

Sport Taranaki Yarrow Stadium Submission

April 2019

Organisation Overview

Sport Taranaki is one of 14 Regional Sports Trusts throughout New Zealand. Sport Taranaki is a registered charitable trust with a vision for creating an 'Active Healthy Taranaki'. Sport Taranaki has been a local leader in the sport and recreation sector for over 25 years and for the past 10 years has been located in a building to the south-east of the East Stand at Yarrow Stadium.

Sport Taranaki serves a population of over 120,000 across three districts, one regional council, one district health board, 94 schools, 35 regional sport and recreation organisations, and over 500 sport and recreation clubs. Sport Taranaki straddles the same area boundaries as the Taranaki Regional Council and both organisations have aligned objectives around 'Improving Lifestyles'. For Sport Taranaki a significant part of our core business is working with clubs, Regional Sports Organisations, Councils, facilities, and community groups to create environments that enable our communities to have positive physical activity, sport, and recreation experiences throughout life. Because of this we have close relationships with many sports codes and understand many of the issues they face in terms of facilities but also with respect to their utilisation of Yarrow Stadium in the past, present, and into the future.

Sport Taranaki's Interests in Yarrow Stadium

Sport Taranaki are committed to the objectives of the Sport NZ Facility Framework. The Framework Outcomes include strategic decision making around facility development, smart investment, and a network of facilities that are fit for purpose, well utilised, accessible, sustainable, and future proofed.

As a key delivery partner for Sport NZ, Sport Taranaki has been integral to the development and implementation of the Taranaki Regional Sport and Recreation Facility Approach. The Approach was developed by a Regional Stakeholder Project Group with assistance from external consultants – Global Leisure Group. The strategy development process included an extensive document review and consultation with sports codes and facilities. The Approach is intended to provide a framework to guide regional and district provision, collaborative planning, and investment. The documentation that informed the Approach includes an inventory of existing facilities, an analysis of the gap between the current provision and future needs of 42 sports, identification of future investment requirements, establishment of a facility hierarchy for the region, and a prioritised list of recommendations for facility development and rationalisation. Overprovision was identified in some districts and within certain codes as well as gaps in provision, particularly in New Plymouth. It highlighted that New Plymouth is where demand for more provision from population growth and population changes will occur. Facilities will need to be more adaptable, attractive, multi-purpose, and better meet the needs of a wider range of activities and users.

The key objectives of the Approach are to develop a strategic region-wide view of the facility network and to identify priorities for future facility planning that respond to the changing landscape of sport. The community sport context for facility development and rationalisation includes pressure on funder investment priorities, an aging network of facilities, changing community demographics and participation trends, increasing user expectations, a decreasing volunteer culture and increasing volunteer burden, an acknowledgment of the hierarchy of facilities, as well as the risks of responding to wants over needs.

Ordinarily these objectives would sit outside the realm of commercial and spectator sport which is at the heart of Yarrow Stadium, however the current proposal and preferred option(s) for Stadium development include significant increased ratepayer investment, sport-specific enhancements, and proposed increased 'community use' all of which are of interest to Sport Taranaki and align to the Approach. As such we feel the same rigor and equity must be applied to this project as it would be to all sports facility proposals.

The Approach was adopted by the Steering Group in 2018 who have led its implementation. The Steering Group includes representatives from the original Stakeholder Project Group – New Plymouth, Stratford, and South Taranaki District Councils, TSB Community Trust, NZCT, TET, Sport NZ, and Sport Taranaki. The Group has developed a process for reviewing and assessing facility projects (including maintenance and redevelopment) against the priorities, facility planning principles, and criteria set out in the Approach for making recommendations to funders and improving collaborative decision making. Since January 2019 the Group has reviewed 14 projects of varying scale, from sport and recreation organisations for facility improvements, maintenance, or development.

Observations

Sport Taranaki acknowledges that Yarrow Stadium is important to the region; it is part of our history, our pride, and our network of sports facilities particularly for high performance sport. We commend Taranaki Regional Council's swift action in ensuring public safety with respect to the earthquake risks that have been identified and your concerted efforts to find a suitable solution to get the Stadium operational once more.

Recommendation

Sport Taranaki respectfully asks that Taranaki Regional Council reconsiders the proposed options and provide more information to the public about options between \$6million and \$55million.

