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Dear s.7(

### OFFICIAL INFORMATION REQUEST FOR SPEND ON GROUNDS

I refer to your official information request dated 9 August 2021 for expenditure on sportsgrounds.

The information you have requested below is enclosed.

1. *Breakdown of spending on the maintenance/groundwork on Guppy Park, Neale Park and Victory Square.*

Sports Field maintenance is delivered under the Open Spaces Contract which includes all of the Councils Parks and Reserves. Specific maintenance on sports parks is made up of from four areas; Regular Maintenance, Programmed Maintenance, Reactive Maintenance, and Replacement/Renewal Maintenance.

#### Regular Maintenance:

Regular maintenance consists of work including mowing to keep the grass 25-40mm, line marking, posts, weed control, and fertiliser. It also includes work on the amenity and garden areas. Please see Attachment 1 for the regular maintenance specific to football.

The regular maintenance is paid under the Open Spaces Contract in monthly lump sum payments. See table below showing the 2021/2022 annual budget for all the regular maintenance required within the boundary of each park

Figure 1.

Property Maintenance: Contract Lump Sum	Annual spend
Guppy Park	\$18,425
Neale Park	\$89,765
Victory Square	\$59,390

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The 2019 Nelson City Sports Field Capacity Review found that average of around \$5,000 *per field* was used for regular maintenance and renovations but excluded reactive costs. The report recommended increasing the budget to allow for more programmed work on the training surfaces which are under the most pressure within the total field provision. This recommendation was accepted through the 2021 – 2031 Long term Plan and as a result an additional \$50,000 has been included within the programme to be used specifically on the training grounds. Neale Park has the highest demand so will be prioritised accordingly.

### Programmed Maintenance:

Programme Maintenance consists of renovations which vary depending on the amount of use the grounds get and the weather patterns. The work normally includes coring, scarifying, seeding, and compaction relief. The renovation programme can be seen below in the table and does not include the extra \$50,000 as this work is still being planned.

Figure 2.

Neale Park (6.8ha)	Spring	Cost	Autumn	Cost	Annual Total
	Tumblecore	\$ 2,745	Seeding	\$ 8,658	
	Soil Repairs	\$ 500	Vibra-mole	\$3000	
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 3,245</b>		<b>\$ 11,658</b>	<b>\$ 14,904</b>
Guppy (0.7ha)	Spring	Cost	Autumn	Cost	Annual Total
	Tumblecore	\$ 283	Seeding	\$ 891	
	Soil repairs	\$ 200	Vibra mole	\$ 1,000	
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 483</b>		<b>\$ 1,891</b>	<b>\$ 2,374</b>
Victory Square (1.5ha)	Spring	Cost	Autumn	Cost	Annual Total
	Tumblecore	\$ 606	Seeding	\$ 1,910	
	Soil Repairs	\$ 200			
	Ward soil	\$ 520			
	Seeding	\$ 1,910			
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 3,235</b>		<b>\$ 1,910</b>	<b>\$ 5,145</b>

### Reactive Maintenance:

Reactive maintenance includes regular divot repairs, vandalism from cars, compaction relief to move ponding, sprinkler repairs, etc. These costs are shown below and are also referred to as unprogrammed maintenance. The budget for reactive work across all sports fields (excluding Trafalgar Park and Saxton Fields) is \$80,000 for this period ending 30<sup>th</sup> of June 2022.

2. *Specifically we want to know what has been budgeted in the past three years, what has actually been spent and what it has been spent on.*

Figures 1. & 2. Above show the regular lump sum maintenance costs and the renovation costs and this has only changed by CPI increases in the last 3 years. The last 3 years also included a specific budget to improve the field levels at Neale Park of \$30,000 per annum for three years.

Figure 3.

