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**To:** [Committee, Sports Grants \(SEN\)](#)  
**Cc:**  
**Subject:** Echunga Netball Club Response to - Invitation to submit to Senate Select Committee on Administration of Sports Grants  
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To Whom it May Concern,

We were unable to open either link mentioned in your email below however we would like to respond as follows:

Our Club is extremely disappointed to learn of the alleged issues with the Community Sport Infrastructure program. While we don't feel we can comment on the points raised in your email we would like our disappointment tabled. Points a & b are relatively standard for all types of grants - the remainder of the points are for those particular committees/individuals to respond too because we as the general public would not have knowledge of these steps.

We have been fortunate to have keen and willing members of our Club committee that are dedicated to fundraising and we are seeing our project take shape at the present moment. Along with support from Mt Barker District Council (\$25,000) and our local Echunga Recreation Grounds (balance of our needs) we have contributed \$57,000 of the total approx \$100,000.

For a small Club, membership between 80-100 over the past 6 years this is a massive effort of which we are rightly proud. Learning that assistance from these Grants should have been applied to our application, especially with such a large contribution ourselves, has been frustrating.

We would be open to any further assistance as the project will need details finished off such as fencing that we cannot afford at the present time as well as funds returned to our Recreation Grounds.

Regards  
Carolyn Downing  
President  
Echunga Netball Club