All options (excluding Option 1) include a permanent capacity of 20,000+; Sport Taranaki does not support this scale of stadium for Taranaki. The BERL Report clearly states that the only times capacity over 15,000 is required is for All Blacks matches once every 3 years and a NPC semi-final in 2014. We believe this additional capacity could be met with temporary seating which could also serve other sports codes within the region if transportable. The Regional Sport and Recreation Facility Approach clearly states that "...it is recognised that providing high performance training facilities or International/National level facilities for major sporting events it is not supported in terms of the level of demand and is not economically sustainable for a region of Taranaki's size. (page 21)".

The appropriate scale of solution must be considered in light of the following:

- Rugby Park (the site of Yarrow Stadium) is not an appropriate or preferred location for a Multi-Sport Hub due to size, location, current use restrictions
- Yarrow Stadium must be considered within the context of the wider network of sport facilities and current needs, priorities, and processes for the region
- Declining spectator trends across the country
- Declining rugby participation trends nationally
- The changing nature of sport participation and move towards modified sports and informal participation

- The NZ Rugby Union's inability to provide certainty over All Blacks fixtures in the regions and the cost to bring such fixtures to Taranaki compared to the benefits of hosting other sporting fixtures (i.e. national secondary schools tournament week)
- The impact of a substantial rates increase on our aging population and on our District Council's ability to increase rates for priority sport and community projects

Sport Taranaki supports reinstating the function of Yarrow Stadium with the least impact on ratepayers as suitable to service the majority of its Stadium-related events (5,000 – 10,000 spectators). And while we appreciate that additional revenue can be generated through expanding corporate functionality we do not believe that this the main purpose of the Stadium or a priority for ratepayers.

Sport Taranaki does not support the funding of sport-related enhancements via this proposed model and asks that these either continue to be accounted for under the existing Asset Management Plan or are considered within the priorities and process of the Regional Sport and Recreation Facility Approach. In terms of rugby, some key challenges have been identified that were common amongst a number of sport codes and included access to a regional training venue (including an artificial floodlit turf for representative and some club players), improved field quality and drainage, a large multi-field venue, training lights, and the ongoing maintenance of clubrooms and changing facilities which highlights why these activities should be considered as part of a collaborative planning process.

Sport Taranaki recommends that Regional Council further investigates the empowering legislation as an opportunity to broaden the scope of its powers beyond Rugby Park so that any future or additional rate takings could be considered for targeted regional sport and recreation facility investment. This has been a successful model recently implemented by Northland Regional Council to grow and develop sport and recreation across their region.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback on the proposed options for reinstating Yarrow Stadium and for the information that has been provided to date, we look forward to speaking to this submission in May.

Attachments

- Taranaki Regional Sport and Recreation Facility Approach
- Northland Regional Council Target Sport and Recreation Facilities Rate (media item)

Submission form

SUBMITTER

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I wish to present my submission personally at a hearing scheduled for 13/14 May

Yes No

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YARROW STADIUM

Which is your preferred option for the future of Yarrow Stadium?

Tick one of these boxes:

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This is the Council's preferred option
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- Option 6: New East Stand, extended West Stand, new North Stand, new South Terrace
- Option 7: New Stadium
- Option 8: New Stadium with roof

COMMENTS

The Spotswood Volleyball Club (Inc) does NOT prefer any of the 8 options detailed above. There are other options that the TRC has chosen not to suggest. These are: -

- * (a) Demolish the stands and build a new West stand to seat 5,000.
- (b) Repair the current stands with NO updated facilities \$33m.
- (c) Review in 5-10 years the need or necessity to update facilities \$23m.
- * The SVC preference is to option (a)

SUBMISSION COMMENTS FROM SPOTSWOOD VOLLEYBALL LCUB (Inc)

PREAMBLE:

In considering my submission, we have identified the 3 major points in the Taranaki Regional Council Empowering Act 2001 referring to Rugby Park (now Yarrows Stadium) that we wish to highlight:-

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:RECENT DEVELOPMENT:

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It is a myth to suggest that Yarrows stadium is internationally considered as an iconic stadium. This status can only be attributed to both Pukekura Park and the Bowl of Brooklands- the latter regularly hosting major musical events drawing up to 18,000 spectators(despite weather factors) and no corporate facilities, etc. Most patrons actually sit on the grass banks.

