</p>
Obtrusive light	<p>Concerns that light from the oval will spill into neighbouring homes causing disturbance to residents.</p>	<p>The lighting design proposed for NBSC Freshwater Senior Campus complies with all the Australian Standards for both</p>

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		obtrusive light and safe lighting levels for sporting use. These standards recommend no more than 10 lux at the property boundary. The proposed lighting design has a lighting level of below 2 lux at the property boundary.
Noise and hours of lighting use	Several comments noted that there would be an increase in the amount of noise that would result from sports teams training on the ovals in the evening.	To minimise noise impacts from sporting club use, it is proposed to limit use and hours of lighting 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 at 7.00pm) • 6.00pm Sundays (with lights out at 6.15pm).

Appendix 1 Verbatim community and stakeholder responses*

Comments received via Your Say form

No.	Comment
1	<p>I love footy and right now I have to drive for 30 mins to train because we have no lit space at Weldon to train.</p> <p>I think it is unfair that the girls have to do this and this space will mean we can all train locally together.</p>
2	<p>I represent the Manly Wolves AFL football club as president. We are a volunteer based community sporting club that, on face value, exists to provide a healthy place for local people, men and women, boys and girls, to come together to play AFL. The reality is we are much more, we are a place that is not just about football, but about bringing people together, about building friendships, about physical fitness and about serving the demands of our local community. That community is very different to the one that existed 20 years ago. One only needs to see the increase in the number of kids in local primary schools, the increase in the number of people who live in the area and the number of young people that clubs like us are needed for and, most importantly, the changing landscape of sport with so many women now playing sports that they did not traditionally play. This proposal is not just important it is critical and it makes complete sense. Given we have had no access to any new lit facility to accommodate the needs of our community highlights the challenges we face in our area at time when demand for sporting facilities is 10 times, in our sport what it was 20 years ago. The DA to light the Freshwater Campaign oval makes complete sense not only will it provide a much needed boost to facilities in the area, it is impossible to argue on facts.</p> <p>The new facility is one of few that has a ready made car park associated with it which will actually re-direct some traffic from other areas. It is a significant space that is much needed. There is no immediate residential housing bordering the ground, and lighting technology will further ensure that no one is impacted by the proposed lighting.</p> <p>On behalf of the Manly FC committee and our members, this is an absolute no brainer and, as highlighted earlier, will provide much needed resources to accommodate the needs of our local community.</p>
3	We desperately need a full field Astro turf hockey pitch
4	If we ever want to be amazing at hockey again we need to start at grassroots level! Also, people like me who have played for 35 years want to carry on playing safely into old age
5	Supported if an all weather hockey pitch is included in the development.
6	No further comment provided
7	My son and daughter play football for Manly club which is a huge part of their lives, both in terms of mental health, friendships and physical development. They have now played for the club for over ten years during which time there has been no new facilities made available to meet the increased needs to accommodate the increase in players and teams. This space has a parking facility, is well aware from any impact on residential living and will make a lot of young people lives better. The community needs it and deserves it.
8	Please ensure a multisports facility. Including full field hockey turf. Would love not to have to drive my kids 3 hours every weekend.
9	As our population increases, we need to provide more facilities for all school-aged children to play & train in their chosen sport. These facilities need to be safe & multifunctional. Installing lighting will increase the safety of the children who use this space and allow the space to be utilised both day and night.
10	No further comment provided
11	I object to the potential installation of sports lighting at Freshwater Senior Campus. The proposed development is ill-conceived and inappropriate. Photographs have been provided to Council's

*Personal details and inappropriate language have been redacted where possible. Spelling and grammatical errors have been amended only where misinterpretation or offence may be caused.

No.	Comment
	<p>General Manager to illustrate our current risk to life situation. Exacerbating such risk is not an option. We have every right to protect our families and community.</p> <p>Please redact my contact details.</p>
12	I am a local resident and happy with the lights
13	No further comment provided
14	Include multi sport synthetic to maximise the usage under the lights
15	<p>This is a huge necessity - not just for clubs or sporting groups & schools to claim - but more for those parents who need a "safe "space"with their children after work / school/ homework time / (5pm) to have some "light" to be able to kick a ball/ run / see/ laugh/ exercise/ have another out!</p> <p>Also it's not n the spirit to favour schools @ clubs to feel they own this space,. If granted! It's a no brainer we need so much more light after dark!!!</p>
16	No further comment provided
17	<p>This proposal would allow my daughters to train for hockey locally - spending 3+ hrs round trip plus training time each week is not great for a family.</p> <p>Local evening training would be very helpful.</p>
18	No further comment provided
19	No further comment provided
20	<p>I object to the proposal on the following grounds:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Safety Traffic Parking Noise pollution to adjacent houses Light pollution to adjacent houses Duration of proposed use late in to the night Interruption to garbage collection on cul de sacs and narrow streets Proposal to play night games, not just training Inability of Council/AFL to adhere to existing DA conditions (Weldon Oval Lights/scoreboard advertising/hours) Inefficient use of existing lights in surrounding areas, thereby negating the need for the additional costs of unnecessary lighting and operating costs AFL club encouraging its members to support the proposal, most of whom live out of the area and are only short term users of the facilities. Local residents live here and have to deal with the high school, the AFL, the soccer, the hockey, the cricket, the FUTSAL and the bowling club, which combine to make it an overly busy area from 7 am until 11pm as it is...Enough is enough.
21	<p>Another option for training and playing sport after dark would be a great result for junior sport. There is high demand for other grounds close by and this would help ease that. There will be minimal impact to residents as compared to other sites.</p>
22	We desperately need more space for recreation particularly after dark. Please add the lights, it will greatly benefit the community. Thank you
23	Be great for teams traning on there for AFL, soccer and rugby
24	<p>With an increasing population and a lack of investment in new sporting fields by previous councils, the Northern Beaches lacks sporting fields especially those that are well lit at night for training and games.</p> <p>It makes sense to install lighting at fields like that at Freshwater Senior Campus to better utilise existing sporting field resources in our local government area.</p>
25	No further comment provided
26	<p>It is very apparent how few sporting grounds can be used after school hours and when it gets dark. With so much demand now by young and old, both male and female team sports, this should be encouraged and supported as much as possible. One of the most practical ways is to build lighting at existing sport grounds.</p>

No.	Comment
27	No further comment provided
28	No further comment provided
29	No further comment provided
30	No further comment provided
31	We need them for our children's sport asap!
32	No further comment provided
33	<p>The Northern Beaches already suffer from limited usable playing fields/spaces for children/adults in both game play and use for training. The addition of the Freshwater Campus to be used in the evening under lights for training would be an enormous benefit to the players and would alleviate the heavy usage currently being placed upon the limited available playing fields within the area.</p> <p>Also given the discontinuance of the tunnel/bypass, proposed addition playing fields will not be undertaken, hence further limiting the competing facilities that currently exist.</p>
34	<p>After 12 years involved in community sport, both AFL and cricket I have witnessed the lack of space for training and games impacting on the ability of clubs meeting the needs of the community.</p> <p>With the growth of girl's and women's sport the need for more space to play and train will only increase. Providing another space with lighting will enable greater access to more people.</p>
35	No further comment provided
36	<p>I strongly advocate for a hockey field in this location. The hockey community is DESPERATE for a synthetic turf on the northern beaches. My son plays hockey and his weekly games are played as far as Lidcombe and as close as Ryde.</p> <p>With an awesome hockey facility on the northern beaches, hockey would be in the position to grow the sport strongly within the community, which is not possible at the moment.</p> <p>A hockey facility would get a very high rate of usage throughout the week and would also attract bigger events such as weekend carnivals etc.</p>
37	No further comment provided
38	<p>This is absolutely required. Would be great for the local area.</p> <p>We are hockey players and would love there to be a hockey option for our players.</p> <p>100% supportive of this.</p>
39	I would like to see the addition of a multisport surface to enable multiple sports to utilise the playing field
40	Lighting will make fields at Freshwater more accessible for children's sport - so important - please go ahead with this plan
41	No further comment provided
42	No further comment provided
43	with the addition of a multisport surface.
44	I support the changes as it will allow more access to sporting fields at night so communities and kids can train which is a positive outcome for all. Thanks.
45	Providing more space for training venues at night time makes sense as there is so much space that is under utilized leaving grounds that are well lit crowded and therefore dangerous. It would make sense to improve the drainage in these areas at the same time as investing in lighting, so that their utilization rates are even higher.
46	It would be great to have a multisport facility here especially if it can cater for hockey, the northern beaches hockey players have very few local places to play and being a hockey player usually involves driving all over Sydney, this is not sustainable. Looking forward to a local facility and the location looks great, no houses nearby.
47	<p>Amenity</p> <p>I understand that nearby local residents may be concerned about parking demand and impacts such as intrusive light and noise disturbance.</p>

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	<p>Traffic Issues I am pleased that the Freshwater Senior Campus parking area (identified as 'private') will be available, as this will be more convenient and reduce the need to park in local streets, which can be narrow and congested.</p> <p>The nearby two cul-de-sacs each have a pedestrian connection to the playing fields and children reside in these locations, so pedestrian safety is important. A low vehicle speed is required and possibly a parking restriction adjacent to the pedestrian lane in Manuela Place.</p> <p>Lighting I am pleased that the lighting can be designed to limit obtrusive light spill on neighbouring properties. (This may be part of the Australian Standards.)</p> <p>I note that the lighting spill overlaps trees around the playing field, including near Greendale Creek. The lighting spill could affect wildlife habitat, particularly for birds, as a variety of species have been identified in John Fisher Park. This issue is not mentioned in the Council information, but presumably would be considered at the DA stage.</p> <p>Noise I note that the proposed conditions of consent will ensure that play does not exceed agreed time limits and that the lights will automatically turn off at this time. This provides reassurance that any noise impact will be limited and not extend to later hours. A noise impact is more likely during competition events, but could be subdued, and less likely during training events. (As a resident of Brighton Street it is unlikely that I would be directly affected by the noise impact.)</p> <p>Recreation In conclusion, I support the installation of lights at Freshwater Senior Campus. The lights will enable the sporting field to be used for recreation in the evening and increase the availability of sporting fields in response to the current shortage. However, I accept that the project may be subject to changes pending the DA assessment.</p>
48	Good proposal
49	<p>Dear,</p> <p>I am writing to you to object in the strongest possible terms to the proposed lighting of the Freshwater Senior Campus sports field which would allow this sports field to be used outside school hours. The land in question is owned by the Department of Education and is under a 10 year licencing agreement with Northern Beaches Council. The reasons for my objection are</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Safety concerns with respect to pedestrian and vehicle movement in nearby Bennett St, Manuela Place and Holloway Place (both cul-de-sacs). These local roads are very narrow and poorly lit without footpaths. The increase in traffic approaching from an easterly direction 7 days a week will add to the traffic congestion, lack of parking for residents and their guests. Also there would be an inability for residents to safely enter and exit their own premises. • Council erroneously believes that the users of the sports field will be using the Freshwater High School car park which is already close to full as people use it for easy access to local gyms, breweries and other activities that occur in the Brookvale Industrial area. No allowance has been made for extra off street parking. This is a flaw in the development application. • The extremely dangerous corner of Brighton Street and Harbord Road will discourage traffic coming from the east to drive to the Freshwater High School car park entrance on Harbord Road. They will park in the local narrow streets. • Already people jump over our boundary fence at 1 Bennett Street especially on weekends to gain easy access from the sports oval to Bennett Street. • The local streets are already congested with school traffic and parking Monday to Friday and sport on Saturday and Sunday. This has lead to incidents of road rage. This is

No.	Comment
	<p>only to increase at night when the danger is increased. To approve the development application will exacerbate this congestion.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No buffer to tress and pathways exist to soften the bright lights and muffle the noise. This sports field is in a unique situation where resident's properties directly border the sports field. This will bring extra stress to local families especially those with young families or residents who work commitments require early bed routines without bright lights and piercing sports whistles. • Council cannot be relied on to supervise their own promises. Although lights should be extinguished by 8:30 pm and not used that is not the case the AFL club is contravening this regulation.. Also local residents were assured by council that Freshwater High School's eastern gates would be remaining closed at all times. This is not the case. They are open from 6am to 5pm with big delivery trucks entering several times daily. Council does nothing about it. • Noise from Reub Hudson Oval already impacts local residents • No time is given to the particular hours of use except after school hours. No finishing time was stated. • Council acknowledges that there will be obtrusive lighting but it will be minimised, hence it will have an impact on surrounding neighbours. • Council acknowledged that there will be additional noise to neighbouring properties council was remiss in obtaining a sound report. Noise travels further at night so greatly inconveniencing locals to peace a quite at night. • Failure of council to include an environmental impact statement. The sports field adjoins a nature corridor where extra lighting will affect the delicate balance of native animals, their habitat and bushland. • As a rate payer I object to funds being spent on this project which is going to negatively impact the local community. <p>There already exist under utilised sports fields with lightening already which would be more appropriate for regional AFL.</p>
50	No further comment provided
51	No further comment provided
52	No further comment provided
53	Support for everything that will lead to better sports facilities in the Northern beaches
54	Please have the surface be multi sport to maximise utilisation
55	Include multi-sport synthetic pitch to maximise usage area under the lights
56	No further comment provided
57	No further comment provided
58	No further comment provided
59	No further comment provided
60	This area is currently under-utilised and in desperate need of upgrading. Hockey fields and a multi sport surface would be a fantastic addition to the community and would benefit the school and local clubs.
61	No further comment provided
62	No further comment provided
63	No further comment provided
64	No further comment provided
65	No further comment provided
66	No further comment provided
67	This will be a much needed addition to local sporting facilities. The Manly Bombers size continues to grow and lighting will allow the club to have extra capacity for mid week training,

No.	Comment
68	No further comment provided
69	Kids are not getting involved in sport because of the travel involved in getting to fields, especially hockey fields. There is so much benefit when kids get involved in sport, their mental and physical health and the positive effect on the community. I support this submission!
70	No further comment provided
71	We have such a massive shortage of sports facilities on the northern beaches and this site is underutilised. The lighting in one step in the right direction, but ideally it needs to be resurfaced to accommodate more sports in all weather. Hockey, for example, is struggling to provide playing surfaces for all their teams, with the local Manly teams having to travel to Pennant Hills to train and for matches, Olympic Park for our children to play games at night. Our school-going kids are getting home way after 10pm at night because we're having to travel across Sydney to play the sport. Please can this underutilised space be put to better use with both lights and multisport surfacing that is suitable for hockey.
72	Please create facilities for local turf hockey. Thank you
73	No further comment provided
74	As a long time beaches resident and active community sport coach and father of active kids, I fully support this initiative
75	Installation of lighting is great however the field surface is often unusable after light rain. Surface of field should be changed to a multi- sport surface to permit more sports to use the field and new lighting.
76	Support the upgrade of this ground and lighting is a good start but fully endorse the proposal by NSB Hockey and Warringah Hockey to convert the site to a multi-purpose synthetic surface facility. We have two family members actively playing hockey and currently we travel 2-3 times a week from Narrabeen to synthetic fields at Pennant Hills, Ryde, Homebush and Lidcombe. We need a quality pitch on the Northern Beaches.
77	It would be great if the field could be a multi sport synthetic to maximise the day and night time use of this space
78	My daughter is keen to play hockey locally and not have to go to Homebush etc for a game!
79	No further comment provided
80	I am the mother of two children who would benefit from having this facility available closer to where we live for their sports games and training.
81	Providing a multisport surface, suitable for hockey, would be great for lots of reasons, including avoiding having to travel great distances just for a game.
82	No further comment provided
83	Include a multi sports synthetic field to maximise the use of these lights.
84	No further comment provided
85	No further comment provided
86	Yes please!!! With addition of a multisport surface
87	Addition of a multi sport surface
88	No further comment provided
89	No further comment provided
90	With the addition of a multi sport surface please 🙏
91	No further comment provided
92	Include multi-sport synthetic to maximise usage area under the lights.
93	No further comment provided
94	Absolutely yes - combined with a full field synthetic turf field what an amazing opportunity for sport on the Northern beaches. Our community is craving more multi-purpose synthetic fields for use day and night to serve the active kids and adults in the area.
95	I am a big supporter of improving our facilities for a variety of different sports and think this is a great positive investment.

