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### **No More Room to Play?**

#### **Northern Sydney Councils to address local sports needs with Sportsground Management Strategy**

Northern Sydney Councils have agreed to work together in 2010 to develop a Regional Sports Ground Strategy to address critical imbalance of the number of sportsgrounds to player demand across the region.

The Northern Sydney Regional Organisation of Councils (NSROC), which consists of the Councils of North Sydney, Lane Cove, Hunter's Hill, Ryde, Willoughby, Hornsby and Ku-ring-gai, have identified an acute shortage of sportsfields in the region. The demands on these grounds are set to worsen with continued population growth and higher participation in community sports.

*"Increased demand and participation in community sport in our region is great. We just need to work out how to best match this with the limited space we have. As most sports competitions are organized across the region, I believe that a regional approach to sportsground management may provide a better path for addressing future needs."* said NSROC President and Hornsby Mayor Nick Berman.

In mid 2010 NSROC will release a Discussion Paper which will look at our future demands. Sportsground users will be encouraged to make submissions on how to improve the infrastructure and management of the grounds. The Discussion Paper will look at the growth of sports, hiring systems, multi-use facilities, new technologies and environmental issues and future developments.

Mayor Berman adds: *Community sport is a cornerstone for a healthy, vibrant community and we want to make northern Sydney a great place to play.*

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