ALTERNATIVE OPTION:

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2. Demolish both stands and rebuild them \$33m – with no added gymnasium or upgrading.
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Local club and IPC games could be played that on average attract that number of spectators.

This option would cost less than \$15m.

A new eastern stand and upgrading facilities are matters that can be researched in 5-10 years time.

:SUPPORTING MATERIAL:

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Every sport is entitled to a fair share of the funds that are available.

Various sporting codes in North Taranaki have since 2006 regularly asked the NPDC to upgrade facilities as they cannot cater for their increasing numbers of participants. Mainly due to public pressure in trying to limit rate increases the NPDC has continually put the upgrading of these facilities on hold.

Collectively Badminton, Basketball, Football, Hockey, Netball, and Volleyball have over 20,000 registered players in Taranaki whose health and well-being has been impacted by the lack of facilities.

Our Club has struggled to survive because of the lack of indoor stadium space in New Plymouth. The sport of Volleyball has never been able to cater for players under the age of 13 simply because there are no venues available. As stated above we have continually lobbied the NPDC but they have decided to re-assess the situation in 2027. Participation wise, Volleyball is now the 5th biggest sport in secondary schools in New Zealand.

Like Basketball, Volleyball can no longer host any major regional or national events because of the lack of court space available in North Taranaki. We need to have 30 courts to host the NZSS senior championships.

Should the TRC decide to go ahead with their favoured option 2 for \$55m there will be two major impacts on other sporting codes.

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This decision is based on the importance of a "bells and whistles" stand alone facility, the financial commitment required, what possible useage the venue would receive, the impact on all other sporting codes, and the financial impact on the regional ratepayers.

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I wish to start by saying that this submission is not to be considered an anti-rugby document. In fact my father was heavily involved as a member of the Tukapa RFC who along with members of the Star RFC who developed the majority of the Rugby Park complex and gifted the 8 acres to the Taranaki RFU in 1957, plus a cheque for 2,553 pounds (\$5106 approximately \$½ million at today's value. See attachment.

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PROPERTY DEVELOPERS: TUKAPA'S GIFT TO THE TRFU

As mentioned elsewhere in this Booklet, for the first forty years of Tukapa's existence, the TRFU lacked a dedicated home venue of their own for representative fixtures and important club games. Rugby Park (today's Yarrow Stadium) was not developed as a venue until 1937 and when it did open it contained only what are now the Number 1 and Number 2 fields. Significantly one of the options that the TRFU looked at before deciding to locate at Rugby Park was nearby Sanders Park. Talks were held with Tukapa about the TRFU taking over Sanders Park but, having just relocated there from Western Park a few years earlier, Tukapa told the TRFU "no thanks".

When it did open in May of 1937, the first match played on Rugby Park was a club game between Tukapa and Stratford, with the first to score a try on the new venue being Tukapa man Bill Sanger. Final score in the match was a six all draw. Lack of money held up further development of the Park and in 1945 the TRFU offered the Park to the New Plymouth Borough Council for them to take over and run. This offer was politely declined, although 60 years later the complex eventually did pass into the control of NPDC.

During the late 1940's various local fundraising efforts helped the TRFU pay off its original debt incurred in developing Rugby Park but expansion of the Park remained on hold. Fields 3 and 4 at Yarrow Stadium, as they are now, remained on the wish-list until the two neighbouring clubs, Tukapa and Star, stepped up with an incredibly generous donation, long since forgotten about by most of the local rugby public.

The following extract from the 75th Tukapa Jubilee Booklet outlines the details:

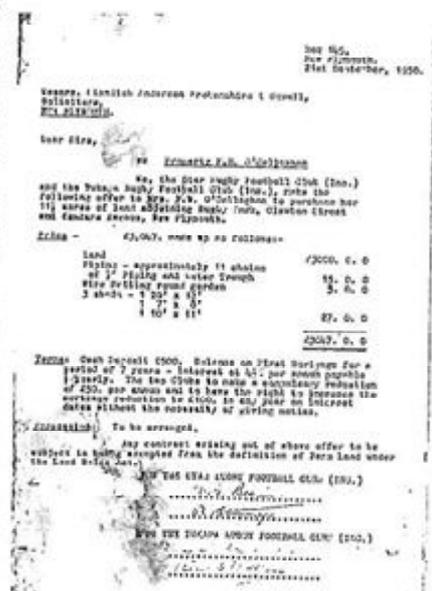
In 1950 when the Taranaki Rugby Union was not in a position to do so, the Tukapa and Star Rugby Clubs combined their efforts to purchase an area of 11.5 acres

