

Dear Mr Wrightson (cc Mayor and Councillors)

Lane Cove Council – Proposed Sport and Recreation Facility \$75m

I am President of the Gore Valley Action Group Inc and write on its behalf and behalf of the following community associations who have given their consent to this letter and who are also copied into this email.

1. Greenwich Community Association Inc
2. Lane Cove Residents Association
3. Longueville (NSW) Residents Association Inc
4. Northwood Action Group Inc
5. Osborne Park Progress Association Inc
6. Lane Cove Bushland & Conservation Society

The NSW Department of Sport has approved a \$5m grant for Lane Cove Council under the Multi-Sport Community Facility Fund – Round 2. We note from the Department’s website that an Important Date of the scheme is that work is to commence on projects awarded a grant by July 2023.

Our combined associations represent a large portion of the community in both Central and East Wards. We are very concerned that the pressure to meet this Important Date could impact the appropriate due diligence and decisions that remain to be made by Council including budget, design, traffic management, operating model and environmental considerations.

In this regard Council has resolved to issue tenders for both the demolition works at the site (Stage 1) and the construction works (Stage 2) but at the time of doing this no Development Application has been granted. Council’s application is due to be considered on 3 May, 2023 by the Sydney North Planning Panel at which time it may grant the DA, decline it, defer it or issue a DA with conditions attached.

This time critical and complicated process poses a risk that all the due diligence or issues that could arise during this process cannot be properly dealt with by 1 July 2023. We therefore ask that you seek from The NSW Department of Sport flexibility with the date when work is to be commenced and that it be extended into the 3rd or 4th quarter of 2023.

Yours sincerely

Adrienne Cahalan
President on behalf of GCVAG Inc.

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Gore Creek Valley Action Group Inc
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The valley of Gore Creek in Lane Cove on Sydney's lower north shore is a pristine piece of wilderness, parkland, golf course and bushland that is threatened by Council development. This beautiful valley has so far managed to survive the urbanisation of the surrounding area but we now have to fight to protect it.