No.	Comment
96	No further comment provided
97	No further comment provided
98	Provides access for more night time access of fields which will help to spread out options
99	Absolutely support lights at this venue. Sports fields are so limited in our area so warmly welcome this field being able to be utilised more through lights installation.
100	There is a deficit of lot sporting fields on the northern beaches. A bit of a no brainer.
101	Yes I support the lighting proposal. I would also like it to include a multisport synthetic pitch which would maximise it's usage. Generally I am not in support of synthetic pitches but feel the placement of this one would have limited impact on the environment.
102	Thankfully sport participation in the Northern Beaches is high and we do not currently have the facilities to accommodate teams/ groups training all year. It gets dark early in winter which prevents training and limits game scheduling. Travelling to other councils - through sport - highlights the inadequacies of our norther beaches sports facilities in comparison.
103	There is such a shortage of sporting fields on the northern beaches, and something needs to be done to ensure sporting teams can train and play sport. The proposal is fair and minimizes disruption to residents. I support it wholeheartedly
104	If lights are added, surely a synthetic field would be a great addition as well. It would turn a barely used resource into one of the most used fields on the beaches.
105	More lit sporting fields are needed and think this is a great place to have one. Will take the pressure off Weldon oval, especially during the AFL season.
106	No further comment provided
107	Include multi-sport synthetic to maximise usage area under the lights - no point lights allowing more time slots if the grass cannot cope with the increased usage. If include multi-sport synthetic then lights need to be suitable for others sports not just football to make it a more complete community asset.
108	No further comment provided
109	include a multi sport synthetic to maximise the usage of this are under lights
110	This would be such a huge benefit for so many local sports. These grounds have great access to parking after school hours and need to be utilised all year around night & day. Team sports help so many children and adults deal with loneliness & mental health issues we need more grounds available to create more competitions locally. Please add this lighting to these grounds NB council. Thanks,
111	Include multi-sport synthetic to maximise usage area under the lights
112	I agree with the submission but to also include a multi sport synthetic field (i.e full size hockey pitch) to maximise the usage of this facility under lights. There is a complete lack of hockey facilities anywhere on the Northern Beaches, and we are having to utilise fields as far away as Kurnell, Lidcombe and Olympic Park.
113	Supported, well overdue.
114	The area needs more sporting fields. This will be great for local sporting clubs.
115	Should include multi sport synthetic surface which would maximise use under lights.
116	Include a multi sport synthetic to maximise the usage of this are under lights.
117	Include multi-sports synthetic to maximise usage. Lighting should be upgraded to cater for other sports like hockey and cricket not just soccer.
118	Northern beaches should be all about outdoor life and great sporting facilities!!
119	Agree with subm8ssion but add multisport synthetic under the lights. Thank you.
120	There is lack of well light community sports training facilities in this area and this proposal will help support training of local sports teams including women's sporting teams.
121	include a multi sport synthetic pitch to maximise the usage of this area under lights

No.	Comment
122	This needs to be a multi sport field which would also be good for field hockey. The grass area behind the school is terrible where hockey used to be played. They need a local area where they can improve skills on a nice surface. On another note this does not have to include netball as so much of our local area is already optimized for netball and our communities gridlocked with netball cars every Saturday.
123	The inclusion of lighting on the multi sport synthetic surface will to maximise the usage particularly given breadth of sporting purposes.
124	Add a multi sport synthetic to increase the usage of this under lights
125	Include a multi sport synthetic to maximise the usage of this area under lights.
126	No further comment provided
127	Please make the upgrades for a multi-sport synthetic to maximise usage area under the lights. Particularly lights that support field hockey requirements. Many thanks.
128	Include a multi sport synthetic please to maximise the usage of this are under lights. Thank you so much.
129	Include multi-sport synthetic to maximise usage area under the lights
130	include a multi sport synthetic to maximise the usage of this are under light's
131	More opportunities for physical activity and community engagement leading to positive physical and mental health outcomes.
132	include a multi sport synthetic to maximise the usage of this area under lights for sports like hockey
133	It would also be good if the field was able to cater for multiple sports via the installation of a synthetic surface. A number of Sydney region councils have installed such surfaces. Currently for Saturday school sport we have to travel to synthetic surfaces (for field hockey) at Kernel, Bankstown, Homebush etc. It would be good to have something closer !
134	Please include a multi sport synthetic field to maximise usage of the area under lights. Our girls need somewhere to play hockey! Thank you
135	No further comment provided
136	Like idea of turf that can be used year round
137	Include a Multi Sport Synthetic to maximise usage of these lights and the adjacent car park.
138	Include a multi sport synthetic to maximise usage
139	It would be great if these lights could illuminate an all weather synthetic field for our long suffering local hockey players to use.
140	Lighting would greatly enhance this facility and allow extended training and games which would be of great community benefit especially in winter.
141	Multi sport synthetic turf
142	Include multi-sport synthetic to maximise usage area under the lights.
143	Include multi sport synthetic to maximise usage under the lights. Urgent need of full field hockey turf to accomodate the high number of hockey players including a large number of State level players in the Northern Beaches Council area. This area is the home of hockey in our LGA and the turf would provide for current and future players. Hockey is an inclusive sport and this turf would be an asset to the NBeaches.
144	The northern beach need more fields like this. There is a major shortage of quality purpose built artificial surface fields for hockey and other sports. This is a great initiative to rectify that.
145	Yes, I agree with the submission, with changes. Include multi-sport synthetic to maximise usage area under the lights - do not restrict usage to just football. The lighting proposal is currently for soccer only and is suggesting 100 lux levels which are not enough for hockey. I would suggest that the lighting upgrade should cater for other sports, such as Hockey and Cricket - it shouldn't just be football.
146	No further comment provided
147	No further comment provided

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148	include a multi sport synthetic to maximise the usage of this are under lights
149	No further comment provided
150	No further comment provided
151	I hereby express my full support to the project. It is critical to enable such infrastructure so that the grounds can be used night time by students and the community
152	Please include multi-use synthetic grass to maximise the opportunities of this great initiative. Thanks for the opportunity to provide comment
153	It is important local government's maximise usage and viability of the limited sports grounds. Installing lights at an existing facility is one such option at improving the accessibility and availability of sports grounds. It is disappointing the lighting design is only providing sufficient illumination for soccer at 100lux. Could the lighting be adapted to provide higher illumination for other sports like Hockey and Cricket?
154	include a multi sport synthetic to maximise The usage.
155	include a multi-sport synthetic to maximise the usage of this are under lights
156	Please convert to synthetic - there is no synthetic hockey surface on the northern beaches (closest is north ryde or pennant hills).
157	Include multi sport synthetic to maximize usage area under the lights
158	Please allow multi use synthetic to allow for maximum use of the facilities. Eg. Hockey as well as football. Thanks
159	No further comment provided
160	No further comment provided
161	Include multi sport synthetic under these lights
162	This area is desperately short of sports training facilities so we have to share. This means using the facilities after hours and to do that effectively they need to be lit. We decry obesity and unhealthy lifestyles in our population, this is a positive step to help arrest a worrying trend and to provide our younger people with an outlet and the opportunity to be part of a team.
163	I support the installation of lights as this will provide more training times for local sports teams which my kids and I are involved in and wish to continue. It's great seeing local sporting clubs grow and to accommodate new members we need more training facilities.
164	This is a great proposal. However this field is often unusable due to heavy rain. A great idea would be to turn this into a multi-purpose synthetic (astro turf) field. This would enable it to be used all year round by many teams / sports without the weather and safety concerns.
165	No further comment provided
166	No further comment provided
167	Include a multi sports synthetic field as part of the proposal. In fact, expand this to include two pitches.
168	Multi-sports under light is a must, including significant access for field hockey.
169	Include multi-sport synthetic to maximise usage area under the lights.
170	Agree with the proposal, but the ground should be a suitable synthetic surface to support multiple sports
171	Include a multi sport synthetic turf suitable for hockey.
172	I see a need more Sports Fields In The Shire and unfortunately all the fields in Curl Curl impact the suburb with Traffic snarls in surrounding roads especially on Saturday so to play of a night would not impact traffic wise so much. I'm up on the ridge in Headland Road and have my back bedroom, family room and kitchen lit up by the lights at night from Rueb Hudson. I must admit this year is not as bad as previous years but feel for the people living near this new lighting at Freshwater Campus Oval and would hope lighting , noise etc will not affect them too much. Please be aware that we also hear cheering etc up on the ridge , noise bounces around this valley so it's going to affect people no matter what.
173	Include a multisport synthetic to maximise the usage of this are under lights
174	include a multi sport synthetic to maximise the usage of this area under lights

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175	Women's AFL is dramatically increasing in NSW. In order to support the development of female footy on the Northern Beaches we need more training space. Currently our club, the Manly Wolves, have 8 teams that train twice a week and we need to share the field with a junior club who have 20+ teams. We hope to provide more women's teams next year but we need more space to train, especially to compete with the other clubs in AFL Sydney. Thank you in advance for your support of Female Footy on the beaches.
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177	Please include a multi sport synthetic to maximise the usage of this are under lights. Our hockey players desperately need a synthetic location with lights on the lower northern beaches.
178	No further comment provided
179	Include a multi sport synthetic surface to maximise the usage of this area under lights.
180	More lighting means more training options for local team sports. SUPPORT WOMENS SPORT PLEASE
181	No further comment provided
182	Manly AFL and field hockey family members ill all benefit from the proposed lighting changes. Much needed for the Northern Beaches
183	Please include multi sport synthetic turfs. Need proper size Hockey options on the northern beaches and to have this offered for school sports.
184	Includes multi sport synthetic to maximise the usage if this are under lights
185	include a multi sport synthetic to maximise the usage of this area under lights would be a great benefit to the community
186	<p>Hi,</p> <p>I think it's great the council has proposed a plan to further increase the availability of this playing field. I play 5-a-side futsal at the Calabria Club, Northern Beaches 11-a-side football for Beacon Hill and Master Hockey for Manly Hockey Club. I've lived In Manly for the past 16 years and know most of the playing fields, both football and grass hockey.</p> <p>Is the council confident that adding drainage will solve the waterlogging issues with this pitch? It is located at a low point, not much higher than Curl Curl Lagoon. If the proposed drainage works do not resolve the water logging issues, then adding lights would not increase pitch availability, as this pitch, during a wet season, would become unusable.</p> <p>Has the council assessed the amount of additional playing hours lighting may provide? Will this pitch be used for evening cricket training in the summer, as it has no wicket? And how much winter usage would it see? Most Northern Beaches soccer clubs can work within their current training arrangements in the evenings, and there is a reluctance in the soccer community to play matches on a Friday or Saturday evening. The choke point for soccer is Saturday and Sunday daytime.</p> <p>I believe that the council has received a robust proposal to build a multi-sport, synthetic pitch on this playing field. Whilst capital intensive, it would deliver many times the amount of playing availability versus a grass pitch. In addition, a synthetic pitch opens up opportunities for other sports ie hockey and futsal. Mid-week, 5-a-side futsal is in high demand, and hockey does not have an accredited pitch on the Northern Beaches.</p> <p>If the council's measures of success for such proposals are the throughput of participants, pitch availability and usage time, then build a multi-sport synthetic pitch that hockey, futsal and soccer can be played on.</p>
187	include a multi sport synthetic to maximise the usage of this are under lights

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188	It is very important to include a multi sport synthetic to maximise the usage of this area under lights!
189	include a multi sport synthetic to maximise the usage of this are under lights
190	Multi sport synthetic turf to maximize lighting
191	Include a multi sport synthetic to maximise the usage of this area under lights
192	No further comment provided
193	Please include a multi sport synthetic field to maximise the new lighting proposal
194	No further comment provided
195	No further comment provided
196	No further comment provided
197	No further comment provided
198	My 2 sons play for Manly Bombers and it would be invaluable for them to have access to more training fields after hours
199	Lights are important to cater to the demand for physical activity on the northern beaches which is beneficial to the community on so many levels - physical health, mental health, community spirit, keep kids off the street and so on. I can't see any negatives to the proposal
200	The more sport we all play the healthier and happier we will all be. This equates to less strain on our health care system too.
201	As the VP for Manly Junior Hockey and a local parent and ratepayer, I wish to give support to the addition of lights to this field with the provision of a multi-sport synthetic playing field to maximize the usefulness of this area. The field has historically been very uneven, so not safe for all sports to utilise.
202	Add a multi surface field underneath for hockey and other sports
203	█
204	No further comment provided
205	Completely support the lights proposal going ahead. Makes sense to utilise more grounds fit for use in an evening capacity with lights. Great concept in keeping local clubs able to train close to home grounds and facilities.
206	No further comment provided
207	Please include a multi sport synthetic to maximise the usage of the area under lights
208	No further comment provided
209	No further comment provided
210	I am fully supportive of the Council's Lighting Proposal at Northern Beaches Secondary College (NBSC) - Freshwater Senior Campus, as the Northern Beaches doesn't currently have enough sporting fields to support the number of teams and players of sports across multiple sporting codes. The Manly Wolves currently train the majority of their teams on 1 field (Weldon Oval), and with a new womens team in 2024 this additional option for training would be welcomed.
211	No further comment provided
212	Keep kids playing sport and not on laptops & streets
213	Please Include multi-sport synthetic to maximise usage area under the lights. So many more sporting groups would be able to use it Cheers
214	No further comment provided
215	No further comment provided
216	No further comment provided
217	No further comment provided
218	I would love to see an all weather pitch suitable for hockey (and other sports) to be built here. With lighting. Thanks

