



New South Wales

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Minister for Ports & Waterways  
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Rev Marty Davis  
President  
Sussex Inlet & Districts Skate & BMX Club Inc.  
Sun and Surf Shop  
168 Jacobs Drive  
SUSSEX INLET NSW 2540

Dear Rev Davis

Thank you for informing me of the progress made by the Club in developing a proposal to establish a skate and BMX precinct in Sussex Inlet. I understand the importance of providing recreational facilities of a high standard for regional and rural communities. This becomes even more important in communities such as yours where the permanent population of youth is swelled during holiday season with greatly increased numbers of youths spending extended periods of time in your local community.

Collocation of the proposed skate and BMX facility within the Thompson Street Sporting Complex will achieve a central hub for youth and sporting activities alongside the local school.

The engagement of an architectural firm which has been able to achieve an environmentally sustainable design including solar power and water catchment is to be commended. The inclusion of shaded viewing areas, BBQ facilities, fitness equipment and disabled access will encourage whole family and inter-generational involvement. With the skate and BMX courses being designed by Sk8scapes, this facility is certain to be popular within the local community, and an attraction to many youth across the Shoalhaven region, and beyond.

I understand the total cost of the project is estimated at \$400,000 and that Shoalhaven City Council is supporting the project with a grant of \$50,000, and the community is aiming to raise \$150,000, and that you are seeking a NSW Government grant through the Department of Sport and Recreation for the sum of \$200,000. I am happy to lend my support to your project, which promotes healthy outdoor recreational activities.

Yours sincerely

**Paul McLeay MP**  
**Minister for Ports and Waterways**  
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