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Ms Melanie Cowles  
Recreation Projects Officer  
Willoughby City Council  
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Dear Ms Cowles

**Re: Conversion of Northbridge Park tennis courts to multi-use**

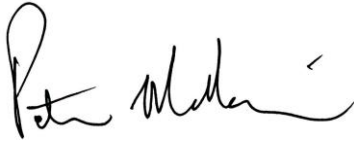
Thank you for your letter of December 9 inviting NPA to comment on the proposal for multi-use sports courts at Northbridge Park.

We agree with most aspects of the draft layout and guidelines proposed and commend Council on trying to develop facilities which appeal to a broad section of the community.

NPA has a concern about the loss of natural bushland and open space in Willoughby through incremental development. We ask Council to minimise the impact of any extension of Court 2 to the west and the development of a new pavilion and barbecue area.

We are also concerned that, by marking Court 1 for both tennis and volleyball and installing permanent net posts to provide for both games, players will need to erect and dismantle nets whenever they play. We believe that this will discourage both tennis and volleyball being played, particularly by children. For this reason, we would like to see Court 1 marked only for tennis.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Peter McNair', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Peter McNair  
President

Copy: Sailors Bay Ward Councillors  
Mr Steven Head  
Ms Julie Whitfield

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At December 2011, the Association had 464 members.*