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Dear Grant,

Re: Proposal to amend TCT Lease to enable relocation of BMX Facility

Thank you for the letter outlining Council's response to the initial issues raised by TNR and TCT in meetings around the proposal to relocate NH BMX to the Albany Tennis Park site due to the NZTA Northern Corridor Project.

Council is seeking agreement to TCT voluntarily relinquishing control over parts of the leased site and has responded to the issues raised by TNR and TCT proposing action in three areas, namely the lease, the design of the BMX facility and future development of the ATP.

TNR and TCT acknowledge that Council has recognised that the restrictive timeframes are difficult for TNR and TCT and thus this response is provided in principle and will need to be further discussed with member clubs.

We appreciate that whilst Council is focussed on gaining agreement to the new facilities for Hockey, BMX and equestrian groups, it has recognised that there is a need for a reasonable outcome for tennis. It is disappointing that this will not equate to funds for the renewal of the existing facility.

We are pleased that Council has now acknowledged that it has a critical role to play in resolving the longstanding and ongoing issues which we face to identify a financially sustainable way forward for the ATP. Progress on this will need to be suitably resourced, focussed on outcomes, and be completed in a reasonable timeframe.

In principle TCT is prepared to agree to a change to the lease area subject to –

- Lease – conclusion of an amendment to the existing TCT lease or a new lease on similar or preferable terms, prior to commencement of construction of the BMX



facility to address the ability for ATP to operate in a commercial and sustainable way,.

- Design of the BMX facility – resources being available to enable TNR input to BMX facility design including for drainage, access and parking in addition to those matters you list. (see below).
- Financial Sustainability – a formal partnership agreement with clear and agreed outcomes, such as a development plan and operating model for the ATP site, to be completed in a defined timeframe. The partnership agreement will need to be agreed prior to final agreement to relinquish control of the land.

Like many community based sports organisations, TNR struggles to deliver its core programs and maintain significant facilities on its annual budget. Given this, progress on each of the matters above will not be possible unless there are additional resources available to TNR.

There has been ongoing discussion with Council on the use of a grant of \$240,000 allocated by Local Boards to progress development of the ATP. Availability of these funds to assist in progressing the matters above will be needed for progress to be made in a timely way.

TCT understands that the Upper Harbour Local Board will be considering a report on the Northern Corridor Project at its meeting in March. We would be happy for the in principle agreement being included in that report along with the requirements outlined above.

Yours



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Tony Weber (TNR)

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