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To Whom it May Concern

I understand the Tumut Rugby Club is applying to the NSW Stronger Country Communities Fund for funding to build new facilities, including change rooms, at Jarrah Oval.

Built over 50 years ago, the Tumut Rugby Club is concerned that the current facilities are in a state of requiring an upgrade to refresh, modernise and improve accessibility for the enjoyment of players and visitors. Currently, the Tumut Ladies Rugby Club and visiting clubs have to share the men's amenities that were built in 1960.

The Tumut Rugby Club is also part of the SIRU competition and has a number of teams which travel across the region to attend games at Tumut. At present, the Club is not in a position to provide adequate change rooms or public and disabled facilities.

The Tumut Rugby Club is seeking funding to construct new facilities to promote female participation and cater for disabled access. The construction of new facilities, particularly change rooms, would greatly improve community engagement, foster a sense of safety and boost the capabilities of the club to ensure an inclusive environment. The project has received considerable local support and the new facilities will also be used by local schools and during inter-school competitions. The project will also have a positive impact on economic activity by utilising local trades and services.

I support Tumut Rugby Club's application for funding to construct new change rooms. This project will significantly improve the accessibility and inclusion of female and disabled players and visitors. The project will also deliver measurable benefits and ensure the club can continue to meet the needs of the community.

Yours sincerely

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