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SUBJECT: Lake Tuggeranong Stormwater Reticulation Scheme – Options Brief

To: Minister for Tourism, Sport and Recreation

- Director-General, Economic Development Directorate
- Executive Director, Tourism, Events and Sport

From: Director, Sport and Recreation Services

Date: July 2012

Critical Date and Reason

To seek confirmation that the Lake Tuggeranong Stormwater Reticulation Scheme will not proceed any further at this stage in response to the draft *Secondary water use in the ACT* report released by the Independent Competition and Regulatory Commission (ICRC) on 14 May 2012.

Purpose

Seek agreement to cease progress of the Lake Tuggeranong Stormwater Reticulation Scheme and provide you with alternative projects to expend funding in accordance with the original *Where Will We Play* vision and the revised *Sportsground Sustainability: Progress Report* approved by you in November 2011.

Background

The *Where Will We Play* strategy was developed in 2007 in response to the likely introduction of Stage 4 water restrictions in the ACT at the time. Whilst Stage 4 water restrictions were avoided, the threat highlighted the dependency of the sports industry on potable water to support sporting operations.

SRS was provided with \$16.0 million in 2008/09 (\$8.0 million) and 2009/10 (\$8.0 million) to progress the vision detailed in *Where Will We Play*. This was considered seed funding as the necessary planning and design studies were yet to be commissioned. A number of key planning activities were undertaken by SRS, including:

- Water Management Plan for ACT Sportsgrounds – Finalised in May 2009 by Parsons Brinckerhoff (PB). This report recommended the progression of a stormwater reticulation scheme from Lake Tuggeranong as a priority.
- Synthetic Sport Surface Feasibility Study – Finalised in July 2008 by the Smart Connection Company. This report highlighted options for use of synthetic grass technologies in the ACT.
- Best Use Modelling Project (BUMP) Review – Finalised in July 2008 by the Sports Turf Institute (New Zealand), this diagnostic review benchmarked and provided