Account	Full Year Annual Plan Budget 2018/19	Full Year Actuals 2018/19	Full Year AP Budget 2019/20	Full Year Actuals 2019/20	Final AP Budget 2020/21	Full Year Actuals 2020/21	Comment on expenditure
359072903298. Neale Park surface renewal	30,000	30,032	30,660	19,318	36,995	33,492	Neale park

### Historic budget and expenditure for regular maintenance and reactive work

The below shows the entire sport park budgets for the last three years.

Figure 4.

Account	Full Year Annual Plan Budget 2018/19	Full Year Actuals 2018/19	Full Year AP Budget 2019/20	Full Year Actuals 2019/20	Final AP Budget 2020/21	Full Year Actuals 2020/21	Comment on expenditure
35902010. Property Mtce: Contract	580,000	585,427	592,760	513,735	552,208	560,894	Contracted work
35903010. Unprogrammed Mtce: Sportsfields	67,000	149,964	68,474	60,296	69,980	81,096	Unprogrammed/re active work
35904010. Property Mtce: Programmed Mtce	290,000	332,501	206,380	91,577	141,689	76,637	Programmed work
359072903298. Neale Park surface renewal	30,000	30,032	30,660	19,318	36,995	33,492	Neale park
359078251257. Capital: Minor Development	10,000	12,969	76,320	25,324	70,168	62,361	

## Renovations

As seen in figure 2

The spring and autumn renovation plans are reasonably consistent each year. These amounts do not include reactive work, or the work embedded in the Open Spaces Contract. Please see the attached renovation programme. (Attachment 1) and the actual costs as shown in Figure 2.

- Guppy Park has \$2,000-3,000 allocated from the budget each year.
- Neale Park \$10,000 -15,000 is allocated from the budget each year. Split between all the grounds including rugby and exactly all the same work is done across all the fields in one renovation week.  
Neale Park has had an additional \$30,000 allocation over the past 3 years to improve the dips and hollows across the whole park.
- Victory Square has \$3,000-5,000 allocated from the budget each year.

3. *We also want to know how much is budgeted for in the next 2-3 years (including 2021), what has already been spent, what work is planned and when the remainder will be allocated.*

The following budgets are allocated to sports parks for the next three years, including 2021/22. Also shown below is the actual expenditure to July 2021.

Regular maintenance (which also includes the amenity and garden areas of the whole park boundary) and capital works.

Figure 5

Account	LTP 2021-31 Year1 2021/22	YTD Actuals	LTP 2021-31 Year2 2022/23	LTP 2021-31 Year3 2023/24
35902010. Property Mtce: Contract	609,000	47,088	626,661	642,495
35903010. Unprogrammed Mtce: Sportsfields	80,000	9,719	82,320	84,400
35904010. Property Mtce: Programmed Mtce	197,000	988	243,873	250,035
359072903298. Neale Park surface renewal	20,000	0	0	21,136
359078251257. Capital: Minor Development	10,670	0	103,000	10,670
359072652047. Sportsground Lighting Improvements	0	0	51,500	10,568

### Renovations:

The renovation plan in Figure 2 above will change to include the extra \$50,000 additional budget allocated for improving the training surfaces.

\$20,000 is also allocated in 21/22, 23/24 and 25/26 years for further levelling improvements at Neale Park. The costs will be split between the rugby and football training areas as they are the most used. The programme is yet to be scheduled and will be discussed with Football and Rugby before proceeding.

Attachment 1 outlines the renovation programme and Contract Specifications specific to Football Fields. A detailed programme is provided by the contractor on a yearly basis however plans can change depending on use and damage.

### Capital:

There is funding for investigation and implementation of lighting improvements at Neale Park and Tahunanui Reserves between years 2 and 4 as shown in figure 5. There is also a review of the Turf management plan for these facilities over the next three years.

4. *The term for Rugby or Soccer has been used previously, please clarify how spending decisions at an operational level are made and allocated in these joint used spaces to sports. What measurable influences are used?*

The attached renovation plan and contract specifications show that the planning for both sports is consistent. The contractor writes the plan based on their expertise and understanding of the day-to-day use and performance of the ground.