of land to the south of Rugby Park for the purpose of providing additional playing fields. After making the purchase, a control committee from the two clubs, with the assistance of the Rugby Park Committee, agreed on a long-term plan for the development. This plan provided for the sale of approximately one acre to the Education Department for the extension of the Westown School grounds and the sale of approximately 2.5 acres fronting Clawton Street for new housing. The remaining area of just over eight acres was sufficient for two full-sized rugby grounds running east-west behind the existing No. 1 and 2 grounds, together with an additional entrance for spectators from Clawton Street.

The formation and selling off of the Clawton Street sections completed the first phase of the Scheme and, on 29 October 1957, the Star and Tukapa Control Committee wrote to the Taranaki Rugby Union offering them the gift of 8 acres of land plus the profit from the earlier sale of surplus land. The following year the Tukapa Club in association with Star, at a special gathering of representatives of the Clubs and the Rugby Union, handed over the title to the land together with a cheque for £2,553 (\$5106 or \$434,010 at today's value).

Records from publications of the day tell us that this gift was lauded at the time as being un-precedented in NZ rugby history. One of the conditions of the donation was that the Tukapa Club be granted the right to erect a gymnasium or other building on the gifted land if and when requested by the Club. This stipulation was duly agreed to by the Rugby Park Committee with the grateful TRFU then deciding to name the two new grounds parallel to Clawton Street as the Tukapa and Star fields. For some years afterwards the touchline flags used on each of these two grounds bore the colours of the respective benefactor clubs.

Since those far-off days the ownership and control of Rugby Park has passed on firstly to a Trust that oversaw the re-building of the Park to create Yarrow Stadium and then, more recently, the whole complex was vested into the hands of the New Plymouth District Council with the TRFU remaining on site as a tenant of NPDC.



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I prefer none of the above options

Comment (field will expand as required)

My name is Tony Bedford. I have had over 30 years involvement in both community and professional sport predominantly in rugby at local, regional, national and international level.

I am against redevelopment and enhancement of Yarrow Stadium to a level that was previous with capacity over 25,000 and with two major grandstands. Our community does not warrant a facility of this size, cost and ongoing operational costs. As the Berle report stated there has been one occasion in the last 11 years an attendance of 20,000 excluding All Black games. A Stadium of a capacity of 15,000 would have accommodated events that have been held at the stadium over the last 11 years. Taranaki Rugby has not averaged 8000 per game in the last 14 years!

The main stadium is predominately used for rugby. Nationally live attendance for rugby outside of test matches is dropping..... Highest average attendance for Super Rugby in Australasia last year was just over 15,000 by the Hurricanes. Wellington attendance for Mitre 10 Cup last year averaged just over 3800 while Waikato who hosted the final in the Division that Taranaki are in attracted just over 5000 people. I don't feel that stadia the current size should be built so you have a capacity crowd for an All Black game once every 3 or 4 years is justified and funded by rate payers, likewise having the facilities upgraded to host functions and weddings.

I am also against additional ratepayer funded enhancements for the stadium such as offices and gymnasium for a selected sports code while many others do not have the same opportunity. If rugby needs these facilities then they should be funding them themselves like local rugby clubs and other sports clubs do.

It is interesting to note that other facilities----TSB Stadium, Aquatic Centre etc have had upgrade proposals deferred due to the NPDC not having the funding available at the present time and the desire to minimize rate increases.

I urge the TRC to look at a stadium that suits the community needs. A one stand stadium with a capacity of around 15,000 would be acceptable to host all of the events that have been held over the last 10 years excluding All Black tests. While the costs could be similar to reinstatement the ongoing costs of maintenance and attendance should be less.

Could the TRC provide publicly a full list of annual operating costs for the stadium with associated income from events and tenancies without any outside contributions from grants, council, etc.

With the community funding the redevelopment there needs to be more detailed long term planning of the whole of the facility as the whole of the area is underutilized. Toilets and pay for play pitches for social and formal sport on the outlying fields would be advantageous for the wider community who are going to fund this upgrade.

[Local Government Funding Agency Scheme](#)

Tick if you also wish to submit on the Council's proposal to join the Local Government Funding Agency Scheme

Upload any documents you may have that support your submission (one document per button).

