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Subject: Urgent Letters re APL

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Hi Bec

I've added those letters re the APL and funding issues, one to Nick Garcia, APL and one for Capital Football:

Sch 2.2(a)(xiii)

Please review and progress to Minister Berry for signing as needed.

Many thanks
Shauna

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From: "BERRY" <BERRY@act.gov.au>
Sent: 22/03/2024 7:19 PM
To: [Sch 2.2(a)(ii)] capitalfootball.com.au "[Sch 2.2(a)(ii)] capitalfootball.com.au">
Subject: Correspondence from Minister Berry
Attachments: Letter from Minister Berry.pdf

Dear Ms Farrow

Please find attached correspondence from Minister Yvette Berry.

Kind regards

Rebecca Hobbs | Chief of Staff

[Sch 2.2(a)(ii)]

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From: "BERRY" <BERRY@act.gov.au>
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To: "Sch 2.2(a)(xi)"@aleagues.com.au"Sch 2.2(a)(xi)"@aleagues.com.au>
Subject: Correspondence from Minister Yvette Berry
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Mr Nick Garcia
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Our ref: CMTEDD2024/1133

Dear Mr Garcia

Nick

I am writing regarding the Australian Professional League's (APL) proposed expansion plan for the A-League Men's competition. The ACT Government, and importantly the wider Canberra community, would welcome and whole-heartedly support the formation a men's team in Canberra to train and play alongside our successful A-League Women's team, Canberra United.

Sch 2.2(a)(xi)

I am

concerned the ongoing delay is impacting the immediate future of the women's program, particularly contracting players for the upcoming 2024-25 ALW season. Uncertainty regarding the future ownership of the women's program is not good for the players, particularly as they look at decisions about their own futures, and it is potentially jeopardising the continuation of the team.

I am seeking your assurance that APL is doing everything it can to support the players of the Canberra United team during this period of transition and uncertainty.

The ACT Government doubled its investment into Canberra United from the 2023-24 season as a testament to the value this club brings to the ACT community. I trust you share the recognition of this value with us and work closely with Capital Football to secure the team's future.

Should you wish to discuss this matter further, please contact Kareena Arthy, Deputy-Director General, Economic Development on kareena.arthy@act.gov.au or 6207 5564.

Yours sincerely

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Canberra United 2024-25 season – Funding Uplift

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- Higher profile communication of govt funding throughout season

From: "BERRY" <BERRY@act.gov.au>
Sent: 15/04/2024 9:24 AM
To: "Clarke, Jason" <Jason.Clarke@act.gov.au>; "Hobbs, Rebecca" <Rebecca.Hobbs@act.gov.au>
Subject: FW: Correspondence from Minister Berry
Attachments: Letter to Minister Berry 12042024.pdf

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From: Samantha Farrow ^{Sch 2.2(a)(xx)} <capitalfootball.com.au>
Sent: Friday, April 12, 2024 4:16 PM
To: BERRY <BERRY@act.gov.au>
Subject: RE: Correspondence from Minister Berry

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Good Evening Ms Berry,

Thank you for your recent letter, please find attached our response.

Have a great weekend.

Kind Regards,
Sam



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Capital Football acknowledges and pays respect to the past, present and emerging Elders and Traditional Custodians of Country, and the continuation of cultural, spiritual and educational practices of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

From: BERRY <BERRY@act.gov.au>
Sent: Friday, March 22, 2024 7:20 PM
To: Samantha Farrow <samantha.farrow@capitalfootball.com.au>
Subject: Correspondence from Minister Berry

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Dear Ms Farrow

Please find attached correspondence from Minister Yvette Berry.

