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Dear Mr Connell,

**Letter of Support – Victorian Amateur Football Association’s application to  
The Treasury Pre-Budget Submissions.**

I am delighted to provide a letter of support on behalf of Bayside City Council for the Victorian Amateur Football Association’s (VAFA) application to the Treasury pre-budget submissions for 300lux sportsground lighting at Elsternwick Park Oval 1 (Elsternwick Park No1 Oval).

Council strongly supports the provision of appropriate community infrastructure and views VAFA’s proposal to install lighting to 300 lux as a significant step to accommodate the increasing growth of all levels of football in Bayside and the broader region.

This level of lighting will support state league matches being played at night, providing more opportunity for the expanding competitions such as South Metro Junior Football League and VAFA’s women’s competition to utilise the facility for competition purposes. The increased capacity at the venue will assist Council to address a shortage of AFL Ovals in the central and northern wards of Bayside.

Elsternwick park No1 Oval is an ideal venue for the development opportunities for all levels of footballers in the region.

Council wish you all the best with your application and please do not hesitate to contact me by telephone on 9599 4699 if you have any further queries.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Damien Van Trier".

Damien Van Trier  
**Manager Open Space, Recreation and Wellbeing**

Copy: Sara Townsend