Document 1

Document 2

Document 3

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Comment (field will expand as required)

I want to speak from a individual perspective, a rate payer that wants to see value for money.. The world has changed and rugby is no longer a preferred sport. We a talk about team sports yet we have an idea that is thinking individuals and "I" rather than an "US" . People of Taranaki need to look at building big and better for the future. Building for all the sporting people not just one sport. Those days are now over. Rugby does not bring in enough revenue for rate payers to invest such a large amount of money to retain Yarrow Stadium. Yarrow Stadium must be demolished and replaced and an all round sporting stadium that is inclusive, that involves all major sports. Netball, Hockey, Cricket and many other indoor sports that require a stadium to be able to grow their sports even soccer.

I am opposed to the possibility of even spending one cent on one sport that my family do not follow or support when I see other sporting bodies struggling to supply the basics for their sports, like swimming, gymnastics, karate and there are many others that I may not know about. TRC talks about prudent spending and using their monies wisely then if this is their aspiration then they need to look wider and take a risk ad build a complex that facilitates for all sports within Taranaki not just Rugby.

Waitara is a Town that leads by example of what not to do, they raised money to build a gymnasium, and 3/4 roof for netball and in time a changing room and facility for Rugby League leaving all other

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sporting bodies in the cold even the netball courts are exposed
unfinished and appalling, TRC and NPDC gave not support
financially for this project so why Yarrow Stadium.

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**Tick if you also wish to submit on
the Council's proposal to join the** No

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YARROW STADIUM

Which is your preferred option for the future of Yarrow Stadium?

Tick one of these boxes:

- Option 1: Demolish stands, grass banks
- Option 2: Repair stands and update facilities
This is the Council's preferred option
- Option 3: Repair stands, add extra uncovered seating
- Option 4: Repair stands, add extra seating, add community facilities
This is a potential preferred option if a co-funding partner emerges
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- Option 6: New East Stand, extended West Stand, new North Stand, new South Terrace
- Option 7: New Stadium
- Option 8: New Stadium with roof

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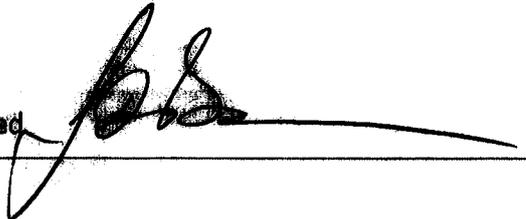
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NONE OF THESE OPTIONS SHOULD BE CONSIDERED

FIRST THE COUNCIL SHOULD IMMEDIATELY REMOVE THE COVERED ROOF FROM THE WEST STAND AND LEAVE THE BUILDINGS AND SEATING AS IS, SO THEY CAN BE USED. THERE SHOULD BE NO EARTHQUAKE RISK LEFT (NO EXTRA COSTS TO RATEPAYERS)

2ND BUSINESS BE GIVEN 12 MONTHS TO COME UP WITH A PLAN TO FIX THE EAST STAND, AT THEIR COST NOT RATEPAYERS IF BUSINESS GOT TOGETHER THEY WOULD REPAIR THE EAST STAND AT A FRACTION OF THE QUOTED PRICE THEY ARE THE ONES WHO MAKE MONEY OUT OF RIBBY PARK



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Yarrow Stadium

What is your preferred option for the future of Yarrow Stadium? Other

Comment (field will expand as required) Repair Stand to required standard, without adding any extra facilities. We also want an exemption of a rate increase for outlying areas such as Ngamatapouri, Waitotara, Waverley and Patea. Preferably complete exemption or if not possible a reduced rate increase from what the rest of Taranaki will be charged

Local Government Funding Agency Scheme

Tick if you also wish to submit on the Council's proposal to join the Local Government Funding Agency Scheme No

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Yarrow Stadium

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The priority for the community and for ratepayer expenditure is community sport facilities which enable thousands of residents to be active every week as identified in the Regional Sports Facility Strategy. Consultation regarding proposed enhancements has not been transparent or community-wide, evidence around decisions has not been provided, and the enhancements do not align with the Strategy or the current processes followed by sports for facility development. We support that a repair of some scale needs to be undertaken but require more detail of what is included in the \$36m is required and what scale of stadium is appropriate for the region now and into the future. We do not support the \$19m of enhancements which should be accounted for within the existing Asset Management Plan and/or via the Regional Facility Strategy process if sport-related. We feel strongly that there is a great need for an equitable approach to facility improvements and funding across sports

