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To: Committee, ATSIA (REPS)
Subject: Inquiry into the contribution of sport to Indigenous wellbeing and mentoring

Hello,

Darebin City Council Leisure Services has read with interest the new inquiry being conducted by the House of Representatives Standing Committee on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs into the contribution of sport to Indigenous wellbeing and mentoring. Darebin Leisure Services is eager to learn more about the timelines for this inquiry and when a report will be available as we would like to compare the outcomes with a local Aboriginal Sport and Recreation Needs Study we are conducting.

As per the Darebin Leisure Strategy 2010-2020, the vision of Darebin Leisure Services is:

To create an inclusive environment where our diverse community can experience physical and mental wellbeing by participating in sustainable sport and recreation activities.

One of the priorities of the Leisure Strategy Action Plan is to conduct a Sport and Recreation Needs Study with the Darebin Aboriginal community with a view to increasing participation levels in sport and active recreation. The project is also an opportunity to enhance our relationship with Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisations (ACCO's) and sporting groups.

Darebin Leisure Services is in the process of engaging a Consultant to conduct the Sport and Recreation Needs Study and report back current participation rates, enablers and barriers to participation and propose actions that key stakeholders may employ to address gaps in participation. The Consultant will be consulting widely with the Aboriginal community as well as key stakeholders from ACCO's, sport and recreation providers, health services, justice services and Darebin City Council. The Consultation will be taking place between November 2012 and February 2013.

Please keep Darebin Leisure Services informed of activities and outcomes of the inquiry and provide details when available of the Public Hearing being held in Melbourne on 22 November.

Regards,

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