

Mr John McKee General Manager Ku-ring-gai Council Locked Bag 1006 GORDON NSW 2072 via kmc@kmc.nsw.gov.au

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Dear Mr McKee

Re: Indoor Sporting Facility at St Ives High School/ Joint Use Proposal

I refer to the Department's letter of 27 February 2018 regarding the proposed joint use project for shared school and community use of facilities at St Ives High School.

As advised in that letter, School Infrastructure NSW is progressing with the design for an upgrade of St Ives High School and has reached the stage at which it needs to move forward to meet its capital works program timeframe and budget for the plans to incorporate an indoor sporting centre.

The Department wishes to reaffirm its in-principle support for the joint development of a four-court indoor sporting facility with Council which will provide both the school and wider community with new indoor sporting facilities.

The Department concurrently requires Council's in-principle commitment to joint funding of the indoor sports facility with the Department in order to ensure that the public would have shared access to the facility.

Following that commitment being given, a working group would be set up to undertake discussions between SINSW and Council on the centre's detailed configuration, hours of use by school/community and other management and operational issues.

The development of a four-court facility as a single integrated project has potential benefits including cost efficiency and design flexibility. As the final design will determine the specific cost, SINSW estimate that Council's component of the total would be in the range of \$10-15 million within a total project of approximately \$25 million. Payments would principally be required over the 2020-2021 financial years.

The Department looks forward to progressing the matter further with Council. Please contact the Senior Asset Planner at <u>Stephanie.Bashford@det.nsw.edu.au</u> with any gueries.

Yours sincerely

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