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Mr Tom Duncan
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Dear Mr Duncan

Thank you for your letter of 9 November 2021 regarding petitions 26-21 and 43-21, lodged by Dr Marisa Paterson MLA. The petition seeks the installation of a LED lighting system on the two irrigated fields at the bottom of Waramanga playing fields (between Arawang Primary and Mt Stromlo basketball courts); allocate sufficient funding for this project as soon as possible; and provide assistance in coordinating the various government stakeholders ensuring swift approval of the works.

The ACT Government is aware of the need to upgrade sportsgrounds to meet growing participation demand and make best use of the large sporting asset base we are fortunate to have across the city. To this end, the ACT Government has committed to \$60 million in investment in sport and recreation infrastructure over the term of the current Government. A range of key priorities and commitments have been identified, including additional lighting upgrades at Mawson District Playing Fields and Kambah District Playing fields to be undertaken in 2021/22.

In 2018, the ACT Government engaged with Weston Molonglo FC and undertook an upgrade of existing lights at Waramanga Ovals and a full refurbishment of the pavilion. Future works in the Weston-Molonglo region will establish the new Stromlo District Playing fields with additional synthetic and natural grass fields and lighting suitable for football use.

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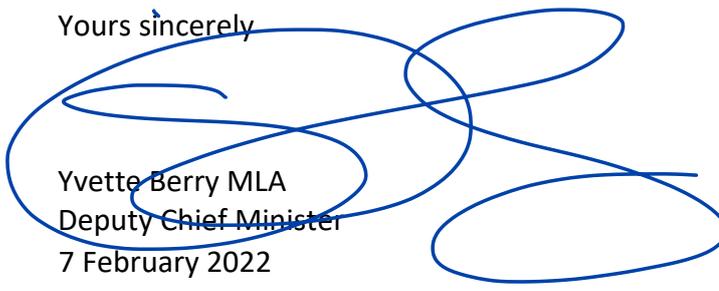
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A program of works for the establishment, upgrade and renewal of sports grounds assets across the region has been established for the 2021/22 year. This program does not include additional lighting for the Waramanga Ovals. Sportsground booking data indicates that the current use of the grounds at Waramanga under lights is around 20 hours per week, which is within the acceptable range of 20-25 hours per week for sustainable use.

The request for additional lighting at Waramanga Ovals has been noted and will be considered for future upgrade programs, in light of competing priorities.

Thank you for raising this matter. I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely



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