Neale Park has one irrigator that can only water one field at a time. The contractor will determine the irrigation programme based on a number of factors including new seed, dryness, and hardness.

5. *We require a costing for our community organisation to use the Trafalgar park field. Please clearly outline how the facility is allocated for use.*

Nelson City Council sports fields are allocated for seasonal use to the Sports Associations, Nelson Bays Football in Football's case.

Nelson City Council charges are set through the Revenue and Finance Policy and are reviewed annually for sport field use. They are based on 10% of the average expected maintenance cost so there are some variations each year. Trafalgar Park renovations and field maintenance costs approximately \$80,000 per year, therefore the Tasman Rugby Union pay approximately \$8,000 for access to the Park throughout the year for rugby. They also pay the commercial rate for any games that require an entry fee from spectators.

Historically when Tasman United Football used Trafalgar Park for the Summer season, they split the costs and paid \$4,000 each code.

Football can book one-off games at Trafalgar Park for the community rate of \$488 which excludes additional facilities like changing rooms and pavilion. The commercial rate of \$5,682 applies if an entry fee is charged to spectators. The commercial rate includes the whole venue including the Pavilion and Changing rooms. Bookings can be made to CLM Nelson Venues and the priority criteria for bookings are outlined below and taken from the Councils allocation procedures.

#### **4. Allocation procedure**

##### **4.1. Seasonal bookings**

- 4.1.1. Prior to the start of each season Council will meet with a representative from the relevant code to discuss their requirements for the coming season. Changing rooms will be allocated based on demand and include an extra charge for pre and post season cleaning.
- 4.1.2. Facilities will be allocated to the code either:
  - For specific dates, across a season or
  - For specific times during the week, across the season depending on grounds maintenance requirements.
- 4.1.3. Written confirmation will then be sent out to the code confirming their allocation for the season.
- 4.1.4. Should codes subsequently request an additional allocation, such requests will be dealt with as a one off booking and charged based on the Council fees & charges.
- 4.1.5. Should codes be required to give up more than three of their allocated playing days due to one off events, appropriate compensation will occur through their season charges

##### **4.2. One off bookings**

- 4.2.1. Applications for one off bookings will be considered on a case by case basis.
- 4.2.2. The general process is laid out as a flow chart in figure 1.
- 4.2.3. For one off bookings requested prior to seasonal booking procedure being completed for any particular sports facilities then only one, one off booking per month will be permitted until seasonal booking allocation process is complete unless agreed otherwise with affected sports codes

5.1 Applications will be assessed against the following criteria:

- Suitability/resilience of the facility for the proposed activity
- Availability of the facility, taking into account seasonal allocations
- Availability of alternative facilities/dates
- Previous record of applicant
- Community benefit of the proposed activity
- Any historical association of the activity with the venue
- The financial impacts of the activity on the wider community, sporting code, club or event organiser.

5.2 The community benefit criterion should be utilised where there are conflicting uses for a facility proposed on the same date. Consideration should be given to:

- For sports, the level of the competition, where:
  - First priority: International games/events
  - Second priority: Regional/national sports tournaments
  - Third priority: Games as part of a regular sports season
  - Fourth priority: regular sports training or practice
  - Fifth priority: ad hoc games/general recreation.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or freephone 0800 802 602.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Rosie Bartlett', written over a horizontal line.

**Rosie Bartlett**  
Manager Parks and Facilities

### 3.6 Mowing – Football and athletics

Turf that is suitable for football and athletics needs to be dense and provide good ground coverage. It also needs to be even, smooth and short enough to allow the ball to roll. This specification may also be suitable for other sports that require similar turf characteristics. Standards range from elite to basic.

- The elite standard of turf requires a very high standard of presentation for television coverage of international events.
- The premium standard of turf needs to be suitable for premiership and championship events. Each province or district will have one or two venues that are suitable for events at this level.
- Standard turf needs to be suitable for senior club events.
- Basic turf should be suitable for juniors, social grades and training.