Kind regards

Rebecca Hobbs | Chief of Staff
Sch 2.2(a)(ii)

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From: "Clarke, Jason"
Sent: 09/04/2024 12:59 PM
To: "Kelley, Rebecca" <Rebecca.Kelley@act.gov.au>
Subject: Draft TPs Canberra United
Attachments: Draft TPs Canberra United.docx

Talking Points – Canberra United

- As the member knows, Women's football is also very popular in Canberra, both at a grassroots level and extending to our A-League Women team, Canberra United.
- Canberra United is currently the only A-League Women Team which doesn't have a partner team in the men's A-League Competition.
- This means that the peak body for community football, Capital Football, runs the team. A model unlike any other jurisdiction.
- The ACT Government supports women's sport at both the community and elite level.
- This support ranges from upgrading community sport pavilions to be female friendly, to direct funding to Canberra United.
- Last year, the ACT Government permanently doubled Canberra United's funding to \$250,000 per year.
- This partnership ensures matches are played in Canberra for the benefit of the community.
- Since concerns around tenure for players for the upcoming season was raised by Michelle Heyman on 15 March, I have been in regular contact with Capital Football, Football Australia and the A-League investors.

- On March 22 I wrote to the Australian Premier League seeking assurances that it is doing everything can to support Canberra United through a period of uncertainty due to a delay in the finalisation of investment.
- I also wrote to Capital Football offering to roll forward the annual \$250,000 funding provided to Capital Football as part of the Performance Partnership Funding for Canberra United.
- That's real cash that can support them right now.
- Then, last week I met with the A League investors and Capital Football together to work out a way to keep the team going and give the players certainty.
- While Capital Football haven't yet accepted the government's offer of support, I'm continuing to work with them on how we can support this much-loved team.
- Former player Sue Read, who I spoke to earlier today, has started a crowd funding effort which has already raised more than \$43,000.
- While it's not government's role to run football teams, we will always support women's sport.
- I will keep working with Capital Football, keep providing practical support where I can, and keep advocating for the team that our community values so much.



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MINISTERIAL BRIEF

Chief Minister, Treasury and Economic Development Directorate

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| To: | Minister for Sport and Recreation | Tracking No.: CMTEED2024/1283 |
| Date: | 26/03/2024 | |
| From: | Executive Branch Manager, Sport and Recreation | |
| Subject: | Canberra United – 2024-25 A-League Women season | |
| Critical Date: | 10/04/2024 | |
| Critical Reason: | Support for Capital Football in relation to the budget uncertainty for Canberra United for the 2024-25 A-League Women's season. | |

- DDG 05/04/24
- EGP-Ops 03/04/24

Recommendations

That you:

1. Note the information contained in this brief;

Noted / Please Discuss

2. Note that in CMTEDD2023/2223 you agreed to increase Canberra United's annual partnership fee to \$250,000 for the remaining two years of the current agreement (due to expire in June 2025);

Noted / Please Discuss

3. If accepted by Capital Football, agree to action the offer of Canberra United's 2024-25 Partnership Fee of \$250,000 being paid in the 2023-24 financial year;

Agreed / Not Agreed / Please Discuss

4. Pending your decision and acceptance by Capital Football, note the early payment will be cash managed within CMTEDD and funded through Sport and Recreation's operational budget;

Noted / Please Discuss

5. Pending your decision, sign the letter at Attachment A:

Signed / Not Signed / Please Discuss

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6. Note that Sport and Recreation will work with the ACT Government Solicitor (ACTGS) as required in preparing a Deed of Variation to reflect the agreed position.

Yvette Berry MLA

Noted Please Discuss

10.04.24

Minister's Office Feedback

Background

1. Capital Football is the licence holder to operate Canberra United (United) team to compete in the A-League Women (ALW) competition.
2. The United has received funding support from the ACT Government since 2008-09. In accordance with the ACT Government's 2016 and 2020 election commitments, two consecutive four-year Performance Fee Agreements (PFA) were executed each to the value of \$125,000 per year.
3. In June 2023, you agreed to increase United's annual partnership fee to \$250,000 for the remaining two years of the agreement acknowledging it was executed in June 2021 prior to an increase in the number of competing ALW teams (expanded from 10 to 12 teams) and associated home and away games (extended from 12 to 22 rounds) as well as the Australian Professional Leagues (APL) changes to minimum competition standards.

