

Tweed Shire Sports Field Strategy

Summary of submissions received following the Public Exhibition Period for the Tweed Shire Sports Field Strategy. The public exhibition period was 7 October 2014 to 17 November 2014 with submissions received up to 1 December 2014.

Submission from	Subject
1. Tweed Coast Tigers AFC DWS 3572893	Additional information on existing and planned facilities at Barry Sheppard Oval
2. Murwillumbah Tennis Club DWS 3524044	Additional information on existing and planned facilities at Murwillumbah Tennis Courts
3. Tweed Heads Seagulls RLFC	<p>No written submission received - provided to consultants through a direct meeting.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Additional information on desired facilities at Piggabeen Sports Field 2. Strong desire to relocate or have an additional facility at Cobaki when developed
4. Individuals associated with Bilambil/Border United Football (soccer) Club and related soccer interests DWS 3533870	Proposed site for a new soccer complex at Tweed Heads West
5. Private Tweed Shire resident DWS 3532683	<p>Extensive submission primarily relating to Black Rocks Sports Field, summarised as:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Black Rocks Sports Field use as a sports field is inappropriate and the site should be revegetated as Koala Habitat. Issues raised include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Negative impacts on fauna from sporting use, other human activities that are considered inappropriate, and maintenance activities • Further detail needed on sports fields to be provided in the future Dunloe Park release area • Disagrees with sport field allocation of 1.7ha per 1000 population in Tweed Shire, and the assessment of sports field demand in south coast precinct • Pottsville Oval to be retained as a formal sports field • Model aeroplanes to be banned from Black Rocks Sports Field • Black Rocks Sports Field to be fully fenced and a Koala/dog proof gate to be locked day & night with restricted key access only • 2 resident Black Rocks Koalas euthanized due to stress related illness • Burringbar sports field use to be more recognised • Council to obtain a large land parcel west of the highway near Clothiers Creek or Cudgera Creek Roads for a large sporting facility to service the shire

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. The Sports Field Strategy not be endorsed until more research is undertaken into ecological issues raised for the Black Rocks site. 3. Independent Plans Of Management should be prepared for all sports fields that are adjacent to koala or other significant habitat 4. Sports clubs should pay higher fees to reflect real cost of maintenance and infrastructure
<p>6. Private Tweed Shire resident DWS 3533737</p>	<p>Several comments or requests primarily relating to Black Rocks Sports Field, summarised as:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The strategy has not assessed the ecological impacts to three threatened species and habitat, or addressed the anticipated sports facility needs in the future Dunloe Park release area 2. Disagrees with sport field allocation of 1.7ha per 1000 population in Tweed Shire, and assessment of sports field demand in south coast precinct 3. Burringbar sports field use to be more recognised 4. All sports fields to be assessed in terms of vandalism and theft 5. Reference to matters such as fencing the Black Rocks sports fields, current level of use and no seats and tables to be installed for sports field users
<p>7. Team Koala DWS 353375-6</p>	<p>Concerns expressed regarding Black Rocks Sports Field, summarised as:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Insufficient data regarding Koalas in the Black Rocks area 2. Vandalism, break and enter, hooning and dog walking occurs near a known Koala site (Black Rocks Sports Field) 3. No need for sports field at Black Rocks, an excess of sports fields in southern precinct, and Pottsville Oval available when Black Rocks Sports Field was used 4. Isolated location means these fields are unsuitable for children, elderly or tourists, and they contribute to bushfire risk
<p>8. Private Tweed Shire resident DWS 33533845</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Black Rocks Sports Field will have a negative impact on surrounding habitat of threatened species with particular reference to Koalas including SEPP 44 2. The Sports Fields Strategy is not consistent with the Tweed Shire Community Strategic Plan regarding ecological sustainability 3. There is an oversupply of sports fields in the south coast precinct 4. Winter sports field use needs sports lighting, which has a negative impact on Koalas 5. Don't install seats for players/spectators as this will increase use of the sports field 6. Clarification of the fencing needs sought 7. Black Rocks Sports Field is not suitable because: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Doesn't allow for night use • Isolation means it is dangerous for children, elderly, visitors & tourists

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is a bushfire hazard • Below the preferred size for sports fields
<p>9. Private Tweed Shire resident representing multiple sports clubs using Kings cliff Sports fields DWS 3572902</p>	<p>Multiple emails received after closing date. The author proposes the Depot Road Sports Field should be brought on line much earlier and that the Kingscliff Soccer Club be relocated there. Considerable discussion on this matter among Kingscliff Sports Fields stakeholders has occurred.</p>