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Subject: Lighting of Sports Fields and Watering of Sports Fields and Parks

Question:

- a) What has been the total cost to Warringah Council over the last 12 months for lighting of all sports fields in Warringah?
- b) Has Council investigated the use of solar energy to power lights on these fields, particularly in view of yesterday's initiative by Blacktown City Council encouraging its residents to use solar power?
- c) Has Council investigated placing rain water tanks adjacent to sports field and parks in Warringah to use for watering of the sports fields and parks? If not, could Council please investigate this initiative?

Response:

The Director Corporate Services advised that between \$37,000 and \$38,000 has been spent over the last 12 months for lighting sportsground. There are practical difficulties in providing solar power for lighting because of the high energy required. Council has installed solar panels at Forestville Library. Council is doing an energy audit and will be looking at ways of reducing energy use. Rainwater tanks have not been used generally. Some initiatives Council has undertaken include providing borewater to sportsfields for irrigation at Cromer Park, Brookvale Oval, Millers Reserve and St Matthews Farm and investigation of provision of borewater to Frank Grey Reserve, Dee Why Playing Fields and Lionel Watts Reserve. Some more innovative approaches being considered include the use of recycled water from North Head. Sportsfields adjacent to buildings with significant roof areas have been identified as having opportunities for the use of rainwater in conjunction with other sources.