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Mr John Keeley
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Dear Mr Keeley

Thank you for your letter of 23 September 2010 about the future use of the Narrabundah neighbourhood oval.

I can confirm that the Department of Education and Training (DET) has engaged a design consultant (architect) to prepare master plan options for a possible expansion of the early childhood school. This is in response to future school enrolment projections for the school. In view of the limited land area currently available to the school, DET has indicated that one option may be to access some of the land area occupied by the sportsground to accommodate the expansion.

DET expects to receive the master plan options in late November 2010, which will examine the existing land area available to the school, along with the adjoining sportsground and carpark. This will then confirm whether any land will be required by the school and the extent of capital works that may be required. The master plan options will also propose options to improve the sportsground and surrounds for the benefit of sporting users and the local community.

In view of the work being undertaken by DET, Sport and Recreation Services has temporarily suspended its negotiations with St Edmunds College for a sub-lease over the oval. This is a temporary situation until the master plan options are available and reviewed by DET and Sport and Recreation Services.

I would expect that Sport and Recreation Services will be in a position in early December 2010 to advise St Edmunds College of the position and determine how any possible arrangements can be progressed.

ACT LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

Thank you for your interest in this matter and your support for the St Edmunds proposal. Should you wish to discuss this matter, please contact Mr Rick Rand on 6207 2313.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Andrew Barr".

Andrew Barr MLA
Minister for Tourism, Sport and Recreation

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