Issues

4. Capital Football has raised concerns regarding the affordability of the Canberra United team within its current financial capability. These concerns are compounded by the ongoing uncertainty surrounding establishment of a new A-League club in Canberra that would assume responsibility for Canberra United and relieve the financial pressure for Capital Football.
 - a. There has been significant media speculation and attention on this matter.
5. On 22 March 2024, you wrote to Capital Football advising an early payment of Canberra United's 2024-25 Partnership Fee could be considered noting the organisations ongoing financial pressure and challenges in securing current and future playing talent. A copy of this letter is as Attachment B.
 - a. Under your direction, the offer in this letter (early payment of \$125,000) was verbally revised with Capital Football on 26 March 2024 to confirm early payment in 2023-24 of the full partnership fee of \$250,000 could be considered.
 - b. A response from Capital Football is yet to be received.

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6. Should Capital Football accept this offer, your agreement is sought to action the offer for payment of the full 2024-25 partnership fee to be made as soon as possible in the 2023-24 financial year.
7. Pending your agreement and Capital Football's acceptance, a Deed of Variation will be prepared in consultation with the ACTGS to acknowledge the revised timeframe for funding.
8. A further caveat brief will be prepared for you confirming acceptance or otherwise by Capital Football.

Financial Implications

9. Following consultation with Strategic Finance, the funding required to support an early-payment of \$250,000 in 2023-24 can be cash managed within CMTEED.

ConsultationInternal

10. Nil.

Cross Directorate

11. Strategic Finance has been consulted in the drafting of this brief.

External

12. Sport and Recreation continues to engage with Capital Football throughout this process.

Work Health and Safety

13. Nil.

Benefits/Sensitivities

14. Uncertainty regarding the establishment of an A-League Men's team continues which has in turn placed undue financial pressure on Capital Football and its ability to contract any current and future playing talent. To date, the APL has been unable to confirm when an announcement might occur.
15. A successful licenced entity for Canberra-based A-League teams will assume responsibility for United, effectively relieving Capital Football of its growing cost pressure.
16. Any future payments to Capital Football for Canberra United will be transferable with the team, under clauses within a Deed of Variation, to ensure the investment remains with the ALW team regardless of ownership.

Communications, media and engagement implications

17. There has been recent media attention regarding Capital Football's current financial position and the cost to run Canberra United's high-performance program.

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Signatory Name: Rebecca Kelley

Phone: 74389

Action Officer: Alice Stainlay

Phone: 70168

Attachments

| Attachment | Title |
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| Attachment A | Letter to Capital Football regarding Canberra United funding |
| Attachment B | Letter to Capital Football (22 March 2024) |

**Yvette Berry MLA**

Deputy Chief Minister
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Ms Samantha Farrow
CEO
Capital Football

Our ref: CMTEDD2024/1283

By email: ^{Sch 2.2(a)(xi)} apitalfootball.com.au

Dear Ms Farrow

Following my earlier correspondence of 22 March 2024 regarding consideration of early part-payment of Canberra United's 2024-25 Partnership Fee, I wish to confirm the ACT Government has agreed to early provision of the full Partnership Fee amount of \$250,000 as soon as possible.

I trust this decision and funding provision will support Capital Football in its endeavours to secure current and future playing talent for the forthcoming 2024-25 A-League Women season while also minimising any immediate financial impact on the organisation.

A Deed of Variation will be drafted to acknowledge the amendment of agreed payment timings articulated in the current Funding Agreement. I have instructed the team at Sport and Recreation to prepare the necessary paperwork for your review and execution.

Should you wish to discuss this matter further, please contact Rebecca Kelley, Executive Branch Manager on rebecca.kelley@act.gov.au or 6207 4389.

Yours sincerely

A large, stylized handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'Yvette Berry'.

Yvette Berry MLA
Minister for Sport and Recreation
11 April 2024



Attachment A

Canberra United 2024-25 season – Funding Uplift

The following package is based on:

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12 April 2024

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 Minister for the Prevention of Domestic and Family Violence
 Minister for Sport and Recreation
 Minister for Ginninderra

By Email: BERRY@act.gov.au

Dear Ms Berry,

Thank you for your letter of support for the Canberra United team received by email on 22 March 2024, it was welcomed.