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219	No further comment provided
220	What an excellent idea to increase use of these fields and further promote good health!
221	If it helps the AFL crew...and oztag crew then I'm all for it.
222	No further comment provided
223	This is a great community asset and it brings joy to both women and mens, boys and girls who use this facility. The community benefit far outweighs the small imposition on the amenity of local residents
224	Growing up on the northern beaches and playing union and league it was important to train at night and requiring lighting. My 3 daughters played netball and had the same requirements. I strongly support this proposal to assist our youth with their sporting achievements and help build health lifestyles. I can't see how this would have any negative impact on nearby residences given the location of the ground . thank you for considering my opinion .
225	This will greatly help local sporting groups and have no impact on any surrounding homes, so I support it 100%. What a great idea.
226	Reasons below: - not enough space for AFL teams to train throughout the week. - Weldon Oval overused and resulting in poor quality ground cover, which makes players more susceptible to injury. - no other option for night games. - a requirement to support the growth of local community sports and culture.
227	No further comment provided
228	No further comment provided
229	No further comment provided
230	Please include an all weather synthetic surface pitch for multi sport use as well.
231	No further comment provided
232	Include include multi sport synthetic to maximise usage under lights
233	No further comment provided
234	Please include a multi sport synthetic in order to maximise the usage of this area under lights.
235	No further comment provided
236	include a multi sport synthetic to maximise the usage of this are under lights"
237	Include a multi sport synthetic to maximise the usage of this are under lights.
238	Include a multi sport synthetic to maximise the usage of this area under lights
239	No further comment provided
240	Include a synthetic multi sport surface to be used under lights.
241	No further comment provided
242	I propose that a multi sport synthetic be included to maximise the usage of the area under lights.
243	Include multi-sport synthetic surface to maximise usage area under the lights.
244	The lighting on these fields would provide many local clubs the possibility to train later in the day, allowing working parents to juggle work and family life. It'd also provide local kids with more sporting options and less screen time. Please move forward with project.
245	No further comment provided
246	No further comment provided
247	It would be awesome to include a multi sports pitch to maximise the area under lights.
248	include a multi sport synthetic to maximise the usage of this are under lights, including a hockey field, please 😊
249	Include multi-sport synthetic to maximise usage area under the lights
250	We desperately need hockey fields

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251	Include synthetic field so multiple sports can be played and make use of the field
252	No further comment provided
253	Agree with all changes and think it is required for community sport.
254	Include multi-sport synthetic to maximise usage area under the lights!
255	Please consider including multi-sport synthetic surface to maximise usage area under the lights
256	This is definitely needed.
257	Please Include multi-sport synthetic turf to maximise usage area under the lights. Without this final step we are always a step behind other councils and their sport facilities!!
258	Include multi sports
259	You should also make the field multi purpose so it can be used for turf hockey. There are currently no turf hockey fields in Northern Beaches LGA.
260	No further comment provided
261	No further comment provided
262	<p>I am very much in favour of increased lighting to be utilised for training on the many playing fields in Warringah, particularly at the Freshwater campus.</p> <p>The local AFL club, Manly Wolves, is a growing club, catering to many youngsters enjoying the sport. To be able to use extra fields for training is a big plus for the Club trying to fit all the players within currently available fields.</p> <p>Hopefully this may alleviate the constant traffic congestion around the area by allowing a greater time period available for Clubs to utilise the fields.</p> <p>It will also alleviate parking issues in the evenings, although the weekend issues will remain for some time until further parking becomes available.</p> <p>Hopefully not too many residents are affected by this, as it is not only the lighting, but also noise from those training that will affect them.</p> <p>With such a concentration of playing fields in that area catering to so many sports, any improvement in availability is much appreciated.</p> <p>Many thanks for reading this.</p>
263	No further comment provided
264	Please include a multi sport synthetic field here to maximise the use of this field under lights
265	Add a synthetic pitch to increase ability to use the field
266	Include multi sport synthetic
267	No further comment provided
268	With multi sport synthetic to maximise usage under lights.
269	No further comment provided
270	Please make it multi purpose for sports that already use the current space at Frank Grey/ Mick Pawley fields. These groups need to also be able to have a facility under lights
271	Include multi-sport synthetic to maximise usage area under the lights
272	Please include multi-sport synthetic field to maximise area usage under the lights. Please... we need somewhere for hockey on the Northern Beaches, desperately
273	Include a multi sport synthetic to maximize the usage of this are under lights
274	Provide multi sport synthetic pitch to maximise the use of the space. That would be an exciting plan for the area!
275	This area should be considered for a full sized mixed use synthetic field. It has had poor drainage and maintenance, a synthetic pitch would provide flood mitigation and enable sport to be played

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	all year round. The multi purpose fields are now environmentally friendly and low maintenance. Lights would enable safe use for a multitude of users.
276	It would be a much better use of this area to include a multi sport synthetic to maximise the usage of this area under lights. To have a synthetic hockey facility on the northern beaches would benefit 100s of women and girls especially with access to their sport. After 90 years of hockey on the beaches it's time for Council to invest in actual hockey infrastructure. This is an Olympic sport that has zero facilities on the northern beaches.
277	include a multi sport synthetic to maximise the usage of this area under lights
278	Adding a multi sport synthetic pitch under the lights would really increase the use of the pitch too. Hockey is in desperate need of pitches, we have to drive an hour to play.
279	Include multi-sport synthetic to maximise usage area under the lights
280	This should be a hockey turf or at least multi sport turf. Didn't the Council make a commitment to building a hockey turf in 10 years? I think that was about 9 years ago???
281	Include multi-sport synthetic to maximise usage area under the lights.
282	Include a multisport synthetic field to maximise the usage under lights.
283	More ground availability to increase participation in sport leading to positive impacts on physical and mental health for the community.
284	Include multi sports synthetic to maximise the use of this area under lights
285	Please include a multi sport synthetic to maximise the usage of this are under lights
286	My daughter was educated at NBSC Freshwater and now plays AFL with Manly Wolves. We are familiar with the facilities and recognise the difficulty they have in finding times to train, particularly in the evenings in non-summer months. The proposed lighting system would be a wonderful boost to their training and for the many other sports that could benefit from access.
287	This proposal needs to include a multi-sport synthetic to maximise usage of the area under lights.
288	include a multi sport synthetic to maximise the usage of this are under lights"
289	This space should be as inclusive to as many residents and their sports choices as possible. An inclusion of an artificial surface (astro turf) for the use of hockey would allow hundreds of children, man and women utilise this space. I agree lighting needs to be included to maximise the hours the facility can be used. You need to include an artificial surface to allow for multi sport use of the facility.
290	I agree with the need for lights to be installed, for full utilisation of the facility, with the addition of an artificial surface so that multiple sports and participants can utilise the space eg hockey,
291	No further comment provided
292	Include a multi sport synthetic to maximise the usage of this are under lights
293	Include a multi-sport synthetic pitch to maximise usage of lights
294	It would be a wonderful addition to our community if you include a multisport synthetic turf. This would maximize the fields usage to both the general public and the school, particularly as those fields are prone to flooding.
295	Include a multi sports synthetic field to maximise usage under lights
296	Inclusion of a multi sport synthetic turf surface would maximise usage of this area under lights.
297	I think it is a great initiative, let's give the community as much usable & available open space as possible to keep fit, healthy & engaged.
298	I agree with submission
299	Include a multi sport synthetic field to maximise the usage of this under lights.
300	Please consider hockey
301	No further comment provided
302	No further comment provided
303	Women's AFL is dramatically increasing in NSW, more than ever before!. In order to support the development of female footy on the Northern Beaches we need more training space. Currently our club, the Manly Wolves, have 8 teams that train twice a week and we need to share the field

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	with a junior club who have 20+ teams. We hope to provide more women's teams next year but we need more space to train, especially to compete with the other clubs in AFL Sydney. Thank you in advance for your support of Female Footy on the beaches.
304	No further comment provided
305	Include a multi sport synthetic field to maximise the usage of this area under lights.
306	Include multi sport synthetic pitch to maximize usage of this under lights
307	Include a multi sport synthetic surface to maximise the usage of this area under lights
308	Please include a multi sports synthetic field to maximise the use of the lights
309	No further comment provided
310	include a multi sport synthetic to maximise the usage of this area under lights
311	Include a multi sport synthetic to maximise the usage of this area under lights
312	Pls make sure the pitch can be used for multi sports including hockey and so should have a multi synthetic surface - so many people and kids want to play hockey in the area and we have to drive to Olomouc park and more bank to be able to play would be amazing to have something local
313	Please include a multi sport synthetic to maximise the use of this field under lights.
314	Include a multi sport synthetic to maximise the usage of the field under lights.
315	Include a multi sport synthetic to maximise the usage of this area under lights
316	My children all play field hockey with Manly Warringah club and we used to play in the winter next to Freshie Senior Campus, but it was so dark.for little kids. This would be amazing for local sports teams to not have to travel a long distance to practice mid week. It would transform our evenings. Thank you!
317	Include a multisport sythetic to maximise the usage of this under lights
318	No further comment provided
319	Include a multi sport synthetic full sized pitch to maximise usage of this ground under lights. Will also allow sports to be played when others are washed out as well as being a flood mitigate.
320	Include a multi sport synthetic turf to maximize useage
321	Include a multi sport synthetic to maximise the usage under lights
322	Include as part of the upgrade a multi sport synthetic surface that will allow even greater use of the area
323	It will Increased sport & exercise participation numbers especially junior & female players and teams across various codes.
324	The availability of sports grounds in the evenings when high school kids can practice is very limited due to the lack of lighted fields. This would be a great improvement with very little impact on surrounding residents.
325	Sport is an integral part of our community and its cohesion and the Northern Beaches are desperately short of adequate sporting facilities. Leveraging existing public assets such as school facilities is critical (and smart) in helping to close that shortage. I stornly support the council proposal to install lights at the Freshwater Senior Campus
326	We don't have enough facilities, nor have we invested enough in our Council area to meet the demand of our children. Our duty as adults is to provide them with the means to spend more time outdoors doing something purposeful, social and in the real world rather than on digital devices. This is an easy decision for Council.
327	No further comment provided
328	Fantastic idea for the community.
329	Limited training space for AFL restricts how we can grow as a clubs and a community. Being able to spread out and train on more fields will help lessen the usage of the existing fields and keep them in better condition for longer. AFL lights us a lot of peoples day and brings them so much joy, so only fair we should spread that joy by having some more lights
330	I support the lighting proposal.
331	Important to provide more training venues for the local community.

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332	The Wolves AFL Sydney club strongly support the proposal.
333	No further comment provided
334	No further comment provided
335	The new lights will be provide greater access to sporting options for the youth of the NB. The mental and physical benefits of sports are well documented. This proposed lighting can only add to this
336	Need the lights as it's a safety issue for everyone with kids kicking footballs and uneven surfaces that could cause injuries. Also opens up options for more ground availabilities for more teams to train
337	It's really important that we have grounds to train in, the club has grown and we need more training space. It's a safety issue
338	The grounds are very congested and can't train for long enough. People are leaving because the training hasn't been able to be good enough. This club is a safe space for our youth and we should be promoting training grounds with lights.
339	Safety issue
340	Manly Wolves. Manly resident and player! We need better lighting!!! All the other clubs in Sydney have it but Manly does not.
341	People are leaving the club because there is not enough training. It's a safety issue as there are too many people on the oval.
342	No further comment provided
343	We need to support our players
344	Encourages young people to play sport
345	To support the growth and development of women's AFL on the Northern Beaches we need more training space. Our club, manly wolves currently has 8 teams that train twice a week and we need to share the field with a junior club with 20+ teams. We hope to increase the number of women's teams next year but we need more space to train. Thankyou in advance for support of female footy on the northern beaches.
346	Women's footy is growing dramatically and the council's support in this matter would demonstrate that they support the health and well-being of players both current and future and would allow a community that means so much to many already, to continue to thrive.
347	Women's AFL is becoming really popular in NSW. In order to support the development of female footy on the Northern Beaches we need more training space. Currently our club, the Manly Wolves, have 8 teams that train twice a week and we need to share the field with a junior club who have 20+ teams. We hope to provide more women's teams next year but we need more space to train, especially to compete with the other clubs in AFL Sydney. Thank you for the consideration I think this will really increase momentum in women's training.
348	We need more space!! Not having enough space can be disruptive and dangerous.
349	Women's AFL is dramatically increasing in NSW. In order to support the development of female footy on the Northern Beaches we need more training space. Currently our club, the Manly Wolves, have 8 teams that train twice a week and we need to share the field with a junior club who have 20+ teams. We hope to provide more women's teams next year but we need more space to train, especially to compete with the other clubs in AFL Sydney. Thank you in advance for your support of Female Footy on the beaches.
350	Too many teams training at once which poses a risk to safety and mental health.
351	With women's starting under 20s next year theres not enough grounds for everyone to train safely.
352	Unsafe conditions for people to train with no lights Teams can't train because there are no lights
353	This an outstanding initiative to increase the utility of a Northern Beaches sporting field, which is needed very much.
354	Covid

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355	Safety issue. Frees up ground space for more physical activity to assist with mental health of the next generation
356	We need more training grounds for the growing sport
357	It would benefit our family greatly as we would be able to utilise this space. I think it would be a great asset for the whole community.
358	No further comment provided
359	More fields are required for the growth in female sports (such as AFL), but we need more places to train and better lighting for safety to encourage more women into these sorts of sports
360	No further comment provided
361	Help support local community sporting organisations training programs for afternoon nights
362	This is very important to help the community stay involved in sports
363	No further comment provided
364	The Wolves AFL Sydney club strongly support the proposal.
365	Women's AFL is dramatically increasing in NSW. In order to support the development of female footy on the Northern Beaches we need more training space. Currently our club, the Manly Wolves, have 8 teams that train twice a week and we need to share the field with a junior club who have 20+ teams. We hope to provide more women's teams next year but we need more space to train, especially to compete with the other clubs in AFL Sydney. Thank you in advance for your support of Female Footy on the beaches.
366	We need more grounds for an expanding afl clubs. The lights would allow for preseason training to be had at local grounds rather than 30 minutes away from our home ground. It would ensure that we can have more people come to training
367	Hi, As per the current situation at the manly wolves/manly bombers home ground is one that is difficult to say the least. Although games may run smooth over the weekends the same cannot be said for throughout the week. The lack of lighting over at frank green makes having all teams training across two large clubs is extremely frustrating and difficult to say the least. I would be wonderful if we could look into a solution for teams to train at their home and in a well lit environment after school. Regards, Manly wolves afl club memeber
368	To help support local AFL and so the grounds are not so damaged throughout the season
369	Extra training grounds to support AFL further and help grow the sport would be the best. As extra grounds keeps each ground in the best condition over the season
370	For safety and mental health for more space. As well as bringing more people into the sport and as we don't have enough room for all teams.
371	Sports great for mental health and for building towards a positive community of healthy people
372	Women's AFL is dramatically increasing in NSW. In order to support the development of female footy on the Northern Beaches we need more training space. Currently our club, the Manly Wolves, have 8 teams that train twice a week and we need to share the field with a junior club who have 20+ teams. We hope to provide more women's teams next year but we need more space to train, especially to compete with the other clubs in AFL Sydney. Thank you in advance for your support of Female Footy on the beaches.
373	As founder of AFLKIds this will help getting more kids active and preserve the quality of Weldon Oval
374	This will allow numerous sporting codes in the area additional space to train at night which is vital to keeping the youth busy in our area and not causing trouble.

