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Dear Mr McEntyre *Robert,*

I am writing in relation to your email correspondence of 9 March 2016 making representation on behalf of Sydney Pacific Athletic Club and Manly Warringah Little Athletics Inc about the athletics track at the Sydney Academy of Sport (SAS).

The athletics track at the SAS is a valuable community asset which supports participation each year from schools, individual athletes and community sport such as Little Athletics Clubs. It was last resurfaced in 2008 at a cost of \$430,000. Due to the high utilisation of the track, it has undergone significant repair work in the last two years to ensure that it is maintained at an appropriate standard for general community use.

The Office of Sport (the Office) has initiated the process to engage appropriately qualified consultants to investigate and report on the current condition of the track and provide advice as to the scope and scale of works required to refurbish the track, including assessment of the condition of the substrate. The findings of that report will assist in determining the extent and urgency of works required.

The Office has indicated that the current condition of the track remains fit for purpose as a general use community facility. Should your members find the SAS athletics track incompatible with their specific requirements, the Office of Sport is able to assist in identifying alternate venues until such a time as the track can be resurfaced.

Please contact Brendan Barrett, Centre Manager of SAS, if you require further information.

Yours sincerely

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