



Community Sporting Facilities at Sandringham Secondary College (Holloway Road)

Submission from Friends of Native Wildlife Inc.

Regarding item 10.7 of Bayside City Council Ordinary Council Meeting - 15 September 2020

Friends of Native Wildlife Inc. are in broad support of this proposal, provided the design protects the adjacent Bay Road Heathland Sanctuary and maintains or improves the wildlife corridor between the Sanctuary and Merindah Park.

We believe that, with careful design, this location can be better overall than the Wangara Rd site. However, we request the following be included in the final design:

1. inclusion of a buffer zone between the sports facilities and the Sanctuary

This buffer zone must minimise any impact to the Sanctuary from light, noise, potentially toxic water runoff from car parking areas, and rubbish.

2. sensible lighting design

Lighting is of course necessary to the operation of the sporting facilities. It is important to both wildlife and local residents that the lighting be chosen according to current best practices, informed by the latest research. We would appreciate the opportunity to submit to you our four page overview of how lighting design can best support both wildlife and community.

3. enhancement of the existing wildlife corridor between the Sanctuary and Merindah Park

While Friends of Native Wildlife Inc. expect the existing wildlife corridor will be maintained, we see this as an opportunity for enhancement. The ideal outcome would be a planted area, containing both indigenous overstorey and understorey, running north-south between the Sanctuary and Merindah Park. Should the building design not allow this, appropriate planting along a different, longer path between the two open spaces would suffice.