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375	No further comment provided
376	Secure safe place for the children to train is desperately needed as a duty of care to the community and to ensure the club retains its players. Thank you for
377	There need to be places provided for residents of all ages, particularly youth, to participate safely in sport and exercise. This benefits the entire community physically and mentally. Lights allow for optimum use of a valuable asset.
378	Women's AFL is dramatically increasing in NSW. In order to support the development of female footy on the Northern Beaches we need more training space. Currently our club, the Manly Wolves, have 8 teams that train twice a week and we need to share the field with a junior club who have 20+ teams. We hope to provide more women's teams next year but we need more space to train, especially to compete with the other clubs in AFL Sydney. Thank you in advance for your support of Female Footy on the beaches.
379	No further comment provided
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381	No further comment provided
382	<p>Women's AFL is dramatically increasing in NSW. In order to support the development of female footy on the Northern Beaches we need more training space. Currently our club, the Manly Wolves, have 8 teams that train twice a week and we need to share the field with a junior club who have 20+ teams. We hope to provide more women's teams next year but we need more space to train, especially to compete with the other clubs in AFL Sydney. This season we have been forced to train on multipurpose astroturf. As thankful as we are to have a well lit field to train on, it has caused a string of overuse injuries which has sidelined many players, preventing them from developing their skills. Having the Freshwater field accessible with lights would be a great addition, further allowing the teams to develop, without the issue of overuse injuries from the hard astroturf.</p> <p>Thank you in advance for your support of Female Footy on the beaches.</p>
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386	Yes I do
387	I think it's essential that children and adults (especially in this technological age) are able to use sporting facilities not not in the daytime but also at night
388	We need more grounds for our club and other youth sporting clubs on the NB to train. Kids are frustrated by the fact they can't train on a full ground. Sometimes there are three or four men and women's team training at the same time. I can't believe there aren't more injuries. While I have some sympathy for the residents at the end of the day they have the benefit of the green space next to them unlike many any of us. We live in a community and I ask that the council support the community needs over a the needs of a few individuals.

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389	The lights will alleviate the scarcity of available ground space in the area, which will provide better training conditions for all the teams. Also better youth development as multiple teams not training on the same ground at the same time. Less injuries as well due to deteriorating playing surface of Weldon due to over use. With growing number of teams across juniors and senior AFL for both men and women, and boys and girls, this lighting initiative is much needed and overdue
390	We need it for local kids and young adults to be able to engage in sport in our area and be active.
391	It's important for the community to have team sports over the winter months and the lights will enable this to happen.
392	No further comment provided
393	We need to get all these kids/young adults on fields and active as much as possible! We need this to happen! Thank you for considering
394	No further comment provided
395	Much needed facility for growth of kids sport and health
396	Need more light for training. Running out of room which is forcing teams away
397	Development of sport
398	Great for supporting our kids and young adults playing sports!
399	As a local rate payer I strongly support the lighting proposal. We have to provide more facilities for our community to activate to help address the obesity and mental health epidemic. The proposal is sympathetic to the environment and would enable more playing and training opportunities for our community and relieve pressure on over grounded grounds and facilities Thank You
400	No further comment provided
401	It is important to provide our local clubs access to fields throughout the year and this appears to be an unobtrusive solution.
402	No further comment provided
403	Very supportive of the proposal the enable the growing sporting community to train at night. There is limited sporting ovals so we need extra time at night to support the many sports on the northern beaches
404	Supporting the youth Mental health Community
405	No further comment provided
406	No further comment provided
407	Too help with everyone playing/training on the oval
408	The expansion of youth in sport is great for our community and having the facilities to accommodate this is great and myself and my young family fully support this.
409	No further comment provided
410	I'm a community sports member and player that would benefit from using facilities in the evening including AFL training. Lights enable healthy activities to occur year round and would deliver many benefits.
411	No further comment provided
412	A great way to support the local AFL community and the youth to get involved in the sport.
413	No further comment provided
414	Ever expanding community youth sporting clubs is what our area, community and youth need. Post COVID the best thing we can do for our community is to free up community areas which are unused and use them in the best way possible for ALL people and particularly our young people. Honestly get sick of one or two residents who bought knowing that they lived near public green space who complain. We live in Sydney and we have to work together for the greater good - which is our kids! There are very few training grounds available which means that two many people are training on one oval. I totally support the proposal - it is a wise and appropriate one.
415	I support the lighting proposal. A much needed improvement to facilities for our football community.

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416	Providing opportunities for people to train and use the sports facilities at schools is beneficial for the community
417	No further comment provided
418	No further comment provided
419	The sporting grounds definitely need the extra lighting. The kids are wanting to train and play as the club has not got enough grounds with enough lighting to cover all the kids Playing sports is crucial to children's fitness and mental health
420	No further comment provided
421	With the increase of women's sport in general in the area more night time sporting venues are required. This is the perfect spot - not near housing, has its own car park. So I implore you to vote yes to this proposal.
422	The new lighting proposal will be extremely beneficial for all community sport allowing greater access to training fields closer to home.
423	No further comment provided
424	No further comment provided
425	No further comment provided
426	No further comment provided
427	The health, mental health and fitness of our boys and girls are more important than any objection put forward. The lights will allow more training sessions, especially in winter, and therefore get the kids off the couch and away from devices.
428	No further comment provided
429	All of the sports fields should have lighting available to support kids sport, so this is a great initiative to at least get one section open for after hours use. We don't have enough fields for the content of girls and boys field sports so this proposal is strongly supported. Peter from Fairlight.
430	No further comment provided
431	No further comment provided
432	No further comment provided
433	Manly Savers under 15s (3 squads with approx 55 players) training ground is Denzil Joyce Oval. Due to rain, it continually is closed due to flooding meaning training is cancelled. The fields are akin to rice paddies. Having an alternative trading field would allow training consistency and continued partition ground roots sports and community participation.
434	No further comment provided
435	Lights on this field will help the Bombers to grow in numbers and alleviate the pressure on Weldon Oval, whilst enabling all our teams to have access to training in the evenings
436	No further comment provided
437	No further comment provided
438	No further comment provided
439	No further comment provided
440	No further comment provided
441	No further comment provided
442	We need more fields with lighting so we can support the growing number of kids that want to be active. As a coach of girls junior sport, the girls would love to train more but we can only do it for 1 hour a week as we're on a very tight schedule with so many teams needing to train in a limited space. The community needs this.
443	We desperately need more facilities for our kids to train and play - this is a great start (what about Mike Pawley too)
444	No further comment provided

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445	No further comment provided
446	No further comment provided
447	I am in support of the proposed lighting, as long as it is within guidelines and does not negatively affect neighbouring properties
448	This would be a great idea to provide additional space for a wider variety of Junior and Senior sporting teams to train. It creates additional opportunity for exercise/sports training which is a positive change.
449	This will hugely benefit the community and local sporting clubs using the local oval which is totally overloaded with demand.
450	We are in support of the proposal. Our children use the sporting fields for training and it would be excellent to increase the access and availability of these existing fields for positive exercise and community engagement.
451	<p>The lights would be beneficial not only for Freshwater Campus students but the expanded community as well. My kids play AFL for the Manly Bombers and it has been proposed that community sport would also have access of the lights during weekday trainings etc. This would benefit the club immensely with increased participation and support a healthier (both physically and mentally) community of people.</p> <p>One comment/issue I would like addressed, is the expansion of parking facilities on the Southern side of these playing fields. The current parking availability on the weekend is extremely scarce and dangerous with narrow side streets defaulting to parking and one-way traffic causing chaos between games. I'm sure the residents are not happy with the situation every weekend, from both the netball courts on the Northern side as well as the AFL/hockey games being played simultaneously.</p> <p>Regards,</p>
452	No further comment provided
453	No further comment provided
454	No further comment provided
455	Would be great for local sports teams and match venues for AFL . I have a daughter who plays for manly bombers and often Weldon oval is water logged.
456	<p>An upgrade to these sporting facilities and their use by a broader subset of the community is a fantastic proposal to ensure:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - children are engaged in activities that help generate better health outcomes, more positive interaction with the community and building of community spirit - adults can also access these facilities with flow on impacts to better health outcomes reducing community health care costs - with appropriate restrictions on time of use there will be very limited to no impacts on surrounding residential properties - we travel from Mosman to access these quality facilities and the well managed sporting clubs that use these fields - extended use would be very beneficial
457	Would be incredible and important to provide sporting and community events with an extra well lit field. Providing safe and well cared for grounds for the community is a must - thank you.
458	No further comment provided
459	I fully support this proposal which will be most beneficial for keeping kids active and involved with community sport.
460	Will provide a much needed extra sports ground at Curl Curl with minimal environmental impact
461	No further comment provided
462	This is a great idea! So good for community sport during the darker evenings! Awesome.
463	Great initiative for our community and young people. Help grow the positive aspects of sport and prevent kids and teens having idle minds! Please get it done!
464	How fantastic to be increasing the sporting fields for sporting groups. I am in full support.
465	It would be great as more teams can train during winter

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466	Would be great for the community to additional facilities which sit empty during the evening winter and summer months.
467	No further comment provided
468	Ensure local residents who live within a closed proximity to Freshie Campus sport field are supported with regards to parking challenges and sports are not played after certain time in the evening. Lights should be turned off also inline with training curfew.
469	No further comment provided
470	No further comment provided
471	No further comment provided
472	No further comment provided
473	A great idea for the community
474	I have 4 kids who all participate in local sports. The addition of more sporting fields that can be used after daylight hours will help with options for clubs to be able to offer more training spots and not over use certain parks already in use allowing more options during wet periods as well.
475	I support the proposal to introduce lights to NB senior campus, as it will assist with community sports
476	This would be great for afl games and training.
477	I am wholeheartedly in favour of NB council's efforts to improve access to sporting facilities through the Northern Beaches Sportsground Strategy. The inclusion of illuminated training facilities at the Freshwater Senior Campus sports field for future seasons' players is especially exciting. This strategy's commitment to enhancing existing grounds, introducing lighting, improving drainage, and reconfiguring fields is truly long overdue and will surely bring significant benefits to our community. I am grateful for the chance to express my support for this initiative. Thank you,
478	No further comment provided
479	No further comment provided
480	No further comment provided
481	No further comment provided
482	No further comment provided
483	This would be a.azing for my sons for footy training!!!! So needed
484	No further comment provided
485	More opportunities for locals to play sport. Why not!
486	I think this will greatly benefit sports teams in the area and reduce pressure on other sites.
487	No further comment provided
488	Support lights for kids to play longer
489	As long as the lights don't go too late, this is a great proposal
490	No further comment provided
491	We need more venues for community sport, this is a great idea and many sports will benefit. Fully support it.
492	No further comment provided
493	It would be so amazing to get another local training ground available mid week! This will benefit any sporting club that shares Weldon Oval or any of the fields in Curl Curl that are currently overloaded with demand during the week.
494	No further comment provided
495	No further comment provided
496	Definitely required
497	No further comment provided

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498	There are limited availability for grounds for sports training so to increase capacity to train for longer times under lights just makes sense! We want to encourage activity in the community and especially kids for long term health and well being.
499	No further comment provided
500	I agree we should have more sports field open for training or games
501	Very much needed additional spotting facilities to allow evening use.
502	Manly Bombers is the largest junior football club on the northern beaches. It's ridiculous that ages from under 6 Auskick kids through to adult manly Warringah wolves players have 1 ground to train on all season at night. Having this ground with lighting will not only enable more space for training but ease the workload on Weldon Oval.
503	Local sport is such an important part of growing up and keeping healthy. Have contributed over 10 years coaching and supporting the Manly Bombers I have seen the positive impact of teamwork and club life brings young and old. With growth in female sport esp in AFL, having extra capacity will only help keep this part of our community strong. Great plan by the way with minimal impact and great access with parking. Let's do this
504	No further comment provided
505	This would help so many community sports groups if they were able to use the under lights area for training in the winter as well as have the advantage of attracting the right type of people to the area at night making it safer for everyone.
506	No further comment provided
507	Definitely support this proposal. There are not enough sporting facilities that can be used with lights.
508	Would be great for the Manly Bombers
509	No further comment provided
510	I think this will be a weldome addition to the Sport and recreation facilities in the Freshwater and Curl Curl Area. The lack of residential housing around this makes it an excellent oppurtunity to have floodlights without causing stress to local residents.
511	No further comment provided
512	No further comment provided
513	No further comment provided
514	No further comment provided
515	No further comment provided
516	No further comment provided
517	this will make a big difference to local junior participants. Ample parking will mean it is a safe place for kids to train without needing to walk in darkness pack to parked cars
518	We need more access to ovals to be able to train at night during winter.
519	There's never enough time to train in a day and get sporty, so I think extra lighting and fields made available are good for everyone's well being and enjoyment. I rather people sporting than sitting bored. It's a huge yes from me
520	No further comment provided
521	No further comment provided
522	I support the lighting proposal 100%. We need more access to sporting fields on the Northern Beaches.
523	No further comment provided
524	No further comment provided
525	Definitely needed for kids sports
526	Community sports has one of the most positive impacts on the local community, and these lights would represent a big step forward in facilitating and modernising it in the area.
527	No further comment provided

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528	Every opportunity we can to give our community a chance to exercise is a bonus. The Manly Bombers has a mission to be an inclusive and community-minded club, giving everyone an opportunity to join like-minded people and train on high quality surfaces. The growth in the club is testament to this mission. This would be great for the whole community.
529	No further comment provided
530	However I would far more strongly like to see the Millers Reserve proposed astro oval and upgrade of all facilities returned to the agenda instead.
531	Absolutely great idea. Maximise the space for people to exercise under lights, sports teams to train etc. Fantastic proposal
532	No further comment provided
533	No further comment provided
534	No further comment provided
535	No further comment provided
536	Great solution to lack of lights at Mike Pawley and Frank Gray Ovals. There is ample on site parking, traffic lights to manage traffic flows, no residential neighbours to be impacted by ambient light. Can be used by Hockey, AFL, Cricket as well as Freshie Campus teams.
537	No further comment provided
538	My children use the fields for fitness and community sports club trainings/activities. Will be great to have lighting installed to ensure the fields usage can be maximised by a variety of groups for longer periods of the day.
539	This lighting makes perfect sense to allow local children to train for sports at night. This particularly applies to the MANly Bombers JAFL club which is a huge and growing club, especially for girls, and at the moment they have very restricted winter training and Weldon Oval is also destroyed as a result. PLEEEEAASSSE approve this!!
540	I think the lights are a great idea
541	No further comment provided
542	No further comment provided
543	Keira Howarth
544	No further comment provided
545	No further comment provided
546	No further comment provided
547	No further comment provided
548	I coach the Manly U/14 DiV 2 side. We have 24 registered players in my Team. The amount of available time to train is very constrained due to a lack of grounds with lighting at night. My Team currently shares Weldon between 6pm and 7.30pm with another Team. Our Timeslot is a negotiated allocation. There are Occassion when this is unavailable due to scheduled Friday night matches etc. I want our Boys and Girls on the Beaches to have access to learning our wonderful game. The growth of our Code and I suspect other is constrained by Ground availability. The first step is extend the use of infrastructure by providing lighting, the next step is plan for more fields. Lets just get the first step done now, put lighting in, and create some relief for the current demand and supply imbalance and the. Plan for more fields later. Thankyou
549	Sporting organisations are desperate for more sportsfields. This helps.
550	No further comment provided
551	No further comment provided
552	No further comment provided

