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**Dear Bill**

### **National Participation Fee, National Insurance Levy and Rugby Link**

This is clearly the biggest issue faced by Australian and New South Wales Community Rugby.

The significant changes proposed by the ARU for the way we manage and administer rugby have quite frankly been rejected by the people that run community rugby in NSW that we represent.

NSWRU have held meetings with NSW Suburban Rugby (24/11) SJRU (27/11) SRU (27/11 & 8/12) CJRU (29/11) CRU (30/11) Sydney Women (8/12) and SJRU again (17/12). The feedback we have received has been consistent and all concerns have all been made known to the ARU.

These concerns were raised with the review committee from the very first meeting in June, have been put in writing to Andrew Larratt numerous times and you will have now received the detailed letter from respected NSW Suburban Rugby Chairman and NSWRU Director Paul Timmins.

#### **National Participation Fee**

The NPF has been accepted reasonably well, as long as we can show a value return to our Affiliates and include them in the planning and allocation of funds.

#### **National Insurance Levy**

NSWRU does not accept, and will not participate in the NIL on a per participant basis. We have made prudent inquiries and have assurances that we can obtain the same policy on the same terms as previous years. This can be done either as a part of your National scheme through Gow Gates, or with any number of alternate insurers. Clearly it is in the best interest of all States that we remain in the National scheme.

#### **Rugby Link**

The introduction of the much needed Rugby Link management system has been seriously damaged by the impact of the NPF and NIL. At least two major Unions are considering retaining their existing registration systems and this is not a desired outcome.

In summary, NSWRU accepts the responsibility to collect the NPF and we will continue to work with our unions to achieve this. We will continue to promote and support Rugby Link as it replaces the inadequate MRA.

Should the ARU not be prepared to meet our requirements in relation to the per team insurance model currently in place NSWRU will take responsibility for Insurance in NSW and negotiate premium payments on behalf of our members.

Yours truly

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