

Mixed reviews for Whitehorse City Council's Flood-Lighting Draft Policy

Whitehorse City Council received many mixed reviews from the public after releasing their draft flood-lighting policy that suggests restricting the use of newly upgraded flood-lighting for sporting club night competition to no later than 9:30PM, two nights per week.

When advertised on Whitehorse City Council's Facebook page last Wednesday strong opinions arose in the comment section.



Source: Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/whitehorsecitycouncil>)

Bill Stewart Athletics Track (BSAT) is one of the larger sports facilities in the area that has benefitted from flood-lighting upgrades that may still be affected.

BSAT Venue Manager and current coach/athlete at Nunawading Athletics Club David Thompson told DSCRIBE,

"Obviously the whole point is for them to be used isn't it?"

Continuing,

"It would certainly compromise Bill Stewart's ability to provide sport because we're a multi-sport facility"

Councillor Ben Stennett in response to the suggestion of a strongly mixed public opinion responded,

“Obviously it’s out for consultation and anybody who wishes to have their say, can, and once the consultation period’s finished then I’ll be looking at all the responses with the other councillors”.

He continues,

“I certainly encourage anyone that’s interested to read the policy and make any comments they wish”.

The new LED flood-lights supposedly ‘leak’ much less outside of the grounds as well as being better for the environment with a smaller need for maintenance over time compared to their predecessors.

The lights are currently rolling out across public outdoor sports courts and are proposed to be lit up to 9:00PM throughout the year with skate parks remaining lit until 10:00PM.

Please let us know what you think by filling out our public opinion survey [here](#) and have your say to the council [here](#) before August 10th.