

I refer to the *Manly Daily* article of Thursday 12 April 2007 regarding my request to Warringah Council to investigate the illegal use of high-energy spot-lights at sporting facilities.

At John Fisher Park, North Curl Curl, the community has continually seen skate boarders turn on all ten netball courts' spot lights while only using one court to skate. This is a waste of rate-payers money and electricity.

While I have requested the Council to investigate ways to prevent the illegal use of public lighting and energy, I also requested that the Council investigate solar energy for powering lights in community facilities like youth and community centres, parks and office facilities.

Another request I made was that Council look into installing rain water tanks adjacent to sports fields and grandstands with large roof coverage – imagine how much water could be saved from the roofs of the grandstands at Brookvale Oval then put to good use watering the field?

Not only could such initiatives save Warringah ratepayers thousands of dollars a year, they also enable the saving of energy and water thus enhancing our environment and local sporting facilities.

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