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553	I wholeheartedly support the submission for Installation of lighting at Freshwater Senior Campus sports field. The amount of available space for evening activities in the area does not come close to matching participation levels. Thanks you for the opportunity to support this initiative.
554	No further comment provided
555	No further comment provided
556	Important for the kids to have a good lit training ground with minimal impact from light pollution
557	No further comment provided
558	No further comment provided
559	No further comment provided
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563	No further comment provided
564	No further comment provided
565	No further comment provided
566	Training is currently restricted and not occurring due to lack of floodlit space. Healthy, active, sporty children in this era of mental health challenges need as much activity as we can make available for them.
567	Yes 100% support, as it has safe and compliant parking adjacent to the lighted sports ground. Lights at night not only benefit the people playing sports but also people walking dogs and exercising independently.
568	This is a fantastic proposal that will benefit the whole community. There should be greater access to the wonderful faculties in the NB with further light projects as well.
569	No further comment provided
570	No further comment provided
571	No further comment provided
572	As a coach with the Manly Bombers Junior Football Club, lighting of additional ovals in the area would relieve pressure, wear and tear and crowding of Weldon Oval and Old Reub Oval. Commonly there are 3-5 teams training concurrently on Old Reub Oval which significantly limits methods and options. The kids of MBJFC would benefit significantly from additional oval space for night training.
573	No further comment provided
574	No further comment provided
575	No further comment provided
576	I support creation and maintenance of sporting facilities and green safe spaces for our community. I love that my kids can walk to sporting facilities. I support this proposal.
577	No further comment provided
578	Supportive of this proposal which will provide much needed additional illuminated training & playing facilities for local sports clubs.
579	No further comment provided
580	<p>We live a magnificent location where people of all ages have the potential to participate in sport. Sport is not only physical exercise, it has the community bonding positive aspect, aswell as huge positive impacts for mental health as added bonus.</p> <p>Currently, many people are missing the opportunity due to the lack of ground availability. Investing in lights for these grounds will solve the challenge and add significant value to the whole community.</p> <p>There has been resistance from the immediate "back fence" residents I understand, which has resulted in this project being delayed by more than two years. As a "back fence" resident to</p>

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	Bantry Bay Oval in Seaforth, where the lights are on here greater than 70% of evenings, I cannot agree with the resistance from residents on this project. My life is not impacted at all. On the contrary, I can take the dog out at night if required and hearing the voices of young kids that are stoked on sport is such a joy.
581	No further comment provided
582	No further comment provided
583	No further comment provided
584	No further comment provided
585	No further comment provided
586	No further comment provided
587	Definitely! AFL via the Manly Bombers is a growing winter sport on the Northern beaches and Weldon Oval is overcrowded with different ages and levels of players. We really need the extra space to be able to train properly and develop the next generation of AFL players whilst promoting a healthy lifestyle for all.
588	I believe that the council should support all endeavours that encourage a more active lifestyle, especially for children. I live near another NBC (St Matthews Farm) field which is lit most nights and feel that the lights enhance the entire communities (not just organised sport) ability to exercise into the evenings (particularly during winter), with a negligible effect on surrounding properties.
589	No further comment provided
590	This is a brilliant idea for further sports fields to train in the evening.
591	Playfields are scarce, we need to find locations that can have an extended day by using lights while not impacting residents. This seems to be a suitable location.
592	No further comment provided
593	Very much needed for night training.
594	No further comment provided
595	<p>We strongly object to this proposal as there is a lack of parking especially if there is a function on school grounds at night , immense amount of noise,spread of lighting, hours of operation,vandalism,and the amount of rubbish which will be left behind,damage to the enviroment.</p> <p>Regards</p> <p>Bennett St, Curl Curl</p>
596	<p>The local area needs more fields with lighting so teams are able to train for longer hours, especially during winter times. The AFL training grounds are so limited on space, we have to share one oval with more than 4 teams, and there's a limit of 1hr per week. This just isn't enough time, especially for older teams.</p> <p>Please install more lights on local ovals so kids can train and improve their skills. Thanks!!</p>
597	<p>The proposal is limited to the land owned by the Department of Education immediately behind Freshwater senior campus.</p> <p>I note that there are no residences immediately adjoining the sportsfield.</p> <p>I reside on ■ in Curl Curl.I acknowledge that the impact will be less for me than on houses in Manuela Place</p> <p>I have received flyers in my letterbox relating to this matter. In my opinion these are misleading and alarmist and based entirely on NIMBY representations with no contribution to options and possible solutions.</p> <p>The demand for sporting fields is increasing. Pre school toddlers are playing competitive sports. Female soccer teams are becoming more prevalent and this will only increase. The NBC Administrator, ■ conducted some research to quantify the projected shortfall. The challenge is to increase the access to existing sportsfields, as well as adding additional fields. This can be achieved by extending the hours of use by adding lighting and increasing usage by improving drainage and using synthetic grass.</p> <p>I suggest that submissions need to address these and not just misrepresent what is planned to protect what is. To point out that lights are being used at Weldon Oval contrary to the Da is no</p>

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	<p>reason to place an embargo on lights. This is a compliance issue and I understand that NBC are addressing this.</p> <p>The sporting fields between the Weldon Oval and the field behind Freshwater senior campus are not fully utilised because of drainage issues. I was advised that NBC are upgrading the drainage to overcome this problem . This was not mentioned in the material online.</p> <p>I suggest that schools should change their operations so that children can use these fields in what are currently school hours.</p> <p>Lights should not be ordinarily used for competition; Their primary usage should be for training; however in special circumstances (e.g. weeks of rain so that matches are behind and a catch up is needed). This will limit the nightly noise as there will be no cheering spectators</p> <p>Use of lights should be limited to 5 days per week and no later than 9:pm.</p> <p>Girls should have equal access rights to these sporting fields as boys.</p> <p>Parking should not be a problem as the car park off Harbord Road is more convenient and teachers will have vacated the spaces in this car park</p> <p>It is easy to be critical but what are the options to allow increased sporting field access</p>
598	No further comment provided
599	<p>The current state of parking on Bennett Road and the surrounding streets such as Manuela Place and Holloway Road and Brighton St is already beyond a joke. The volume of parking from people playing organised sport on these fields and from the Freshwater School kids is quite frankly dangerous. It is a nightmare to drive down these roads currently, especially at night. There is very little street lighting and no safe path, I often see people with prams, kids on bikes and elderly disabled people having to use the road to walk on and weave in and out of parked cars. Enabling the use of this field at night will only compound this problem and it is only a matter of time before there is a serious injury on these roads. The other thing to consider and be realistic about is the impact of light intrusion and noise on the houses closest to this field, they are all elderly people and this has already caused them an awful lot of distress. They live with it already unhappily from the floodlit fields at the other side of the creek, to seriously satisfy yourselves that this development is ok from this perspective too is horrendous. Go and sit in their house or garden at 7pm tonight and tell me it is peaceful from the action on other side of the creek and believe the proposed floodlit training/games planned practically in their back garden is acceptable!!</p>
600	<p>I wanted to express my enthusiasm and support for the proposal to install lights at our local sports field. This initiative is a fantastic step towards fostering a healthier and more active community, particularly for our children.</p> <p>The addition of lights to the sports field holds immense potential to transform the way our children engage in sports and physical activities. Here are a few reasons why this investment is so valuable:</p> <p>Extended Playtime: With the availability of lights, children can enjoy outdoor sports and activities beyond daylight hours. This means more time for them to be active, practice their skills, and develop a passion for sports that can extend well into their adulthood.</p> <p>Inclusivity: Well-lit sports fields create a more inclusive environment, ensuring that children of all ages and skill levels can participate. This promotes diversity and allows for skill development in a comfortable and supportive setting.</p> <p>Enhanced Safety: Adequate lighting enhances safety by reducing the risk of accidents and injuries during evening hours. Parents and guardians can feel confident allowing their children to engage in sports activities after sunset.</p> <p>Healthy Lifestyle Promotion: Physical activity is a cornerstone of a healthy lifestyle. By providing a well-lit space for kids to engage in sports, we're encouraging them to make positive choices that contribute to their overall well-being. This aligns perfectly with our goal of nurturing healthier generations.</p> <p>Community Bonding: A lit sports field creates a space for families and friends to come together, fostering a sense of community and camaraderie. It's an excellent opportunity for families to bond</p>

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	<p>while supporting their children's interests.</p> <p>Skill Development: Practice makes perfect. With extended play hours, children can hone their skills and reach new levels of competence in their chosen sports. This boosts their confidence and encourages them to embrace challenges and pursue excellence.</p> <p>In conclusion, I wholeheartedly believe that installing lights at our sports field is a step in the right direction. It's an investment in infrastructure and the health, well-being, and future of our community's children. The positive impact of this endeavour will reverberate for years to come.</p>
601	<p>Being a local northern beaches resident and now a current president of a fellow sporting club, I wholly support this submission for new lighting. We are severely lacking in suitable space for our junior/senior sporting clubs to utilise and train on and this would only benefit the local community and northern beaches children and sporting clubs.</p>
602	<p>Much needed facility for all sports. In particular for young children and young men and women.</p> <p>Encourages achievement and recognition for all sports in the northern beaches and will be used by many participants from the Northern Beaches.</p> <p>Additional lighting allows more people to use the same facilities and share the great resources the council has provided.</p> <p>Many thanks</p>
603	<p>Thank you for the opportunity to respond to the lighting proposal at NBSC Freshwater campus. I have submitted my comments on similar lighting proposals as per previous applications. The regional AFL clubs who are applying for such lighting continue to grow but the issues associated with such developments have not been addressed. These include massive traffic congestion, noise problems and most importantly child safety. As these regional clubs continue to pressure council for more lighting along John Fisher Park these issues will only intensify. These clubs blatantly disregard their lighting approval hours and run the lights for many more hours than they have approval for. What seems even more ridiculous is that whenever I walk past the lit up oval there is hardly anybody there. It would appear to me that the lights are actually being underutilised at John Weldon.</p> <p>The idea that 6-12 year olds will be showing up to train during the week from 6-10pm in the evening during winter seems extremely unlikely.</p> <p>If the clubs continue to grow and struggle to have suitable space to conduct games during the weekend then the ultimate answer may be to have just one of these regional clubs continue to operate out of John Weldon Oval and then relocate the remainder of both clubs to a far more suitable location.</p>
604	<p>No further comment provided</p>
605	<p>Please address the parking issue in Bennett Street - Monday to Friday due to Students and workman. Students should use the school parking area. Mirrors are constantly swiped - we have lost 2. On the weekends it is worse, people will park across drive ways without caring about residents. Bennett street needs to be changed to a one way street west to east with no parking on the southern side. Lights on the school playing field are just the start - afl want to light up all the way from that oval to Weldon. They can use Nolan's, I am sure there is room and time available.</p>
606	<p>THIS IS INSANE!!! I WILL BE VOTING OUT ALL RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS.</p>
607	<p>I do not support the lighting proposal at the Freshwater Senior Campus sports field. It is too close to residents and will cause noise disruption, as well as traffic congestion and light pollution. It will be too hard to stop players parking in the already congested cul-de-sacs of Manuela Place and Holloway Place. I see firsthand how busy these small streets get on a Saturday morning prior to 7am for the Curl Curl Park Run - I can only imagine they will get worse and be disruptive to residents when players leave after late games.</p>
608	<p>As a resident of Bennett Street, Curl Curl, I write in opposition to your proposed installation of sports lighting behind Freshwater Campus.</p> <p>The light pollution is already an issue when Weldon Oval is in use and to add more lights around Curl Curl lagoon is unacceptable to local residents.</p> <p>There is also a significant lack of parking availability around these sports grounds and attracting</p>

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	<p>more cars creates further safety issues and inconvenience for local residents. During the day time, students from Freshwater Campus park all down our street making driveway access very difficult at times. On the weekend, sports families create chaos by parking on both sides of our road making our street into a single lane of oncoming traffic and often making entry and exit from our driveway extremely difficult and time-consuming. Two years ago, our pet cat was killed by a car full of AFL teens pulling into our driveway to allow other traffic to pass.</p> <p>When Freshwater Campus was initially proposed as being reopened for Yrs 11 and 12, local residents were promised that adequate parking would be supplied and that we would not be inconvenienced. Aside from the few spaces in the Harbord Road carpark, little else has been done to improve accessibility to the curl Curl sports grounds except for the recent resurfacing of the carparks near Reub Hudson oval.</p> <p>The only time our street is quiet and the traffic flows freely is outside of weekday school hours and after sport on the weekend.</p> <p>Please do not light up our homes at night and take away our traffic-free time.</p>
609	Great idea
610	I support this lighting proposal. My grand kids all play sport including AFL and I believe any opportunities we get children to play sport is a great way for our community
611	I strongly support Council's Sportsground Strategy. The community has a desperate need for sportsground lighting in all parts of John Fisher Park, which is currently unplayable after dark especially in winter when training on these grounds after work or school is only possible at night. Four new light posts at the Freshwater Senior Campus is a start. But more is needed, in particular, to light the under-utilised Frank Grey Oval. Without this lighting, the few grounds available with lighting will continue to deteriorate from over-use. Please light all of John Fisher Park and not only spread the load but also satisfy the immense community demand.
612	<p>The lighting is not the only issue here, as there is the noise of whistles and general spectators to consider as well. We sleep with our windows open, like many do and are already disturbed by breweries and gym noises. Whistles will also impact our dogs.</p> <p>Whilst we need more pitches I think the one's further into the park would be better to use, especially as the ground is really uneven and dangerous.</p>
613	<p>I am a local resident who will be directly effected by the lighting proposal. I VERY STRONGLY disagree with the proposal. Some reasons included below:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) The parking in the affected streets will be unsafe and a catastrophe for local residents into the evening. SAFETY IS A MASSIVE ISSUE. 2) Council has failed to undertake a traffic, parking or acoustic study. 3) Environmental vandalism 4) There is no buffer to the lights for residents living next to the park
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618	<p>I live in Brighton Street, which is already overcrowded with students cars and very busy, I do not want this to continue in the evenings, every night. Lights will be a big problem and I can hear noise from the school.</p>
619	<p>There are several reasons why I oppose this idea.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Issues of increased traffic. It's already horrendous, especially on the weekend. 2. Noise pollution. From my apartment on Brighton Street I can easily hear the activity on the other fields, the Bowlo and even Bucketty's. I cannot even begin to think about the impact of this proposal. 3. Light pollution. It's bad enough as it is, and this would be directly opposite my dwelling. 4. Parking issues. Where will all this traffic park? We are residents of the area and need to park on the street. 5. There are already multiple fields in the area. 6. Increased pedestrian traffic. We've already lost a child in this way this week.
620	<p>Our family has resided in Manuela Place Curl Curl for 25 years. As previously advised during Council's previous attempt to have lights installed on John Fisher and Mike Pawley sports fields we have for many years put up with major parking issues during the day with students from the school and sporting activities during the weekends. While we accept the current situation we strongly object to having these conditions imposed on us every night as well. In our small cul-de-sac of 11 houses we have some 20 odd children mostly under the age of 12 who will have their safety, sleeping and general routines upset. Surely there are more viable alternatives to this location - for example the existing baseball fields at the corner of Abbott and Harbord Roads which are rarely used at night and are bordered by industrial areas and Manly Selective High School.</p> <p>Regards</p>
621	<p>Lighting this field and others in this precinct would greatly advantage the location and spread the load that other fields endure.</p> <p>Previously other attempts to remedy and provide access to local fields have been denied by actions of surrounding residents that prefer the John Fisher fields revert to being a tip.</p> <p>More use of this field with the ample parking on Harbord Rd will relieve the parking on Bennett street.</p> <p>Further more Northern Beaches will be able to experience playing in a team and getting more physical exercise and will not be denied as my child and others were again this year due to a local club that plays on John Fisher Sporting complex having to restrict teams and players again, due lack of field space and training facilities.</p>

