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For referral to Planning Officer Olivia Ramage. Please find attached a letter from Tennis New South Wales, this is additional information for: DA Application no. DA2023/0720

Kind Regards Ross Mclean



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To Whom It May Concern,

## RE: Letter of Support for Project - Bareena Park Tennis Club - Installation of Lighting on courts

Tennis NSW is the body responsible for the promotion and development of participation in tennis across NSW.

In that capacity, Tennis NSW provides its full support of this project as a local priority and acknowledge that it will greatly benefit the community of Balgowlah Heights & the Northern Beaches.

Tennis is a growing sport in NSW, underpinned by its safety and incredible inclusivity, providing opportunities for people of all ages, abilities, physical capabilities (including those with disabilities), cultural and socio-economic backgrounds.

In early 2023, Tennis NSW conducted a venue sustainability audit on Participation, Infrastructure and Financial health of the venue and the wider Northern Beaches area which attracts one of the highest participation numbers in the state with a benchmark of 4653 visitations per court, per year. Bareena Park exceeded this benchmark with 4964 visitations per court. This highlights the strong demand for tennis in the area as well as the high capacity the venue is reaching with its current limited hours.

The project to install LED lighting on 3 existing courts is needed to address this demand for night tennis at the club and the surrounding community. Bareena Park Tennis Club is also one of the very few venues in the Northern Beaches that lacks any sort of lighting for night tennis. As a result of this project, the Balgowlah demographic who have work, study or care commitments during the day have greater accessibility to the community facilities during peak hours. Upgrading the venue to deliver this will better the livelihoods of those in the community through increased health and social benefits.

Bareena Park Tennis Club is an affiliated member of Tennis NSW and has been serving the local community for 66 years. They are a prominent figure in the Balgowlah area and one that is welcoming to all through their offerings of organised competition, coaching and court hire which is complimented by a clubhouse that has recently undergone internal renovations.

The installation of LED lighting to the courts will provide substantial increase of playing time which will have a direct boost of participation.

We acknowledge the terrific collaboration and work between Bareena Park Tennis Club and the Northern Beaches Council and wish you well in your efforts to secure the remaining funding, obtain the required approvals and deliver the project.

Your faithfully

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Dane-Lucas Kovacevic Tennis Development Officer Tennis NSW