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**Re: LCBCS SUBMISSION**  
**SPORT AND RECREATION FACILITY AT 180 RIVER ROAD (GOLF COURSE) SITE**  
**- 8 COURT CONCEPT PLAN- OPTION 2. Record No: SU7396 - 53095/22**

The General Manager  
Mr Craig Wrightson  
Lane Cove Council

20 October 2022

Cc: David Stevens, The Mayor, Cllr. Zbik and all Councillors

Dear Mr Wrightson, David Stevens and all Councillors,

The Lane Cove Bushland & Conservation Society has made several Submissions on the proposed 'Sport & Recreation DA' proposal. We are submitting now, having been informed that Mayor Zbik has committed to ensuring that residents are able to make a submission on Option 2 - 'Sport & Recreation 8 Court Proposal' post the advertised exhibition deadline a few days ago. The Society has a 51-year history of protecting the bushland reserves of Lane Cove, working proactively with Council to achieve best practice.

**The Sport & Recreation DA is of concern to the Lane Cove Bushland & Conservation Society as the development is surrounded by wildlife corridors on all sides that include a variety of threatened species. We offer the following Recommendations:**

**PRIOR TO CONSTRUCTION**

The land directly adjacent to the Lane Cove Golf Clubhouse site must be protected at all costs.

**The Society Recommends it should be zoned E2/C2 Bushland Reserve due to the presence of a variety of threatened species, its ecological services and significance as a wildlife corridor.**

Light spill into native habitat from development is also important to avoid.

**Develop a plan and proposal to minimise light spillage** into the bushland during and post construction.

See for example: [National Light Pollution Guidelines for Wildlife \(dceew.gov.au\)](http://dceew.gov.au) January 2020

**Consider and mitigate** the impact of changes on the water flow through the entire site, due to the increased scale of the development affecting Gore Creek Valley below. The site is on the side of a flood plain and tributary to the Lane Cove River Basin and drains into the Lane Cove River.

**The intensification of traffic** from the increase in carparking may also impact wildlife at night and the microclimate for vegetation. These impacts should be seriously considered and minimised should this development go ahead.

## **DURING CONSTRUCTION**

**Regularly check the quality of the erosion control barrier near bushland** and that it is intact (\*see notes below). Any breaches of the erosion control barrier on site into the bushland should be immediately treated in consultation with the expertise of the bushland team at Lane Cove Council.

Ensure all building rubble and waste generated through the construction process and worker activity onsite are contained on site and appropriately removed

## **POST CONSTRUCTION AND ONGOING**

**Implement light spillage** best practice for the benefit of the nocturnal native wildlife.

The Society has been advised that some years ago, Council installed approx. three green lights that shone up into the trees between the 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> holes. These lights no longer work however, for the sake of wildlife, lights should never again be directed into bushland or trees.

The bushland at the rear of the site should be regenerated based on the Bradley method and in consultation with the bushland team at Lane Cove Council.

**Sensitive landscaping and revegetation on site with local indigenous species** should be undertaken.

Further information on suitable local plants can be found on the Lane Cove Council website: [Lane Cove Council - Gardening Information for Residents \(nsw.gov.au\)](http://LaneCoveCouncil.nsw.gov.au/Gardening-Information-for-Residents)

### **\*Regularly check the quality of the erosion control barrier near bushland**

**The LCBCS has previously sent this list of concerns following the damage to bushland due to breaches of environmental controls by the 'Pathways' development**

The Society requests:

- That all future projects adjacent to bushland must include detailed erosion and sediment control plans in the DA documentation so that the community can understand what bushland protection is in place.
- That Council insists on much stronger erosion and sediment control infrastructure adjacent to bushland, in both the proponent's plan and in Council's consent conditions
- That this stronger infrastructure includes the provision for double fencing on steeper sites with at least one of the fences to be 2m high steel fencing properly anchored in the ground and lined with sediment fabric to a minimum of one metre off the ground
- That Council does not permit work to start without the sediment control in place inside the agreed and marked site boundary
- That Council puts in place regular effective and consistent site monitoring, especially for large and sensitive sites, such as those detailed in this letter, with immediate fines and a stop-work for a breach.
- That fines imposed by Council for breaches are sufficiently punitive to encourage/ensure compliance (from the start, not after a breach when the damage has been done),

Yours sincerely,

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