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Committee Secretary
Department of the Senate
P.O. Box 6100 Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing about the administration and award of funding under the Community Sport Infrastructure Grant Program, the subject of an inquiry by a Select Committee on Administration of Sports Grants.

I represent a Junior Rugby League Club in southern New South Wales, in an area dominated by AFL.

Our submission is as follows:

Terms of Reference

a. Program design and guidelines

It is the view of my Club that specific areas of weakness within each sporting community be identified and isolated for the administration of funding. It is no secret that the huge and welcome increase in participation of girls and women in what were previously considered the domain of men has placed significant stress on community bodies which cater for such sports. Some sports such as swimming would not qualify in this area.

Such a division and isolation of a specific problem would be encouraging for all sports involved, as the knowledge that their own problems will eventually be addressed, as the list is worked through over time and each following grant period.

f. any related programs or matters

It is the view of my Club that insufficient attention is paid to advising sporting bodies of the availability of grants. For instance, the series of grants under inquiry were unknown to this Club. Had they been we would have been an applicant.

We would recommend that a channel of communication be established at Club level for notifying of grants. We are not in favor of this channel relying on State or National bodies.

To conclude, we are pro-active in tackling the problem of change rooms for females and to this end are leasing a 40' container, fitted out for separate change rooms for players and female referees. This will replace the hoop with material sewn around and held up by a mother for the child to change within.

Yours sincerely

President, Albury Thunder Junior Football Club Inc.