The actual mowing height and frequency will be determined by the turf species and cultivar, soil type, climate, time of year, irrigation, and turf condition. Some fields will need to be maintained to more than one standard during the year.



**Customer Outcomes**

- The turf is cut regularly and correctly and is presented in a suitable condition for the intended sporting use.

		Service Level Indicators				Performance Assessment measures Customer Outcomes are met when:
Scheduled operations	Best Practice Principles	Elite ★★★★	Premium ★★★★	Standard ★★★	Basic ★★	
<b>Grass height</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Grass heights are maintained within a suitable range.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 15mm to 30mm during playing season</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 20mm to 40mm during playing season</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 25mm to 40mm during playing season</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 25mm to 40mm during playing season</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Turf is suitable for the intended sporting use.</li> </ul>
<b>Indicative frequency</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Grass is cut at the appropriate frequency to maintain grass height within the specified</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• At least weekly during playing season</li> <li>• At least fortnightly</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• At least weekly during playing season</li> <li>• At least fortnightly</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Weekly during playing season</li> <li>• At least fortnightly outside of playing</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• At least fortnightly while turf is growing actively and</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Grass height is maintained within the specified range.</li> <li>• Fields are well presented for match play.</li> </ul>

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	<p>range.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Grass is cut such that not more than one third of the measured grass height is removed at any one time.</li> <li>• Grass is cut with the appropriate timing and technique to provide a quality finish for use and visual effect.</li> </ul>	<p>outside of playing season</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Playing surface is striped prior to games</li> <li>• Cutting is timed to allow painted pitch branding when required.</li> </ul>	<p>outside of playing season</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Playing surface is striped if requested</li> <li>• Cutting is timed to allow painted pitch branding when required.</li> </ul>	<p>season</p>	<p>during the playing season</p>	
<b>Clippings</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clippings are discharged evenly</li> <li>• Elite fields are cut with a reel mower</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clippings are collected.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clippings are discharged evenly over the mown area without clumping or windrowing.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clippings are discharged evenly over the mown area without clumping or windrowing.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clippings are discharged evenly over the mown area without clumping or windrowing.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clippings do not significantly detract from the health, use or appearance of the grass.</li> </ul>
<b>Mowing coverage</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mowing is undertaken to cut the full extent of the area and as close as possible (without damage) to fixed obstructions.</li> <li>• Moveable obstructions are moved to allow mowing and replaced before leaving the site.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• At every cut</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• At every cut</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• At every cut</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• At every cut</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The entire mowable area is cut to a consistent standard.</li> </ul>

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<p><b>Debris and litter removal</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All visible stones, bottles, litter, fallen branches and other debris that will damage turf or machinery, or create a hazard to operators or public is collected and disposed of prior to mowing.</li> <li>• Grass cutting is carried out to prevent mower flung projectiles presenting a danger to park users or property.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Before each mowing</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Before each mowing</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Before each mowing</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Before each mowing</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Litter and debris does not damage the playing surface or detract from the appearance of the turf.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Line marking and goalposts</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Where line marking is required for sporting use the appropriate field markings are applied using approved non-toxic line marking paint.</li> <li>• Glyphosate or other toxic material is never used for line marking.</li> <li>• Goalposts are safely installed (and removed) for each season (unless provided and installed by users).</li> <li>• Where installed, goalposts are maintained</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• As specified by Sportsground User Agreements in accordance with requirements for each code</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• As specified by Sportsground User Agreements in accordance with requirements for each code</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• As specified by Sportsground User Agreements in accordance with requirements for each code</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• As specified by Sportsground User Agreements in accordance with requirements for each code</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Field markings (where provided) are clear, even, correct and suitable for the level of play.</li> <li>• Goalposts (where provided) are safe, correct and suitable for the level of play.</li> </ul>

## 3.2 Sports turf management

Typical turf maintenance operations including fertiliser application, thatch removal, compaction relief, top-dressing, weed control, pest and disease control, line marking and goal post supply and provision. It may also include maintenance and preparation of specialist turf surfaces such as cricket pitches, golf courses, tennis courts and croquet greens.

