

11 March 2014

The Hon Andrew Stoner MP Minister for Regional Infrastructure & Services Level 30 Governor Macquarie Tower 1 Farrer Place SYDNEY NSW 2000

Dear Minister

Paddington Bowling Club

I write to again request investigation into the operations of the Paddington Bowling Club, following disturbing information published about the history of the club and its management. I have repeatedly asked for review of the lease and operations of this facility.

Recent published research into the history of governance and finances of the Paddington Bowling Club provide details about the club and its operations dating back some years. Investigative journalist Wendy Bacon has reviewed Woollahra Council, ASIC and OLGR Inquiry files since the 1990s and published material that supports concerns that I have previously raised when requesting investigation of this facility and its lease of Crown Land:

www.wendybacon.com/2014/how-developers-got-hold-of-prime-sydney-land/ www.wendybacon.com/2014/padd-bowls-inquiry-first-media-report/

Wendy Bacon says that more material will shortly be published. I understand that Woollahra Councillors recently met with departmental officers to discuss these concerns.

Constituents have contacted me in alarm about these revelations and asked for review of the lease and management of the club. I share community concern that the Government protect public land and ensure leases meet probity standards.

I request urgent review of management and operations of the Paddington Bowling Club. Could you please inform me what action you will take?

Yours sincerely

Alex Greenwich **Member for Sydney**

CC: Minister for Tourism, Major Events Hospitality and Racing