

## TUROSS HEAD COUNTRY CLUB

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## MEN'S BOWLING CLUB

The Standing Committee on Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government PO Box 6021 Parliament House Canberra ACT 2600

Dear Sir,

We are a small country club in Tuross Head servicing the needs of our tight knit community. Because of our location and lack of public transport on the south coast of NSW, we need a system that provides three (3) essential characteristics in preparing funding submissions for grants:-

- 1. A detailed <u>easy to follow outline</u> of what must be included in the submission. Keep the language simple.
- 2. Easy access to a well informed person to assist in the grant submission.
- 3. A system that provides 100% of the project cost or allows for <u>some</u> work in kind.

The Seacc partnership certainly was thorough and willing to understand our situation and needs. As stated previously, Tuross Head has no public transport and virtually no night sporting activities. The grant we applied for involved lights on one bowling green to try and provide an outside sporting activity for juniors and their families, after hours. Fifty percent of the project cost was granted from NSW Sport & Recreation however, the federal grant has now been stopped. We cannot proceed with this much needed project without federal assistance. We mention this because the system required us to have 50% from federal and 50 % from another source — only now to be rejected. In the meantime costs have increased significantly.

So I see no reason to depart from Seacc. I can assure the committee that from our point of view, politics played absolutely no part in Seacc's decision to give initial support to our submission. This is confirmed by the fact that the NSW labor government (NSW Sport & Rec.) agreed that we deserved the grant. I am always available for comment at any time and urge your committee to proceed in <u>fast tracking</u> a system to enable clubs like us to make our submissions.

Yours sincerely.

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