To: Wodonga City Council
Sport and Recreational Officers

FROM: Kyle Brereton
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Wodonga Hockey Club

DATE: 18th January, 2023

RE: Lease Terms - Wodonga Hockey Facility, Silva Drive, West Wodonga.

The Wodonga Hockey Club (WHC) respectfully requests a Wodonga City Council review into the proposed Lease Term Agreement for the new Wodonga Hockey Facility, Silva Drive, West Wodonga. Specifically, sections relating to fixed terms, duration, and lease costs. Sections 6, 8 and 18.

The Wodonga Hockey Club understands 'standard' terms for sporting organisations are generally made up of an initial 5-year first team (item 8) and then two further terms of two (2) years. Lease costs (Item 6) are $150 plus GST per annum with a fixed per annum increase of 2.5%

Due to the Clubs 'significant' contribution to this project, the Club is seeking an alternative initial term of 10 years followed by two 5-year terms and the waiving of any associated lease costs for the duration of the 10 year term. Reasons for making this request are as follows.

i. The vision for the new facilities was a WHC initiative.
ii. The proposed alterative Lease Terms align with the existing terms in place with Hockey Albury Wodonga (reflective of their investment on their site in respect to a recent surface update).
iii. The WHC was directly responsible for sourcing the Federal Community Grants funding - $500K.
iv. The WHC successfully applied for Wodonga City Council support initial support funding - $350K.
v. The WHC worked diligently with the Wodonga City Council Recreational Officers is sourcing both State and additional Wodonga City Council funding (which we are ever grateful for).
vi. The WHC Committee provided direct input into the facilities design to ensure it meets both current and future requirements of both the WHC, as well as the Border BMX Club.
vii. The Club is contributing $200K of its own hard raised funds to the actual physical build, and
viii. The WHC will be contributing a further $40K to the facilities fit out.

The Wodonga Hockey Club has made a real and tangible contribution to planning, funding, construction, and fit out of these new facilities, and believe extended terms above the standard are warranted in this instance.

Thank you for your consideration

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