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Subject: Kenmore District Junior Australian Football Club Inc "KDJ AFL"
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Dear Tracy

I have just had a discussion with Warren Bolton, the Development Officer for the Major Facilities Funding Round.

We have been able to determine that our application for funding (which involved two sporting clubs – KDJ AFL and Kenmore Rugby) was recommended for progression for stage 2 at his level. The recommendation mentioned that we were a "medium" risk given that we had not yet secured all funding but I was advised that this was a moot point given that we had secured funding of \$50,000 per year for 3 years from Brisbane City Council (initially advised to Brad Reid on 19/12/08 and further advised to Melanie Toye on 27/1/09) and had submitted applications with both the Gambling Community Benefit Fund and Jupiters Casino Community Benefit Fund (currently awaiting decisions).

The decision not to be offered a chance in stage 2 is devastating for both our clubs and the local community. With more than 2,000 users of our facilities each week and multiple sports being played both during the day and in the evening (including but not limited to AFL, Rugby, softball, soccer, gridiron, touch football, cricket, etc) we are at a loss to explain why our application was not considered "strong" enough. Our work to date included full designs meeting Australian Standards, building approval and quality survey – well above what was asked at stage 1 and why we feel our application was so strong. Additionally, the two clubs have forked out significant funds to make a strong application and this money can not be recouped. All we needed was the cash and we could start immediately (in fact we had already worked out when was the best time to start to minimise impact on sporting and community users).

We seek your advice on what our options are from here. We do not want the significant time, (2 years so far) money and effort we have already invested to go to waste when if this project is not completed at the end of the football season, we are at serious risk of cancelling all night activities (training and matches) as our lights and lighting systems are dangerous. The impact on local sporting clubs and the local Brisbane community of this situation can not be underestimated. It impacts not just on our local clubs but all clubs who are part of our associations as we will no longer be able to host matches.

I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Kind regards

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**Minister for Child Safety
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Dear Ms Johannsen

Thank you for your email of 25 March 2009, asking for a review of an Expression of Interest (EOI) by the Kenmore District Junior Australian Football Club Inc under the Major Facilities Program to provide lighting at Akuna Oval, Chapel Hill; as the EOI was not approved to go to the second stage of the Program.

In response to your request, I asked the Department of Communities' Sport and Recreation Services to review the Club's EOI, and I have been advised the review was undertaken by a different officer to the one who originally assessed the EOI.

The Department has subsequently advised me the review has affirmed the original decision that the Club's EOI should not proceed to the second stage.

The review found that while the submission had met some of the criteria for need there were remaining issues regarding the ability to deliver the project. The EOI indicated the Club had only confirmed funding of \$2,134 as cash at bank, with the remainder of contributions as 'anticipated' grants from Brisbane City Council, the Gambling Community Benefit Fund and the Jupiter's Casino Community Benefit Fund.

The Department advises that funding of \$50,000 from Brisbane City Council has since been approved. However, the Department has identified that this funding is still insufficient to cover the remaining shortfall in funding for the project, thereby putting the delivery of the project at risk.

I would encourage you to liaise with the Department in preparation for submitting a future application for this project in later rounds.

Should you require any further information or assistance in relation to this matter, please contact Mr Ben Klaassen, Director, Program and Regional Development, Department of Communities (Sport and Recreation Services) on telephone (07) 3000 6206.

Yours sincerely

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