The offer to bring forward our 2024-25 Partnership Fee is appreciated, but our financial issues are not cashflow related, they are more an income shortage issue leading to a large deficit that Capital Football has to cover from our reserves.

Whilst I would be happy to accept this offer once the future of the team is confirmed, I can not do that until I am able to secure the additional investment needed to reduce the budget deficit.

Please be assured that Capital Football's wants to see Canberra United continue, but financially the organisation can not afford to cover the financial loss for next season. Team costs have been steadily increasing for the past few years, with a doubling of the season to 22 games plus finals, increased salary cap and improved travel requirements. All of these improvements are needed to professionalise the game and Capital Football completely supports them, but these changes have driven home that a Member Federation is not the right organisation to be running an A League team.

Capital Football entered the past 2023/24 season knowing Canberra United would make a large financial loss, but supported the team so that they could seamlessly transition to the new A League licence. As you know this process has been held up which is why we find ourselves in this situation.

My focus has been on securing an initial \$200k investment, so I can present to the Board a budget with a more acceptable deficit for approval to continue with Canberra United in 2024/25. So far I have not been successful in my endeavours but continue working on it and hope to have some positive news soon.



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Out of scope

Thank you for encouraging our application and I appreciate the priority consideration offered. We are nearing the completion of our application and are hopeful to submit in the coming week.

Thankyou for your continued support of Capital Football and I look forward to building our relationship further.

Regards,

Sch 2.2(a)(ii)

Samantha Farrow
Chief Executive Officer
Capital Football



Yvette Berry MLA

Deputy Chief Minister
 Minister for Early Childhood Development
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Ms Samantha Farrow
 CEO, Capital Football
 By email: ^{Sch 2.2(a)(ii)} [capitalfootball.com.au](mailto:sam@capitalfootball.com.au)

Our ref: CMTEDD2024/1615

Dear Ms Farrow

Sam

Thank you for your correspondence of 12 April 2024 providing an update regarding the financial challenges Capital Football is navigating as it seeks to prepare for the 2024-25 A-League Women (ALW) season. I greatly appreciate your ongoing consultation and openness during what has been a period of such uncertainty for the Canberra United team due to delays surrounding the licence provision of a Men's A-League team. Rest assured I continue to liaise with the Australian Professional League (APL) to seek confirmation of the licence provision and associated investment model as well as advocating for the Women's team that our community values so greatly.

I appreciated you joining the meeting with APL investors for the proposed Canberra Men's A-League team, A-League representatives, ACT Government officials and I today to discuss a way forward for Canberra United. I feel that this meeting provided a clearer picture of what the current situation is and what is needed to ensure the 2024-25 ALW season for the team.

I note that you have confirmed that acceptance of early payment of the full \$250,000 partnership fee hinges on your ability to secure additional investment required to minimise the expected financial loss faced by Capital Football in managing the team in the 2024-25 ALW season.

I write to advise that the ACT Government has agreed to offer Capital Football an additional \$200,000 as per your request, to further support the operational budget for Canberra United in the 2024-25 season, in addition to the early payment of the \$250,000 partnership funding.

This offer is in recognition of the ACT Government's commitment to one of Canberra's most beloved teams. We acknowledge the role that Canberra United plays in inspiring women and girls in our community. You can't be what you can't see.

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The offer also recognises the increases in salary and travel expenses that have occurred due to changes in the competition. In return, the Territory is seeking:

- additional community engagement activities taking advantage of the profile of women's football following the Matilda's World Cup success; and
- additional sponsorship and signage opportunities and access to profile players to promote Canberra.

Please note that this funding uplift offer will only be provisioned for one year in 2024-25 and will not form the foundation of, or set any precedent for, any future negotiation discussions regarding partnership fee funding. Further, noting the current four-year agreement expires on 30 June 2025, any future agreement would require a financial due diligence to be undertaken to provide assurance that Canberra United is a viable ongoing concern.

In order to accept this offer and discuss requirements within the proposed funding uplift package, please contact Ms Rebecca Kelley, Executive Branch Manager on rebecca.kelley@act.gov.au or Sch 2.2(a)(ii).