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622	Access to fields under lights in winter in the area is extremely restricted. Lights on this oval will reduce load on other ovals and get more kids/adults out of the house and involved in sports!
623	<p>I'm writing to oppose the proposed sports field lighting at Northern Beaches Secondary School in John Fisher Park (JFP).</p> <p>My request to you is to take a big picture view of what may seem like an innocuous request for additional lighting.</p> <p>There are many reasons why we shouldn't allow any further sports field lighting in JFP - not least the fact that it goes against the Council's own Plan Of Management for JFP as these large scale, high intensity lights are certainly additional development and infrastructure. Like myself, many other local residents are concerned with issues around safety, due to increasing traffic chaos around our narrow residential streets; the constant noise and disruption for those that live near the park, not only on weekends but now daily and late into the night; and of course the negative environmental impact on native fauna which find habitat in the park in the midst of our highly urbanised environment.</p> <p>However, there is also a bigger reason for rejecting this proposal, and it talks to our heart, to what makes Curl Curl and the Northern Beaches special, it's about ensuring the fine balance between facilities and amenities, and preserving a special place for ALL to find relaxation, reflection, harmony and recreation - passive as well as active - in JFP!</p> <p>JFP is more than a series of sporting fields. It is a large green belt in the middle of a developed industrial and urban area surrounded by light industry, residential dwellings and schools. It's not only a place where people come to play sport for several hours, over several months a year, it's a sanctuary for wildlife, including many species of birds, and a place where local people seek an oasis for reflection and passive recreation with their children, friends and dogs in an increasingly frenetic world.</p> <p>Just over 20 years ago another sporting group, the MWNA, made a claim for developments at JFP. They wanted 50 bitumen netball courts, fencing along Greendale Creek and a hard surface car park in JFP over the western side of the creek. It took 3 years of intense community campaigning to stop that development - imagine if that had gone ahead?</p> <p>The entire section between the Creative Space and the Youth Centre would now be bitumen, as well as Stirgess Ave Reserve and Ngara.</p> <p>Apart from the visual impact, these facilities would be emitting significant heat. At a time of rapidly rising temperatures and global warming it seems unbelievable that only 20yrs ago Council was even considered such a proposal. We all breathe a sigh of relief and you might be thinking but what we are considering today is only 8 large lighting structures, but looking at proposals individually distorts the incremental, however significant, creeping development of facilities in JFP and their impact on this special area.</p> <p>In the years since the MWNA got an additional 10 bitumen netball courts the following has occurred:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. concreting around the MWNA Club House 2. concreting between and around individual netball courts 3. large scale baseball fencing in Abbott Rd fields, including 12 new sections in the last 8 months 4. skate park next to Alan Newton Reserve 5. telecommunications towers in the riparian zone 6. a new club house at Weldon Oval 7. fencing around Weldon Oval 8. 2 x bus shelter style dug outs at Weldon Oval 9. electronic scoreboard at Weldon Oval 10. road between Weldon Oval and Frank Gray amenities block 11. softball fields and fencing opposite Manly Selective High

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	<p>11. significant increases in scale and quantity of sports lighting throughout the park</p> <p>These are just some of the developments, most of which contravene the PoM which stipulates no further development or infrastructure outside existing footprints.</p> <p>There have been some small concessions to other users of JFP - the Creative Space and Ngara. Both are wonderful oasis' in an increasingly developed sporting landscape.</p> <p>What I'm trying to show is that each of these requests and the subsequent pieces of infrastructure, when looked at in isolation, don't seem unreasonable however when taken together the impact is massive. As my dad would say 'death by a thousand small cuts'.</p> <p>The special character of JFP is being lost and it's happening exponentially. Unfortunately once the infrastructure is in place it's hard to remove and as we know the ambitions of the sporting groups are insatiable. And while they WANT more and more, do they actually NEED it? I think not. How many AFL players or coaches sit in the bus shelters? I've never seen one! How many balls have been stopped by the recent additional 12 sections of chainmail fencing at the Abbott Rd baseball fields? I suspect none! And has anyone monitored how many kids are using the mountain bike track that was put in the riparian zone near the Youth Centre? No kids have been there for months and months!</p> <p>I use JFP every day - I have for 30 years - and there are so many others just like me, we're local residents, dog walkers, parents with little children in the playgrounds, school kids wandering to and from school and teenagers hanging out with friends...but we aren't part of an organised and coordinated group however we do exist and we will be using and loving JFP long after the current sporting administrators have come and gone. So, please, please take a moment to see us too! Together we represent a far larger cohort than we may first seem and we recognise the bigger, total picture of what JFP is and needs to remain - a place that balances the needs and wants of ALL users, preserved for future generations as a special place for ALL.</p> <p>I oppose the proposal for additional lighting on the NBSC Freshwater Campus oval. There is sufficient, high intensity, sports field lighting on numerous ovals already in JFP that can accommodate the various sporting groups training requirements and the adverse impact of allowing this further infrastructure is significant (traffic congestion, pedestrian safety, noise and disruption, environmental impact and visual amenity).</p> <p>I ask the Council to reject this proposal.</p> <p>Kind regards -</p>
624	No further comment provided
625	Are public speakers going to be installed with this proposal or in the future, and are game timers like the AFL ground in Fisher Park going to be used which blast across the whole Curl Curl region
626	No further comment provided
627	<p>10 teN AGREEMENT - DID YOU CONSULT THE NEIGHBOURHOOD</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1.pARKING 2.Noise 3. Your planning was up the creek. 4. Supply double glazing to houses on the fringe of the oval because there is no roadway between the field and the houses. The other side of Weldon Oval has. Close the walkways from Holloway and Manuela Places.
628	<p>I am making a submission to Council on my objection to Council in respect of the use of Freshwater High School campus fields to install lights for night football games and training.</p> <p>As I live in Brighton Street across the road from the school, I already endure constant traffic from the school with the students parking in the street as well as people from other suburbs parking their garden trailers and leaving them. There is limited parking in the street for residents now and with night games there will be none at all.</p>

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	<p>I already have the lights from the school shining across to our homes and having flood lights will be even more disturbing to the residents.</p> <p>The school oval is used during school holidays and weekends and is already quite noisy to the residents. If games are played at night, the noise factor will even be worse as sound travels at night.</p> <p>I already endure a lot a noise from the school as it keeps expanding and to have night games with flood lights, there will be no peace and quiet for the residents of this area at any time.</p> <p>The Club using the Weldon Oval now already uses that oval 7 days a week with the lights left on past 9pm outside the DA approval.</p> <p>To sum it up, if lights are installed and the oval used will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> more noise pollution; traffic chaos; no parking for residents who reside around the ovals. <p>Please stop and do not allow the lights to be erected on school grounds. The area used to be a quiet place to live, but is increasingly becoming noisier.</p>
629	Always happy to support more sport facilities and extended use of facilities with evening lighting.
630	No further comment provided
631	I have grave concerns about the traffic and parking in the area. That section of Harbord Road is dangerous at the best of times with the volume of cars and the number of cars parked along there day and night. As for the streets to the East of the school parking is horrendous- cars parked too close to corners, partially blocking driveways etc. I can't believe there is not adequate sporting grounds along there now.
632	<p>I strongly object to the Northern Beaches Council DA for lighting at Freshwater Campus Oval.</p> <p>I have lived in Manuela Place Curl Curl for 25 years. We have enjoyed the sporting groups playing hockey and cricket. The last 5-8 years we have had constant issues with parking. It is often dangerous and illegal. Just in Manuela Place alone we have 20 children living in the street. These children all have bedtimes before 9pm.</p> <p>You write on your DA application the lights will not impact residential. That is a complete lie.</p> <p>We do not have a road or trees between the houses and the playing fields unlike other playing fields.</p> <p>Our house backs directly onto Mike Pawley Oval. We can see the lights clearly and hear the sport being played at night on Reub Hudson.</p> <p>When Freshwater High School changed to a senior Campus we attended a meeting with Council at the school. We were told no children will be entering the school via Bennett Street. All children will enter the school from Harbord Road. Another lie from Council.</p> <p>We cannot park in our street when school is open or sport is being played. The kids and adults have no respect for residents and park across driveways or illegally constantly and they get away with it. It is dangerous for the kids who cycle or are walking to Freshwater school and it is dangerous for kids walking to local primary schools.</p> <p>On weekends the streets are gridlocked with cars due to sports on each Saturday and Sunday. We have no footpaths, extremely dangerous.</p> <p>As Councillors you are expected to represent the views of the community whilst making decisions</p>

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	<p>in their interests.</p> <p>You are NOT doing that with the lighting DA on Freshwater Campus.</p> <p>You are instead listening to a very large and powerful sporting group, the AFL.</p> <p>Many of their members do not live in the area.</p> <p>We deserve to enjoy our homes especially at night without constant noise, traffic disruption and excessive light pollution 7 nights a week.</p>
633	No further comment provided
634	<p>My husband and I support the proposal, despite vocal local opposition. We live further along in Bennett St and are aware of the lights at the Football field near the Harbord Bowling Club. We enjoy seeing the youth of our area, and visitors, engaged in the many sporting activities available. Encouragement of being physically involved should be encouraged. The proposed timing the lights will operate should not infringe on too badly on those closely affected.</p>
635	No further comment provided
636	<p>I am very disappointed that when the lights on Porters Reserve Newport were raised to a level that has destroyed our evenings, we were not consulted!</p> <p>So why now consulting ratepayers and not then in Newport??</p> <p>I live in Hillside Road above the oval.</p>
637	No further comment provided
638	<p>I totally support this NBC lighting proposal, I have been a long-term proponent of sharing sporting facilities eg advocating for Opening School grounds out of school hours for public use, which has been a huge success in NSW, encouraging active outdoor lifestyles, and access for all community members with the flow on positive health and social benefits. Evening access will become even more important in our future hotter climate, by providing facilities for use in cooler times of day</p>
639	<p>Support the use of shared sport fields as there's a shortage of playing fields for kids to play sport. Some fields need a rest as well.</p>
640	<p>With two kids playing sport I am well aware of the shortage of grounds for games and training on the Northern Beaches. The addition of lighting would help support multiple sports with evening training sessions and games.</p>
641	<p>I'm a resident of Manuela Place, Curl Curl and experience first hand the overflow of cars inundating our street every morning from the school, and on weekends from sports being played on the oval. Our only reprieve and ability to park our cars is of an evening.</p> <p>If sport is extended into the evening it'll have a significant negative impact on our way of life.</p> <p>People still use our street for parking, and walk through the pedestrian laneway even when there are vacant spaces in the school car park.</p> <p>Please don't approve this proposal.</p>
642	<p>As a resident of Bennett Street and living in close proximity to the school and fields I do not support the lighting proposal for the following reasons:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Traffic. The traffic on Bennett Street is already overly congested. It is dangerous to residents/children and I have had a number of near misses. There is no parking, there are irate drivers speeding to get to School and sport events. The traffic will increase with sports lighting well into the evenings 2. Light Pollution. The lights will cause unnecessary light pollution in a residential area. It will be disruptive to residents and also have an adverse impact on wildlife 3. Noise. The increase in usage will result in more noise pollution, particularly in an evening when children are sleeping 4. If this proposal is accepted there is a high chance that further DAs will be submitted for more lighting perpetuating the abovementioned problems.
643	<p>I live in Bennett Street Curl Curl and strongly object to the lighting proposal because it will significantly increase the traffic congestion and parking on my street and neighbouring streets.</p>

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	<p>We are already impacted by congestion due to sporting events and also students @ Freshwater high school and the lighting proposal will extend this impact into the evenings. The assertion in the FAQ's "Will there be traffic and parking impacts" that people will not use my street and neighbouring streets due to no lights on the adjacent oval is incorrect. There is a walkway in Manuela place that goes through to the park area near (about 50 metres) Freshwater campus that is regularly used. As there is no cement footpath in Bennett Street & neighbouring streets, people including students walk on the road (day & night) due to the uneven grass on the side of the road. Additional foot traffic and car congestion at night is putting lives at risk. The FAQ comment that the council will investigate parking restrictions that will also impact residence is short-sighted and frankly does not feel collaborative. Many other councils have parking restrictions for non-residents only and council should consider more options in their investigation.</p>
644	<p>To whom it may concern,</p> <p>I am writing this submission to voice my objection to the installation of lights at Freshwater senior campus. This project would only exacerbate existing traffic and safety issues in the nearby streets of Bennett St, Manuela Place and Holloway Place.</p> <p>In the council's FAQ section, you have stated that "It is expected that the introduction of lights at this location will not generate excessive traffic at night for the cul de sacs that back onto the Mike Pawley and Frank Gray Fields as there is a car park immediately next to the Freshwater Senior Campus field, accessed from Harbord Road, and that will be far more convenient than walking across the unlit Frank Gray and Mike Pawley fields." You have then gone on to concede that the use of these fields DOES create traffic issues on weekends, despite the presence of this car park:</p> <p>"In relation to the traffic issues experienced on the weekend in the cul de sacs that back onto Frank Gray and Mike Pawley, Council will investigate potential parking restrictions or other measures that could help to alleviate the situation, noting that any restrictions will also apply to residents."</p> <p>It is unreasonable to expect that the traffic issues experienced on weekends, issues that you have conceded exist, would not translate to evening use of the fields. As a resident of Holloway Place, I am constantly in fear for my children's safety on weekends as they ride their bikes around the neighbourhood and are tailgated, beeped at and yelled at by parents dropping their children at sport. Holloway Place becomes a drop off zone as parents who are running late line up in cars to drop children at the end of the cul de sac and leave to find parking. Residents deserve a break from this in the evenings.</p> <p>The traffic on Bennett St on weekends poses significant safety risks to pedestrians and cyclists. There are no footpaths on this street despite it backing onto a school and being home to a popular bowling club. This is extremely unsafe. As a resident I witness near misses weekly and it is only a matter of time until we see a serious traffic or road rage incident on Bennett St. It is completely unreasonable to add more congestion to this area in the evenings when no steps have been taken to relieve existing traffic issues.</p> <p>Further, it is impossible to trust that council will adhere to the Australian Standards for Sportsgrounds Lighting as promised when lights on Weldon Oval are presently being used more than twice as often as they are approved for.</p> <p>Again, I strongly object to this proposal.</p>
645	<p>Understand the need for more sporting areas ,however i do not agree with the additional usage after normal day light hours .</p> <p>We , the residents of Bennett street , Holloway place and Manuela place have endured the absence of car parking for the residents through the week and weekends due to school kids parking in the above streets and week end sporting events on Fisher park .</p> <p>Having additional usage by addition of night lighting is unacceptable and only adds to the local residents displeasure both for lack of parking , additional traffic, and lighting effecting the homes immediately adjacent to the proposed area.</p>

