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Dear Minister Spence,

Re: South-East Sports Hub

The Noble Park Dandenong Cycling Club (NPDCC) formerly supports the South East Sports Hub (SESH) and wishes to advocate for the benefits of this project for the cycling community.

As a new and growing club, which recently lost access to a now demolished velodrome within the City of Greater Dandenong, we are eager to see more cycling facilities available for the local community.

The SESH is a once in a lifetime project for the community in the area and we specifically note:

- The benefits of creating 70 hectares of new, integrated community recreation facilities in Bangholme (City of Greater Dandenong),
- SESH has been master planned and designed to specifically address immediate and forecast needs for the region over the next 25+ years, particularly for the nearby municipalities of Dandenong, Kingston, and Frankston,
- AusCycling, the national cycling peak organisation, that NPDCC are affiliated with, and The City of Greater Dandenong support the project,
- The provision of much-needed Terrain Bike Track, and Cycling Criterium will enable the sport to grow participation and enjoyment in the south-east region,
- Once approved the first phase of development is not reliant on any public funding and will support the Government's economic stimulus and job-creation priorities.

We would like to see you and your colleagues support the SESH to enable this project to be delivered for the community.

More information about the SESH and the broad community, social and environmental benefits of the project can be found at (<u>https://sesportshub.com.au/</u>) and we would welcome an opportunity to discuss this project further with you.

Kind regards

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