- The elite standard of turf requires a very high standard of presentation for television coverage of international events.
- The premium standard of turf needs to be suitable for domestic competitions and events.
- Standard turf needs to be suitable for senior club matches.
- Basic turf should be suitable for juniors, social grades and training.

See 3.4 to 3.7 for sports turf mowing specifications.

### Customer Outcomes

- The turf is maintained and presented in a suitable condition for the intended sporting use.
- Turf health, appearance and performance is not significantly affected by weeds, pests and diseases or nutrient deficiencies.
- Disruptions to availability of sports fields are minimised.



		Service Level Indicators				Performance Assessment measures Customer Outcomes are met when:
Scheduled operations	Best Practice Principles	Elite ★★★★★	Premium ★★★★★	Standard ★★★	Basic ★★	
<b>Renovation programming</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A renovation programme is prepared to address identified deficiencies in the performance of the surface being renovated.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Two renovation programmes per year (spring and autumn)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Two renovation programmes per year (spring and autumn)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Two renovation programmes per year (spring and autumn)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Annual renovation programme</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Renovation programme is prepared and submitted for approval.</li> <li>• Turf is maintained and presented in a suitable condition for the intended sporting use.</li> </ul>

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<b>Subsoil drainage systems</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Subsoil drainage systems such as sand slits, gravel bands, novacoil pipe etc are maintained in good condition.</li> <li>• Sumps and grates are checked and cleared of leaves and debris.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fortnightly check of sumps and grates and clearance as needed</li> <li>• Annual inspection of playing surface with recommendations for sub-soil drainage works prepared</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fortnightly check of sumps and grates and clearance as needed</li> <li>• Annual inspection of playing surface with recommendations for sub-soil drainage works prepared</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Monthly check of sumps and grates and clearance as needed</li> <li>• Annual inspection of playing surface with recommendations for sub-soil drainage works prepared</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Monthly check of sumps and grates and clearance as needed</li> <li>• Annual inspection of playing surface with recommendations for sub-soil drainage works prepared</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Drainage sumps and grates are clear of leaves and debris</li> <li>• Drainage systems are functioning as intended</li> </ul>
<b>Specialist turf preparation and maintenance</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Specialist turf (including cricket pitches, croquet lawns, golf courses and grass tennis courts) is maintained and prepared for play in accordance with recognised national or international recommendations.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• As required to maintain and prepare turf for international events</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• As required to maintain and prepare turf for domestic events</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• As required to maintain and prepare turf for club events</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NA</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Turf pitches are maintained and presented in a suitable condition for the intended sporting use.</li> </ul>

Unscheduled operations	Best Practice Principles	★★★★★	★★★★★	Response times ★★★      ★★		Performance Assessment measures Customer Outcomes are met when:
<b>Fertiliser application</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Soil testing is carried out to determine nutrient status and fertiliser requirements.</li> <li>• Fertiliser, primarily nitrogen is applied to maintain soil nutrients and soil pH at levels that promote optimum turf health,</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Annual testing</li> <li>• At least six times annually and as needed to prepare turf for</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Two to three yearly testing</li> <li>• At least three times annually</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Three to five yearly testing</li> <li>• At least two to three times annually</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• As required</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Grass appears healthy and turf density (recovery) is maintained.</li> </ul>

