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Dear Mr O'Brien

Thank you for your invitation to prepare a submission on the Greater Macarthur Preliminary Strategy.

The Preliminary Strategy, with its associated action plan and infrastructure analysis, makes a sound strategic case for the land release. At this stage, the Office of Sport does not wish to make a formal submission.

However, I would greatly value the opportunity to meet with you in relation to the *Land Use and Infrastructure Analysis* prepared by DPE and community master planning in general. As a core element of its new strategic intent, the Office of Sport recognises that early involvement with the Department of Planning and Environment is vital to ensuring we build liveable communities which include adequate provision for community sport and active recreation facilities. I am keen to share this new direction and role so we can explore how we can work collaboratively on these matters. I will contact your office to arrange a meeting.

In relation to the Greater Macarthur Strategy, I note the Menangle Park Paceway and the Wilton skydiving centre both serve the entire Greater Sydney Metropolitan area. Otherwise, the only sporting, active recreation or fitness infrastructure in the land release area consists of playing fields in village parks. These facilities are adequate for the current dispersed population of 5,000, but there will need to be significant development of local and subregional infrastructure if the growth area is to be an attractive and liveable option for an additional 70,000 or more people over the next 20 years.

As more detailed planning progresses, the Office would be keen to work with your Department, Campbelltown and Wollondilly Councils, and the sport, recreation and fitness industries, to plan new and expanded sport and active recreation infrastructure for these new communities.

I look forward to meeting with you to further discuss these matters.

Yours sincerely

Matt Miller
Chief Executive

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