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Committee Secretariat
Select Committee on Administration of Sports Grants

Dear Secretary

Anglesea Golf Club is a small members golf club situated in Anglesea on the Great Ocean Road of Victoria. The Club is utilised by most of the towns people and local Community Groups.

When the Club applied for the Sports Grant it was because the members believed that the grant monies if awarded would help to improve the club's facilities not only for themselves but for the whole township and the surrounding area.

When the members found out that they had been unsuccessful in achieving the grant they were very disappointed as the club had spent a lot of time and money working on the grant application including paying \$5,500 for a Consultant so as to improve their chances in being awarded the grant.

The members formed a sub-committee to apply for the grant and this committee felt as though they had let the Club down when they were unsuccessful, especially as they had recommended to the Board that the money be spent in engaging a Consultant.

The sub-committee prepared a separate 21-page business case, a 7-page demography report with 14 references and a 13-page Risk Management Plan in support of the application. The amount of time they spent on the application was over 50+ hours. They always acted in good faith in answering all the requested selection criteria and in accordance with the guidelines as to how the application was going to be assessed.

The Club's management and administration spent days formulating and then collating the responses from member surveys to ensure they got appropriate member feedback. Many hours were also spent getting quotes for the various works shown in the Grant Application.

Unlike some clubs, in our case none of the work has commenced or been undertaken as the Club does not have the finances to fund them alone, therefore the club and the whole community feels let down by this missed opportunity to make necessary improvements to the Club's facilities.

As stated, the Club believes that it has acted in good faith, it trusted that the selection process would be fair and that only applicants who scored highly would be funded. The club and all the members now feel angry and let down because they trusted that there would be a demonstrable fairness and equity in the Grant funding approvals but now finds that this appears not to have been the case.



The members now believe that the only way to restore faith in the Sports Grant system is to fund all those projects that met the selection criteria and the grant approval of '74' or better ranking threshold.

The Anglesea Golf Club is now suffering an additional downturn in trade due to the Coronavirus and its impact on tourism which is reflected by the lack of Chinese tourists using the Club's facilities especially the Kangaroo Tours. If the works that had been applied for in the Sports Grant Scheme had been completed this downturn would have had a reduced impact on the Club's finances.

I have attached the original Grant Application Form for your additional reference.

Yours Sincerely

David Sanders
General Manager