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Dear Mr Gallop

United for Macarthur - Support for the United for Macarthur A-League Bid

I have been approached by Campbelltown Council and the United for Macarthur A-League Bid to add my support for the bid to locate one of the new A-League Franchises in our region.

This is something I am very happy to do. I have been briefed about the Macarthur bid and believe it would be something very exciting for our community.

This region is undergoing a transformation and will soon be home to Sydney's second airport, which will provide opportunities for local supports and better accessibility for fans from other regions to visit the area. A professional team would bring major benefits to my region, both economic and social.

The United for Macarthur Bid offers a range of community programs that will benefit everyone. The bid will be supported by the strong and growing football community in my region, with over 11 000 registered players, with that figure set to grow to over 18,000 in coming years. The support of a locally based team will be a great benefit to young locals, giving them their own A-League Team to aspire to.

I am particularly impressed by the core tenant of the bid being community ownership, with a co-operative structure that is innovative for sporting teams in Australia. I am told that similar structures have been hugely successful internationally, with clubs such as Barcelona, Real Madrid and the majority of the Bundesliga to name a few examples.

My community and I would be delighted if the Football Federation of Australia awarded the Macarthur region with one of the two licences on offer.

Yours sincerely

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