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Dear Council Members

We understand the Council is currently considering the relocation of the East Coast Bays RSA's gaming machines to the Browns Bay Bowling Club and we are writing to record our strong support for this application.

Both the RSA and Bowling Club are founding members of the Browns Bay Sporting & Community Facilities Hub Project which recently completed a major feasibility study funded by our local council boards.

This study identified three key components to establishing a successful hub which were:

1. Central hub facility which provides for clubroom, social and function requirements for all the partners and wider community
2. Covered and outdoor bowling greens for both competitive and social bowl's needs
3. Sporting facilities associated with the partner organisations of Harbour Badminton, Harbour Volleyball and the Browns Bay Racquets Club and provide:
 - 6 x badminton courts,
 - 3 x volleyball courts,
 - Covered tennis courts for multipurpose activity.

The initial business model undertaken as part of the report indicates the proposed facility is likely to be viable. Part of this assumption is based on the central hub facility being able to generate various revenue streams which included circa \$100,000 after costs per annum from gaming machines.

We therefore see it as critical that the RSA can relocate its gaming machines to the bowling club to not only protect this revenue stream, but also to broaden the appeal of the proposed central hub facility.

Should you require any further information or would like a copy of the feasibility report, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Regards



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