Out of scope

Yours sincerely



Yvette Berry MLA
Minister for Sport and Recreation

17/4/24

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Cc: "Arthy, Kareena" <Kareena.Arthy@act.gov.au>; "BERRY" <BERRY@act.gov.au>
Subject: Signed brief and letter
Attachments: Brief - TO SIGN - 24-1615.pdf, Brief - TO SIGN - 24-1615.pdf

The Capital Football letter which is part of this brief hasn't been signed yet due to outstanding issues that need to be resolved during the meeting later etc need to be resolved.

Letter to Treasurer and brief are both signed/annotated.

Jason Clarke

Senior Adviser – Sport and Recreation;
Youth Affairs; Manager Of Government Business
CPSU Delegate
Office of Yvette Berry MLA
Deputy Chief Minister
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MINISTERIAL BRIEF

Chief Minister, Treasury and Economic Development Directorate

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| To: | Minister for Sport and Recreation | Tracking No.: CMTEDD2024/1615 |
| Date: | 16/04/2024 | |
| From: | Executive Branch Manager, Sport and Recreation | |
| Subject: | Canberra United – partnership fee funding | |
| Critical Date: | 16/04/2024 | |
| Critical Reason: | You have requested funding uplift options which support Canberra United's operational budget for the 2024-25 A-League Women (ALW) season. | |

- DDG 16/4/2024
- EGM-Ops 16/4/2024

Recommendations

That you:

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Noted / Please Discuss

2. Note that in CMTEDD2023/2223 you agreed to increase Canberra United's annual partnership fee to \$250,000 for the remaining two years of the current agreement (due to expire in June 2025);

Noted / Please Discuss

3. As outlined in Attachment A, agree to provide an additional \$100,000 to Capital Football to assist the financial position of the organisation in managing Canberra United's 2024-25 operational budget;

Agreed / Not Agreed / Please Discuss

see my notes

4. Pending your decision, sign the letter to Capital Football at Attachment B;

Agreed / Not Agreed / Please Discuss

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5. Pending your decision, sign the letter to the Treasurer at Attachment C which seeks approval of the additional funding provision to cover the proposed funding uplift; and

Signed / Not Signed / Please Discuss

6. Note that Sport and Recreation will work with the ACT Government Solicitor (ACTGS) in preparing an appropriate written documentation to reflect the agreed position.

Noted / Please Discuss

Yvette Berry MLA

17.04/24

Minister's Office Feedback

Please increase funding package to 2024 as per my letter to the Treasurer.

Background

1. Capital Football (CF) is the licence holder to operate the Canberra United (United) team to compete in the ALW competition and has received funding support for the team from the ACT Government since 2008-09. Two consecutive four-year Performance Fee Agreements (PFA) have been executed since 2016, each to the value of \$125,000 per year.
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3. On 22 March 2024, you wrote to CF advising an early payment of United's 2024-25 Partnership Fee could be considered noting the organisations ongoing financial pressure and challenges in securing current and future playing talent. A copy of the letter is at Attachment D.
 - a. Under your direction, the offer in this letter (early payment of \$125,000) was verbally revised with CF on 26 March 2024 to confirm early payment in 2023-24 of the full partnership fee of \$250,000 could be considered.
4. On 11 April 2024 in follow up to the letter above, you provided further financial assurances to CF in confirming the Government had agreed to the early payment which could be scheduled for immediate payment pending confirmation from CF. A copy of the letter is at Attachment E.
 - a. A response to this letter from CF (Attachment F) was received on 12 April 2024, which acknowledged the offer of early payment, but noted formal

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acceptance is not able to be provided until the future of the team is confirmed.