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	<p>maintain turf density and performance.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fertiliser application rates comply with relevant environmental protection rules.</li> </ul>	<p>televised matches</p>				
<b>Thatch management</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Thatch accumulation in cricket blocks, elite sand fields and warm season grass fields is managed through regular top dressing, coring and scarification.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No thatch on cricket blocks</li> <li>Thatch depth is &lt;15mm for other turf</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No thatch on cricket blocks</li> <li>Thatch depth is &lt;15mm for other turf</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No thatch on cricket blocks</li> <li>Thatch depth is &lt;25mm for other turf</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>NA</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Thatch build up does not adversely affect turf health and appearance.</li> </ul>
<b>Weed and moss control</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Weeds and moss that impact on the performance of the turf are controlled.</li> <li>Chemicals that are persistent in the soil and may be taken up by tree roots are not used for weed control.</li> <li>Glyphosate and other non-selective herbicides are not used on sand surfaces.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&lt;0.25% grass weeds</li> <li>No broadleaf weeds or moss present</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&lt;0.25% grass weeds</li> <li>No broadleaf weeds or moss present</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No broadleaf weeds or moss present</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Broadleaf weeds are controlled annually</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Weeds and moss do not significantly impact on the health or visual appearance of premium turf, or the performance of turf for its intended sporting use.</li> </ul>
<b>Pest and disease control</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pests and diseases of turf are controlled to prevent infestation impacting on turf health and performance.</li> <li>Earthworms in sand carpet and fine specialist turf are controlled</li> <li>Preventative control of pests refers to areas that have an on-going history with Porina, Grass</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>At least weekly inspection</li> <li>Preventative control of pests and diseases</li> <li>&gt;5 worm casts per m2 requires immediate control</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Weekly inspection</li> <li>6-10 worm casts per m2 requires immediate control</li> <li>Control other pest and disease as required</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Monthly inspection</li> <li>Pest and disease are controlled as required</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Insect pests and disease are only controlled if loss of greater than one quarter of a fields turf cover</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pests and diseases do not impact on the health, visual appearance or performance of the turf.</li> <li>Earthworm casts and activity do not adversely affect the performance of sand carpets and fine specialist turf.</li> </ul>

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**Attachment 1: Contract specifications for Football pitches at the standard service level- 3 Star**

	grub or Black beetle					
<b>Compaction relief and surface evenness</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Areas of soil compaction are relieved using appropriate recognised methods.</li> <li>• An appropriate combination of sand or soil is spread and incorporated into the surface of affected turf to address minor surface deformations or to dilute any organic matter accumulation.</li> <li>• Turf is ideally rested following renovations for at least 6 weeks prior to use.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• At least twice annually (more if required)</li> <li>• Surface deformation is &lt;10mm for fields or &lt;3mm under a 3m straight edge for cricket pitches</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• At least twice annually (more if required)</li> <li>• Surface deformation is &lt;15mm for fields or &lt;3mm under a 3m straight edge for cricket pitches</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• At least once annually (more if required)</li> <li>• Surface deformation is &lt;20mm for fields or &lt;10mm under a 3m straight edge for cricket pitches</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• As required</li> <li>• &lt;30mm variation under a 3m straight edge</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Turf performance for the intended sporting use is not adversely affected by soil compaction and poor surface drainage, aeration.</li> <li>• Surface water following heavy rain drains adequately with no ponding, and water does not come to the surface when the turf is stood on.</li> <li>• Evenness under a 3m straight edge is within acceptable limits.</li> <li>• Effective rooting depth is &gt;100mm</li> </ul>
<b>Damage</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Damage to sports turf is repaired so that scheduled play is not unreasonably disrupted.</li> <li>• Damage to turf is repaired to the same standard it was prior to damage occurring.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 24 hours or before the next scheduled event</li> <li>• As part of scheduled renovations</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 24 hours or before the next scheduled event</li> <li>• As part of scheduled renovations</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1 week or before the next scheduled event</li> <li>• As part of scheduled renovations</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Before the next scheduled event</li> <li>• As part of scheduled renovations</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Turf damage does not unreasonably disrupt scheduled play.</li> <li>• Turf damage does not have long term adverse effects on the playing surface.</li> </ul>