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646	No further comment provided
647	The community needs as many playing fields as possible and the use of school grounds is a sensible move. Lighttjng the ground should have mininal impact on surrounding houses.
648	Prefer no upward facing lights, to protect bird movements
649	<p>Subject: Objection to the Construction of Sports Field Lighting, Parking Impact, safety, noise, lighting, wildlife</p> <p>Dear Cameron Henery and Northern Beaches council</p> <p>I am writing to express my strong objection to the proposed construction of sports field lighting at Northern Beaches Secondary College (NBSC) - Freshwater Senior Campus.</p> <p>While I understand the importance of promoting sports and recreational activities within our community, it is essential to consider alternative approaches that do not compromise the peaceful ambiance and residential harmony of the surrounding properties and of the natural environment which requires re-generation not additional development. Several other local sports fields in the area are currently underutilised and already equipped with lighting facilities, which are in suitable locations and not near residential areas would not require unnecessary expenditure and cause objection in the local community.</p> <p>Before proceeding with the construction of new facilities and lighting infrastructure, it is crucial to address the underutilisation of existing sports fields with lighting. Evaluating the factors contributing to their low usage, such as scheduling, accessibility, and promotion, can help optimise their potential and meet the demand for sports and recreational activities without the need for additional construction.</p> <p>Investing in better utilisation of existing infrastructure aligns with a more sustainable and cost-effective approach, avoiding unnecessary expenses on building new facilities that may not align with the preferences of residents. It also minimizes disruptions to the environment and preserves the natural beauty and tranquility of the surrounding green spaces. Has anyone invested the time in understanding this as I often drive past local sports fields with lighting that are unoccupied.</p> <p>Furthermore, I urge you to consider comprehensive parking and traffic impact assessments before proceeding with the sports field lighting project. The assessment should evaluate the current parking situation, project the parking demand with the introduction of lighting, and propose effective strategies to mitigate the impact on the community. Local residents are acutely aware that attendees of both the school and local sports fields fill local streets with parking that would be more akin to what you might expect at Bondi beach. The council's assumption that attendees will utilise the car park directly adjacent to the school is incorrect, you only must visit on a school day or while the fields are occupied with cricket or AFL matches at the weekends this has already been proved incorrect, unfortunately they do not park at the car park!</p> <p>Moreover, the construction of sports field lighting at Northern Beaches Secondary College - Freshwater Senior Campus sets a precedent for further lighting installations on adjacent fields. While the current proposal may adhere to Australian Standards to limit obtrusive lighting, we are already disturbed by lighting and sound on the fields on the other side of the lagoon which I would anticipate also comply with Australian standards and is further away, so again this is not good enough we are already impacted by local sports fields lighting, noise, and parking and dont want more. It is not acceptable. The potential for more lighting installations will further disturb the peaceful coexistence of residents and negatively impact the local environment and wildlife. There is a string community focus on regeneration within Brookvale and linking the bushland via the lagoon and tracks of land that run through Brookvale and creating a natural link that can improve the quality of life and support a sustainable re-generation of Brookvale. This proposal does not support that motion.</p> <p>In conclusion, I strongly urge you to prioritise the well-being of local residents and the preservation of the natural environment by carefully evaluating the potential impacts and</p>

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	<p>considering alternative solutions. We are already impacted negatively by the local facilities which are necessary for the local community but dont believe we should be subjected to more punishment.</p> <p>Let us focus on optimizing the utilisation of existing sports fields with lighting, which will benefit both the community and the promotion of sports and recreational activities in Brookvale.</p> <p>Thank you for considering these critical matters. I hope that you will take the necessary steps to address these concerns and ensure a balanced approach that benefits the community while being mindful of environmental and financial considerations.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p>
650	Lights will save me electricity as I live almost under the lighting. BUT there is insufficient CAR parking and it is the people who use the area who are the problem. I had my back fence smashed into continually when playing softball.
651	Am excellent initiative to keep people active and safe.
652	No further comment provided
653	Think greater opportunities for sport as a means of increased community engagement should be supported. Also, a by-product of this would be better lighting & increased safety of the surrounding areas which may encourage increased peripheral use. (Walkers, runners, etc).
654	Think it is a fabulous idea! The more sportsfields on the Northern Beaches the better and if they can be used at night too awesome!!!
655	<p>Given in Brighton St there's a sports club, cricket nets, AFL oval plus north of the creek netball and baseball playgrounds I'm sure that Brighton St residents will be upset at possible more noise disturbance, however, they chose to purchase in a street backing onto a school and all these sporting activities - caveat emptor applies.</p> <p>Therefore, if there is definitely a shortage of sports ovals then using an underutilised FSC oval is a sensible decision.</p> <p>Access to change rooms and toilets could be a problem as there are none at the oval and access to school facilities I'm sure would not be countenanced.</p>
656	<p>Parking on Bennett Street is an issue, we have had 3 of our mirrors side swiped when we have parked in front of our house due to the amount of people who park on both sides of the street. Monday to Friday we have students from Freshwater Campus parking on both sides of the street, walk up to the school and enter through the gate. I was under the impression that this gate was not to be opened so as to deter kids from parking in the street when they could utilise the car park next to the school ground. School buses, tradesman trucks and large SUV's attempt to navigate down the street without causing too much damage. Saturday & Sunday we have grid lock due to even more people parking and using the street. AFL days are the worst, sometimes our driveway is used as a parking space - not good - some AFL parents don't think it is an issue to use our driveway as a parking space. And now we want more people using the precinct without addressing Bennett Street and Parking.</p> <p>Deter kids from parking in the street, make the school keep the gate closed, turn Bennett Street into a one way street and introduce NO PARKING on the Northern curb of Bennett Street.</p>
657	It's fantastic ~ it's what we need as a community. I would love to see the softball fields opposite Manly selective get a light upgrade as well. With no housing affected by the lights it would greatly benefit the community too. Fully supportive.
658	The fields are used for weekend sport and therefore would benefit local clubs for training. Parking is already available.

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1	<p>To Whom It May Concern,</p> <p>I AM A SOLID NO FOR THE LIGHTS ON FRESHWATER SCHOOL OVALS:</p> <p>There are currently ovals from Griffin Road to Harbord road to cater for all the sports day and night. Large overhead lights have been installed over the last few years on the ovals on Abbott Road and on the AFL oval that can be seen for miles and are on late into the evening.</p> <p>The ovals are not full at all during the evenings and I am at a complete loss why you would be spending money on another oval when the current ones are not full utilized by any means.</p> <p>This is a complete waste of money and I am very surprised at who and why they would even propose such a thing when it is clearly not needed or warranted at all.</p> <p>Sports enrollments have dropped significantly since covid and further more since the drop in the economy which has become very clear from the amount of activity on the ovals in the last 12 months.</p> <p>Regards</p>
2	<p>Dear Sir / Madam</p> <p>As a resident of Holloway Place my family and I strongly object to the Lighting proposal for Northern Beaches Campus oval.</p> <p>The reasons for this objection is based on a singular matter that <u>cannot be solved</u> regardless of whether a paid consultant report argues otherwise.</p> <p><u>There is no parking availability for evening activation of Northern Beaches Campus oval, Frank Gray or Mike Pawley ovals.</u></p> <p>Residents are completely understanding of the need for weekend and afternoon sport and if a sensible parking facility exists at the venue, then for evening sport under lights, However in the proposed location this sensible parking facility does not exist. The current absence of available parking for weekend sports causes the surrounding streets to be gridlocked. This is happily tolerated because people have adequate light for vision and safety, however after dark when residents return and children and older people are moving about the risks to people's lives is not acceptable.</p> <p>It is well known the AFL which are superbly administered clubs are growing exponentially and have outgrown their current location at Weldon oval many times over, The AFL are pushing for lighting on Northern Beaches Campus, Frank Gray and Mike Pawley ovals and they are a well funded and ambitious group. However Council needs to force a separation of the clubs activities to various other locations with the LGA. It is widely accepted that many of the Clubs participants are not from the local LGA which again is fine as long as their activities are shared throughout the broader LGA in more appropriate and safer locations, where parking is available for the night time lighting of fields.</p> <p>The freshwater campus oval is activated for numerous sporting activities throughout the year and still many of these participants park in Manuela, Bennett street and Holloway Place. In the evenings the car park fills quickly with after school activities at the college and a range of gyms etc in brookvale. This car park is not the solution.</p> <p>Kind regards</p>
3	<p>Dear Vicki and David</p> <p>Happy Monday:) Hope you both had a great weekend.</p>

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	<p>I feel compelled to email you after receiving the attached flyer from in my letterbox. This letter is full of misleading information specifically in relation to Weldon Oval (but also about traffic chaos).</p> <p>As a resident of ■, Curl Curl which backs directly onto Weldon Oval, I have nothing but positives to share in relation to the usage of Weldon Oval, including the use of evening lights. The oval encourages sport and recreation and this is done respectfully by the AFL Clubs that use it. The lights are not on 7 days a week or late. And it's wonderful to hear people enjoying the park/oval.</p> <p>I'm happy to be contacted in relation to this if at all helpful (obviously confidentially). And my neighbours at ■ are also advocates of the current usage - with none sharing any of the concerns raised by the author of the flyer.</p> <p>Warm regards</p>
4	<p>Attention: Mr Jeremy Smith Acting Executive Manager - Parks & Recreation Northern Beaches Council</p> <p>Email :</p> <p>Proposed Floodlighting - Freshwater Campus Sporting Oval, Mike Pawley & Frank Grey Ovals</p> <p>I strongly object to Council again proposing to install an array of Floodlights less than 20 metres from homes along the park boundary.</p> <p>All the homes in Manuela Place, Holloway Place and the eastern side of Bennett St up to the Bowling Club will be severely impacted.</p> <p>In recent years our immediate area, with narrow road network, has had to endure ever increasing traffic congest on weekends, mainly due to increase in sporting activity, additionally, our mid week amenity has been severely impacted by the introduction of the Freshwater Campus, which promised and assured the neighbouring properties that they would keep the eastern gates of the Campus closed, therefore ensuring minimum traffic and parking imposition on the neighbouring properties. This promise was immediately broken and we now endure limited residential parking and, very congested traffic during the whole school opening period.</p> <p>Now, Council is planning to congest our neighbourhood even further by installing Floodlighting onto the Ovals next to our homes, and therefore lighting up our adjoining neighbourhood until every late at night, seven nights a week! So now, NO resident parking on weekends, NO resident parking in school hours mid week, and soon, NO resident parking at night.</p> <p>The placement of Floodlights on the adjacent Ovals will directly affect my family by -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Severely impacting our privacy and amenity seven nights a week - Limit the provision of parking for visiting friends and/or family - Ever-increasing traffic and pedestrian movement in the narrow congested streets would definitely create major safety issues - Nighttime lights & noise would detrimentally affect study and sleeping in our home - Definitely reduce the value of our family home <p>Council has let us down in the past -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Freshwater Campus eastern gates continually open, daily traffic congestion - Council failed! - Floodlights on Weldon Oval - AFL approved hours 8.5 per week, actual 22 per week - Council failed!

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14 August 2023

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Dear Cameron,

Sports Lighting at Northern Beaches Secondary College – Freshwater Senior Campus

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback on the proposal for Sportsfield Lighting at Northern Beaches Secondary College (NBSC) – Freshwater Senior Campus. AFL NSW/ACT is supportive of this initiative and recognize that sport and recreation is a central part of the lives of Northern Beaches' residents. As a sport, we aim to continue to engage residents with programming and competitions at sites such as the Freshwater campus.

The Northern Beaches Council Local Government Area (LGA) is a key region for our game, boasting strong participation demand, high levels of volunteerism and strong AFL club membership rates.

The local club currently using the facility at NBSC – Freshwater Senior Campus is Manly Bombers Juniors, with participation numbers of 582 players. Without lights, the opportunity on weekdays at the school is limited from 4pm until dark, approx. 45 mins in winter. As a result, the Manly Bombers are forced to train on nearby Weldon Oval, which is also utilized by the Manly-Warringah Wolves Senior AFL Club. As noted in the Northern Beaches Sportsground Strategy, sports fields relied on by the community are under increasing pressure, with growing participation rates, deteriorating field conditions and not enough space for all to play. This high level of intense use at Weldon Oval consistently results in poor field conditions at the site and the provision of lighting at NSBC - Freshwater Senior Campus would assist in alleviating some of the challenges faced by both clubs.

The provision of sports lighting would allow additional opportunities for the community to be involved in club sport and promote opportunities for healthy active lifestyles. Local participation in Australian Football has increased significantly in the last decade, driven in large part by an increase in the number of women and girls playing our game. Unfortunately, growth is limited by access to sports fields. Current participation across the LGA is 1,774 community members and an additional 456 Auskickers. Over 44% of all participants in the Northern Beaches are based out of the playing fields within John Fisher Park adjacent to NSBC – Freshwater Senior Campus.

We encourage the improvements of sports facilities directly on school sites, noting it can help to create pathways for students to continue sports participation at a convenient location. AFL


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	<p style="text-align: center;">- 2 -</p> <p>NSWACT strongly supports Council's ambition to improve facilities through the provision of field lighting at NBSC – Freshwater Senior Campus and believes that this project will deliver excellent outcomes for both students and community.</p> <p>Please do not hesitate to contact me should you wish to discuss further.</p> <p>Yours sincerely,</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Venue & Government Partnerships Manager - NSW</p>
6	<p>Email 1 from respondent</p> <p>Dear ■</p> <p>I wish to object to the 'batty' conclusions of the Biosis 2023. Freshwater Senior Campus School Sportsground Lighting. Report for Northern Beaches Council, by Marchant. Z. Biosis Pty Ltd. City, NSW. Project no. 38939.</p> <p>Specifically, this report's defective statement as regards bats, in particular, the statement on the Little Bent-winged Bat <i>Miniopterus australis</i> (listed as Vulnerable, BC Act).</p> <p>The Report states it "...ASSUMED that any [bat] species utilising the study area for foraging would be ...tolerant to light pollution.."</p> <p>The report incorrectly states the "<i>Little Bent-wing Bat...is ASSUMED ...likely to utilise artificial lighting for foraging purposes.</i>"</p> <p>The report having noted the "<i>roosting habitat at the bridge along Harbord Road and Greendale Creek is assumed to be active due to the number of historical records ofLittle Bent winged Bats (111 records...) within close proximity to the locality</i>". The Report also noting the "<i>bridge over Greendale Creek provides potential roosting resources for the ...Little Bent-wing Bat ...</i>".</p> <p>Applied Research presented by ■ at the Ecological Society of Australia Annual Conference (ESA July 2023) found the opposite conclusion to that stated by the BIOSIS report.</p> <p>Little bent-wing (<i>m. Australis</i>) bat in fact steered clear of the lit areas, and was much less active even up to 50 metres away from the light source. As predicted, ■ observed that artificial light at night (ALAN) negatively impacted the activity of the bat species, <i>M. australis</i>. This confirmed the species' light-sensitivity. Furthermore, the negative effect of ALAN on <i>M. australis</i> did not diminish with increasing distance from the light source. The species showed reduced activity across all distance steps indicating that the impact of ALAN on <i>M. australis</i> extends beyond 50 metres.</p> <p>Additionally, the research found as regards a different faster-flying bat species, which exhibited increased activity near the position of the ALAN (0 metres), as foraging resources, but the attractant effect is limited to a very short distance.</p> <p>■ research represents a significant contribution to understanding the effects of artificial lighting on insectivorous bat activity.</p>

