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Member for Mackellar

The Hon. Mike Baird
Premier of New South Wales

The Hon. Brad Hazzard
Minister for Family and Community Services

Mr Jonathan O'Dea MP
Member for Davidson

The Hon. Rob Stokes
Minister for Planning

Dear Premier, Minister Hazzard, Mr O'Dea MP and Minister Stokes

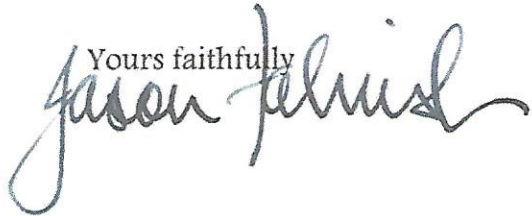
I continue to receive correspondence from my constituents regarding the state of disrepair of the Narrabeen synthetic athletics track at the Institute of Sport, Narrabeen. The track is the only synthetic athletics track servicing the Northern Beaches.

I have inspected the condition of the track and am concerned that the track is not fit for purpose, being littered with potholes. Users of the track have informed me that the state of the track is leading to an increased rate of injuries in athletes due to the cement like surface causing an extra strain on athlete's joints, as well as trip hazards. Athletics NSW have also informed me that in 2016 and 2017 the only track which will not host an Athletics NSW competition is Narrabeen because they do not consider that the surface is of a sufficient standard. A constituent recently informed me that: *"I attend Little Athletics with my kids ... the track is now becoming dangerous. It caused an injury to one of the kids training there in November as the guard rail is coming loose on many parts of the track and has to regularly be kicked back into place. The boy training rolled his ankle over part of the guard rail which was in Lane 1 and had to be helped off the track and back to his car at the end of the training session."* I am greatly concerned that the state of the athletics track is injuring our athletes.



The Northern Beaches deserves not only useable, but state of the art facilities. I urge you as my State colleagues to secure State Government funding necessary for the upgrade of this facility as soon as possible.

I look forward to hearing from you shortly regarding funding for the upgrade.

Yours faithfully


Cc: The Hon. Stuart Ayres
NSW Minister for Sport