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Dear Ben,

Re: South-East Sports Hub

Rugby Victoria formerly supports the South East Sports Hub (SESH) and wishes to advocate for the benefits of this project for the South-East Melbourne community.

Rugby is a diverse participation sport with global affiliations and cultural connections. Over 68% of Rugby Victoria's members are from Pasifika heritage. In 2022 Rugby Victoria supported the Fijian community Tauvu Day in the Dandenong Ward through Jim Memeti – the Mayor of Dandenong.

There is currently a strategic need for more facilities within the South East Metropolitan region, which could be heavily activated by existing demand and community programs which are currently unable to run without suitable venues in the region.

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;
- The project will enable Rugby Victoria to provide more participation, programs and development opportunities in the region as we approach the Rugby World Cups 2027 & 2029 which will be hosted in Australia, and
- 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.

Kind Regards



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