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	<p>I also refer you to relevant recent overseas research by Léa Mariton, Christian Kerbiriou, Yves Bas, Brigitte Zanda, Isabelle Le Viol. "Even low light pollution levels affect the spatial distribution and timing of activity of a "light tolerant" bat species." Environmental Pollution, 2022, 305, pp.119267. ff10.1016/j.envpol.2022.119267ff. fhal-03638724 https://hal.science/hal-03638724</p> <p>I request that the Council ask BIOSIS to correct the record as regards the defective statements it made concerning the Little bent-wing (m. Australis).</p> <p>Bats may have voices that the Council, the School and BIOSIS cannot hear. Yet bats are critically endangered, and the lighting design for the Freshwater campus oval does not take into account their endangered status. Measures that could be taken could include reduced Lux of the proposed lights from 100 to 50, and changing the light spectrum from white to red. An average horizontal maintained illuminance of 50 Eh Lux is sufficient for football training.</p> <p>Bats eat their body weight in insects at night, naturally controlling the mosquito population near the Creek's ponding.</p> <p>cordially ██████</p> <p>Email 2 from respondent</p> <p>.. Executive Assistant Parks & Recreation</p> <p>C.C ██████</p> <p>Dear ██████</p> <p>In my submission, my feedback helps your team avoid major ecological mistake. The Parks & Recreation team have form making environmental mistake. I refer to the synthetic turf waste from Cromer Park Field #1, its failed recycling in The Netherlands, and its contradictory dumping at Cromer Park Reserve for 545+ days. Blame Capital Projects if you will. Governance have not sated my concern. Let's make up and allow bygones to be bygones.</p> <p>But this new bat issue at Greendale Creek is real! Victims. These bats. Your tame BIOSIS consultant is 100% wrong, re "light-tolerance" of these resident bats of Greendale Creek, the Little Bent-wing bat.</p> <p>First, some pics of Bat country down by Greendale Creek. Second, ... of Uni of Qld, who presented at EAS 2023, sent me her presentation slides, with the title: "Investigating the impact of artificial lighting on insectivorous bat activity in Brisbane" by Supervised by Berndt van Rensburg & April Reside Aim: Investigate how the activity of insectivorous bat species changes with distance from artificial light sources Specific objective: To pinpoint the distance at which light no longer impacts the activity of each species = "Distance threshold" Data: Bat activity = # passes. One pass = 3+ echolocation pulses. 10 sites</p>

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	<p>2 paired transects per site</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 x lit transect • 1 x dark control transect <p>4 detectors per transect</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 0, 10, 25 and 50m <p>Detectors used: Titley Scientific "Chorus" and "Anabat-Swift" High kHz frequency omnidirectional ultrasonic/acoustic recorders</p> <p>Illuminance (lux) metering:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A measure of brightness. • Initially informed detector distances. • Subsequently measured at each detector position on lit transects. <p>Bat focus: <i>Miniopterus australis</i> – Little bent-wing bat</p> <p>7 grams body weight</p> <p>Short, broad wings</p> <p>Slower, more manoeuvrable flight in and around vegetation</p> <p>Identified based on kHz pulse frequency & shape of kHz pulse</p> <p>Hypotheses:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Less active at lit transects than dark transects. 2. With increased distance from light, activity increases and becomes similar to levels at dark transects. <p>Bat Algorithm Model</p> <p># Bat passes per night = Transect (Lit or Dark) x Distance to Artificial Light At Night (ALAN) + Habitat nearest to freshwater + Density of site's tree line</p> <p>Findings:</p> <p><i>M. australis</i> – Little bent-wing bat is Less active at lit treatment transects than dark control.</p> <p><i>M. australis</i> is negatively impacted at very low illuminance levels, even as low as 0.14 Lux !!!</p> <p>Conclusion</p> <p><i>M. australis</i> Less active at lit transects at all distances (0, 10, 25 and 50m).</p> <p>Interpretation: <i>M. australis</i> is light-sensitive and is negatively affected at far distances and low illuminance levels.</p> <p>Its Distance threshold > 50m.</p> <p>Recommendations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keep dark areas dark. • Part-night lighting schemes. • Alter light colour/ spectrum. • Reduce light intensity. • Reduce light spill. • Use distance thresholds to strategically place lights <p>Now I call that research!</p> <p>We didn't see the Council's tame BIOSIS consultant doing anything than walk around the creek during one sunny day.</p> <p>No applied research.</p> <p>Council didn't get its monies worth. Or did they? Council got the conclusion it wanted to support its football frolicky aims?</p> <p>I sent ■ the BIOSIS consultant's report.</p> <p>The consultant has incorrectly lumped the Little Bent Wing Bat in with its larger cousin, the Eastern bat. The consultant has incorrectly interpreted the prior research of Haddock et al (2019). This lumping of the two bats in together as light tolerant is a mistake.</p> <p>Eight RAPTOR GEN 3 sportslights generating 9600watt with 100 Eh Lux on the oval, with light spill up to 10 Lux on the Greendale Creek tree line is a threat to the "vulnerable" (BC Act) Little Bent-wing Bat.</p> <p>This email is the not necessarily the last word you will read from me about this ecological assault by Council upon the "vulnerable" Little Bent Wing Bat. I reserve my options.</p>

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7	<p>Just catch up sorry for the delay</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Could you please consider increasing the light to meet small ball target levels for cricket, hockey, softball and baseball on the Freshwater site. 2. Could you please introduce me to the Schools infrastructure/ education person for the Freshwater site so I could provide a fully funded development option of synthetic for the site too <p>Thank you</p>
8	<p>Dear Mr Smith,</p> <p>I object to the potential installation of sporting lights at Freshwater Senior Campus. This development is ill-conceived and inappropriate.</p> <p>With the growth of the AFL clubs, and approval of many local developments, the safety of our neighbourhood has been drastically reduced. Exacerbating traffic, parking, noise, and light pollution issues is irresponsible and unacceptably dangerous.</p> <p>Freshwater Senior Campus is not a solution, and will never be. Alternative venues must be fully considered.</p> <p>We live directly opposite Freshwater Senior Campus, our current reality is outlined below:</p> <p><u>MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENTS</u></p> <p>Three motor vehicle accidents have occurred outside our home since 2021. We have notified Council multiple times about the safety risks associated with our narrow street, the blind corner and parking issues. Council's Traffic Engineer's response: "It should be noted that parking on either side of the road provides a deterrent for speeding."</p> <p>Our current situation is unacceptable. To further impact our neighbourhood is reckless in the extreme.</p> <hr/> <p><i>Car accident, CareFlight helicopter also attended, February 2023</i></p> 

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Car accident, damage to Freshwater Senior Campus caused by out of control vehicle, December 2021



Car accident, a vehicle out of control narrowly missed pedestrians, April 2021



EMERGENCIES

There are no planned emergencies. Freshwater Senior Campus (Bennett Street side) suffered a fire earlier this year. The substation kiosk also caught fire. Three fire trucks were needed to fight the blaze. This fire happened on a Sunday evening when Bennett Street was accessible. Our narrow local roads are often heavily congested because of sporting activities and Freshwater Senior Campus students.

Access for emergency vehicles is required at all times. And note, the Careflight helicopter also uses Freshwater Senior Campus for emergencies.

Fire at Freshwater Senior Campus, April 2023



PARKING ISSUES / ILLEGAL PARKING

As a result of our narrow street's traffic and parking problems, I am often unable to exit or enter our garage. Council has no power to remove illegally parked vehicles. Anxiety results from this, and for this to continue into the night is unacceptable.

Furthermore, I have witnessed multiple near head-on collisions between cyclists, motorcyclists, and vehicles because vehicle owners park illegally on the blind corner.

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Parking already at capacity during school holidays, Monday 10th July 2023



Illegally parked car on blind corner, 21st July 2023



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LIGHT AND NOISE POLLUTION

We already experience light pollution from Reub Hudson oval. This oval is about 500 metres away.

We also hear aggressive screaming, shouting, and an unlawful use of a PA system from Weldon Oval. This is a residential area and such behaviour is neither welcome nor warranted.

Light pollution, Reub Hudson Oval, July 2023



Bus navigating through narrow local roads (this is a two way street)



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	<p>This development cannot proceed. It is unsafe, ill-conceived and inappropriate. We are entitled to protect our families and our community.</p> <p>I kindly ask that you please stop this proposed development.</p> <p>Yours faithfully,</p>
9	<p>Dear Jeremy,</p> <p>I am writing to you as Interim Executive Manager for Parks and Recreation to object in the strongest possible terms to the proposed lighting of the Freshwater Senior Campus sports field which would allow this sports field to be used outside school hours. The land in question is owned by the Department of Education and is under a 10 year licencing agreement with Northern Beaches Council. The reasons for my objection are</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • These facilities already exist on the other side of Glendale Creek. Danzil Joyce Oval already has sporting lights. After school hours it is not used. It is not surrounded by local residents and has off street parking. Therefore adding lights on Freshwater Senior Campus is only doubling up on facilities in the area. • Safety concerns with respect to pedestrian and vehicle movement in nearby Bennett St, Manuela Place and Holloway Place (both cul-de-sacs). These local roads are very narrow and poorly lit without footpaths. The increase in traffic approaching from an easterly direction 7 days a week will add to the traffic congestion, lack of parking for residents and their guests. Also there would be an inability for residents to safely enter and exit their own premises. • Council erroneously believes that the users of the sports field will be using the Freshwater Senior Campus car park which is already close to full as people use it for easy access to local gyms, breweries and other activities that occur in the Brookvale Industrial area. No allowance has been made for extra off street parking. This is a flaw in the development application. • The extremely dangerous corner of Brighton Street and Harbord Road will discourage traffic coming from the east to drive to the Freshwater High School car park entrance on Harbord Road. They will park in the local narrow streets. • Already people jump over our boundary fence at 1 Bennett Street into our private property especially on weekends to gain easy access from the sports oval to Bennett Street. • The local streets are already congested with school traffic and parking Monday to Friday and sport on Saturday and Sunday. This has lead to incidents of road rage. This is only to increase at night when the danger is increased. To approve the development application will acerbate this congestion. • No buffer to tress and pathways exist to soften the bright lights and muffle the noise. This sports field is in a unique situation where resident's properties directly border the sports field. This will bring extra stress to local families especially those with young families or residents who work commitments require early bed routines without bright lights and piercing sports whistles. • Council cannot be relied on to supervise their own promises. Although lights should be extinguished by 8:30 pm and not used that is not the case the AFL club is contravening this regulation.. Also local residents were assured by council that Freshwater

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	<p>High School's eastern gates would be remaining closed at all times. This is not the case. They are open from 6am to 5pm with big delivery trucks entering several times daily. Council does nothing about it.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Noise from Reub Hudson Oval already impacts local residents • No stated hours of use except after school hours. No finishing time was stated. • Council acknowledges that there will be obtrusive lighting but it will be minimised, hence it will still have an impact on surrounding neighbours. • Council acknowledged that there will be additional noise to neighbouring properties council was remiss in obtaining a sound report. Noise travels further at night so greatly inconveniencing locals to peace a quite at night. • Failure of council to include an environmental impact statement. The sports field adjoins a nature corridor where extra lighting will affect the delicate balance of native animals, their habitat and bushland. • As a rate payer I object to funds being spent on this project which is going to negatively impact the local community especially when these resources already exist and are unused. <p>Yours sincerely,</p>
10	<p>Dear</p> <p>Thank you for the Council response to my letter. As a local resident heavily impacted by the parking, traffic, noise, safety and light pollution surrounding Weldon Oval, this is disappointing position taken by the Council.</p> <p>Council was first notified of the ongoing breach of 2004/0259DA at Weldon Oval on May 19, 2023 and again, in person at a meeting with the Mayor and [REDACTED] on June 5, 2023.</p> <p>At that meeting, we were assured that Council was aware of the breaches and would be acting on them with the AFL, in order to rectify the situation.</p> <p>We had not received a response from Council to resolve the issue and the breaches were still occurring in late July, some 7 weeks later. Several letters were sent to Council, either asking for a progress update on the situation, or expressing dissatisfaction at the time it was taking to resolve the issue. I then sent an additional letter outlining our concerns on July 20th, 2023.</p> <p>It then took a further 2 weeks for Council to respond, no doubt at the direct request of the Ward Councillors, after a meeting they attended with local residents last Thursday, August 3rd.</p> <p>Incredibly, in that written response, the only action taken by Council over the entire eleven week period, appears to be a meeting with the all conquering AFL clubs, to let them know they are in breach of the DA. However, despite this ongoing breach, it has been agreed the AFL can simply see out the current season unaffected. Council has determined if this happens, apparently everything will then be fine, we will just talk about it later!</p> <p>This situation has become laughable. So laughable, that when we were meeting with the three Curl Curl Ward Councillors last Thursday at 5pm, at the exact same time we were discussing the current breaches of the lighting DA by Council and the AFL, the Weldon Oval lights came on. It was 5.20pm, yet the DA allows for a 6 o'clock start time. The irony of this was not lost on all who were in attendance, Councillors included.</p>

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	<p>It's important to note the bigger issues here: it has less to do with the start time, although someone is paying for electricity costs when the lights are on needlessly during the daytime.</p> <p>It is more about the usage late into the night, disrupting residents with traffic, parking, noise and light pollution; it's about a flagrant disregard for the rules being followed by both Council and the AFL; it's about a failure by Council to act when it knows the rules are being broken; and it's about a total failure of Councils operating processes, which supposedly enable it to prevent or identify any breaches of the approved conditions.</p> <p>It is little wonder the residents have zero faith or trust in Council in relation to the proposed new lights to be installed on the Freshwater High School grounds. In this case, Council is assuring us in their FAQ spin that they will be diligently responsible for their legal operation. We remain unconvinced.</p> <p>To further emphasise the extent of our concern, I also draw your attention to DA 2018/1716 and Mod2019/0159, in regards to the electronic scoreboard at Weldon Oval.</p> <p>The DA clearly states that the scoreboard:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Must not contain advertising (see attached below) 2. Must not operate after 7pm. <p>This DA was later modified to permit operation during extended hours at Weldon Oval, which do not coincide with the approved hours for lighting ie the scoreboard can be on, but the lights and presumably games, cannot.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Amplified noise levels are not to operate at an ambient noise level above 5dB. <p>On a recent Friday evening, we had neighbours from over 1km away comment how loud the PA system was. Interestingly, the lights were on and games were being played, outside of the approved hours.</p> <p>All these conditions are being breached on a regular basis and yet Council is either unaware, aware and complicit or worse, aware and fearful of any repercussions it may incur by calling the AFL into line.</p> <p>Any one of these scenarios is unacceptable and gives cause for significant concern.</p> <p>Councils excuse for the current Weldon Oval lights breaches is that "time goes by and new people come in who don't know the rules".</p> <p>However, the scoreboard DA is just 5 years old, 3 of which were impacted by the Covid pandemic.</p> <p>There was significant controversy in gaining approval for the installation of the scoreboard. Yet, in the short period of time since it's installation, these breaches are occurring already, which simply reinforces the local residents' justifiable concerns about Council's inability to comply with any restrictions on Weldon, or at the High School.</p> <p>Indeed, if the local residents were not trolling back through the conditions of past DAs, no one would be aware that these breaches were even occurring.</p> <p>It should not be a responsibility of the local residents to police the Council, ensuring they adhere to the operating conditions of their own assets. However, this is the position we now find ourselves in, risking repercussions for speaking out from those in support of the AFL and any effort to install additional lights in the area.</p>

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	<p>Notably, the lights now proposed on the Freshwater High School field are directly adjacent to residences where families live. Given past and recent history with Weldon Oval, it is clear Council needs to embed its existing practices in place, before it burdens both itself with more distractions and more importantly, the local residents, with additional hardship and anxiety.</p> <p>Council must be accountable for rectifying breaches immediately, the same way a resident would be if they breached the conditions on their own property.</p> <p>This “wait til the season’s over, boys” attitude is unacceptable.</p> <p>Will council stop the ongoing breaches of 2004/0259DA?</p> <p>Will Council stop the breaches of DA2018/1716?</p> <p>Given they cannot control their own processes, will council withdraw their intention to install new lights on the High School?</p> <p>I look forward to your timely response.</p> <p>Kind regards</p>
11	<p>Submission</p> <p>I would like to say that I am pleased to see the council offer more opportunities for sport to be played at night and in more places.</p> <p>This is an excellent initiative.</p> <p>Thanks</p>

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