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To Auckland Council,

**Re.: Submission on Parks & Community Component of Council’s Long-Term Plan**

This is a personal submission in support of the funding for sport and recreation facilities as part of the Auckland Council’s Long-Term Plan. I am also a member of XYZ Tennis Club.

As a resident of Auckland, and someone who is an active sports and recreation participant, I appreciate the commitment and support that Auckland Council has made, and continues to make, to the sport and recreation landscape of the city. I also am very aware of pressures and challenges the Council is facing.

As an active tennis player and club member, I have personally experienced a wide disparity in the quality of club and public tennis facilities across Auckland. A greater level of investment to maintain, improve, and protect facilities from the ever-increasing ravages of weather extremes, would be hugely beneficial to the sport and its participants.

*Personal experience of tennis facilities that need investment.*

I fully support the retention of the existing Sport & Recreation Facilities Investment Fund at its current level, plus adding the proposed (non-contestable) additional $35m investment. This will be vital in addressing the sport and recreation infrastructure deficit and upgrading the existing infrastructure.

I hope that the changes to the LTP in the sports and recreation sector are adopted, and the Council can continue to assist in enhancing the infrastructure, to ensure the massive economic, societal, and health & well-being benefits of sport and recreation are maximised.

Yours sincerely,

Full Name

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