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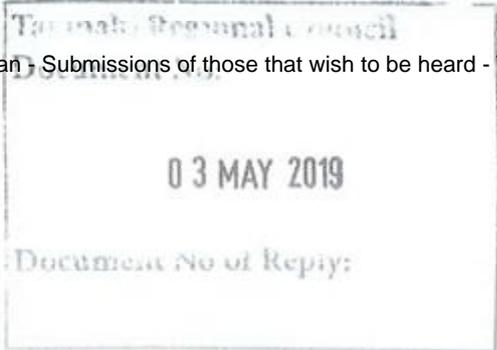
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Peter David Tennent QSO
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23 April, 2019

Chair and Councillors,

Re: Yarrow Stadium

Many thanks for the opportunity to comment on your draft 2019/2020 Annual Plan, specifically relative to the opportunity for this region to again host international events in a world class stadium.

I acknowledge some of my perceived conflicts –

The stadium bears my wife Rosemary's maiden name.

The west stand carries the name of Rosemary's parents (Noel & Melva Yarrow Stand)

I sit on the TRFU

Rosemary and I have connections (as members, sponsors, trustees, and patrons) with a significant number of local organisations.

Rosemary and I own The Devon Hotel.

We are responsible for total annual rates payments in the six figures, spread over a number of properties – each will attract a targeted fixed annual charge should this proceed.

I would like to congratulate you all on your leadership!

For the region to retain and attract people (and investment), it is critical we are seen as a great place to live, to work, and to raise a family. Having a world class stadium, is a vital part of that mix.

We need to be perceived to have it all. And that list is exhaustive. It includes a continually enhanced and valued environment we are all proud of, parks, galleries, walkways, education, safety, opportunities for our young people to become the best that they can be, support and opportunities for the elderly and for our most vulnerable....the list goes on and on – a region that is truly like no other.

Time and time again, it is you all (and the Taranaki Regional Council), that have stepped up. Again, I thank you.

Never the less, as a region we need to think bigger. I accept the premise that the contribution from the ratepayer purse (through the TRC) should be capped at \$55M.



BUT I truly believe we can and should do better. What was an appropriate and world class stadium 20 years ago, is not so now. Yes, I'd love to see the Stadium up and available as soon as possible, but I also believe as a region we have a unique opportunity to think (and develop) a stadium for the next 20 years. It's an opportunity, that will not come again in our lifetimes.

I would be disappointed if the government does not also show leadership with a significant top-up to make that possible. Our governments talks about their backing for regional New Zealand – now is the time to support that rhetoric. To create something unique and special for New Zealand, it is critical our government fronts up.

I would be disappointed if philanthropic trusts, corporates, and individuals associated with this place do not step up.

Chair and Councillors, the issues we are facing at Yarrow Stadium are unfortunate, but presents us a unique opportunity. I ask that you approve the \$55M in your draft 2019/2020 Annual Plan. I also ask that your vision is not restricted to Option 2. Time is of the essence, but let's think big picture. Let's give our government and others an opportunity to step up.

I am aware that a number of the sporting bodies (most that Rosemary and I support in various capacities) will be making submissions to the effect that the demands of sport are continually changing, with old and new sports and sporting opportunities not being appropriately catered for at present. I accept that is not the specific mandate of the TRC, but I would encourage the TRC and the Yarrow Stadium Trust to work with those codes to maximise the opportunity this presents us. Before contracts are let, it's important we maximise the potential benefits, now and into the future.

We need to aspire to have a cutting-edge stadium, that caters for events (sporting and otherwise), that is truly world class – a stadium that caters for the next 20 years and beyond. A stadium like no other.

I ask:

The TRC approves a contribution of \$55M to the reinstatement and enhancement of an International Stadium

The TRC instructs the Yarrow Stadium Trust to work with interested parties to maximise the opportunities (sporting and otherwise) with the developed stadium.

The TRC instructs the Yarrow Stadium Trust (with the support of appropriate community leaders and organisations) to use best endeavours to attract significant additional financial support.

I would appreciate the opportunity to speak to my submission.

Yours faithfully,



Peter Tennent QSO