Issues

5. CF has raised concerns regarding the affordability of the United team within its current financial capability, with genuine risk existing around the team's involvement in the 2024-25 season. These concerns are compounded by ongoing uncertainty surrounding establishment of a new A-League club in Canberra that would assume responsibility for United and relieve the financial pressure for CF.
 - a. An annual increase in the salary cap for players has added financial pressure on top of APL changes to minimum standards for teams such as travel and accommodation (ie minimum 2-night stay in minimum four-star accommodation for away matches).
6. On 5 April 2024, former United player Ms Sue Read launched a crowdfunding campaign in response to ongoing media speculation regarding the future of the ALW team. Ms Read did not consult with nor seek approval from CF prior to the launch of the campaign. It is understood several fundraising governance issues need to be considered prior to the transfer of funds to CF.
 - a. As of 16 April 2024, the campaign has raised approximately \$71,470. The campaign is aiming to raise a total of \$300,000.
7. The correspondence dated 12 April 2024 from CF references a need for CF to secure an additional \$200,000 investment to minimise the financial deficit (understood to be in the order of \$500,000) that will arise from operating the team in 2024-25.
8. Noting the high-level risk surrounding United's participation in the 2024-25 ALW season and legitimacy of increased operational costs for the team over the past two years, it is proposed a funding uplift to increase the Government's investment into the team for the upcoming season be considered.
9. A funding option (additional \$100,000) has been prepared (Attachment A) for your consideration.
10. Noting there is only one year remaining in the current agreement period, this funding uplift would only be provided for the final season under this agreement which expires on 30 June 2025. It will not set a funding precedence for any future agreement negotiations.
11. Pending your agreement and CF's acceptance, a Deed of Variation will be prepared in consultation with the ACTGS to acknowledge the additional funding provision.

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Financial Implications

12. Noting no surplus funds remain in Sport and Recreation's 2023-24 operational budget to cover the proposed funding uplift, approval of additional funding provision will need to be sought from the Treasurer. A letter at Attachment B has been prepared for you.
13. Pending Treasurer approval and following initial consultation with Strategic Finance, the funding uplift could be cash managed within CMTEDD.
14. An approved uplift in funding for United would increase government's investment to \$350,000 which represents 25 per cent of Canberra United's total operational budget in 2024-25 (\$1.4 million).
15. Any future agreement with CF for Canberra United would be contingent on a financial due diligence assessment to ensure ongoing viability of the organisation.

ConsultationInternal

16. Nil.

Cross Directorate

17. Strategic Finance has been consulted in the drafting of this brief.

External

18. Sport and Recreation continues to engage with CF throughout this process.

Work Health and Safety

19. Nil.

Benefits/Sensitivities

20. Uncertainty regarding the establishment of an A-League Men's team continues which has in turn placed undue financial pressure on CF and its ability to contract any current and future playing talent. To date, the APL has been unable to confirm when an announcement might occur.
21. A successful licenced entity for Canberra-based A-League teams will assume responsibility for United, effectively relieving CF of its growing cost pressure.

Communications, media and engagement implications

22. There has been recent media attention regarding CF's current financial position and the cost to run United's high-performance program.

Signatory Name: Rebecca Kelley

Phone: 74389

Action Officer: Alice Stainlay

Phone: 70168

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Attachments

| Attachment | Title |
|-------------------|--|
| Attachment A | Funding uplift option – Canberra United 2024-25 season |
| Attachment B | Letter to Canberra United regarding Canberra United funding uplift |
| Attachment C | Letter to Treasurer |
| Attachment D | Letter to Capital Football (23 March 2024) |
| Attachment E | Letter to Capital Football (11 April 2024) |
| Attachment F | Letter from Capital Football (12 April 2024) |

← Rebecca Kelly



Tuesday, 9 Apr • 2:02 pm

Can you remember if CF specifically requested a doubling of funding last year?

I vaguely remember that this was the specific ask, or was that Caps?

Yes it was a specific request in a letter of 3 May 2023 (will send to you)!

God my memory is good sometimes! 😂
thank you!! Just editing a media response

Tuesday, 9 Apr • 4:07 pm

Are we the only jurisdiction that financially supports the A League Women's team like we do?

We can't absolutely say as most other jurisdictions keep such info commercial in confidence. We have ↓ d previously but they don't share whe. they do,



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Ahhh ok fair enough ta :)

Tuesday, 16 Apr • 3:22 pm

Heya do you have an ETA on that brief? :) just organising logistics for YB

We are polishing it now and seeking words from Strat Finance for letter to Treasurer....maybe an hour?

Amazing thanks :)



Text message



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We need it by 430 for Yvette if possible
plz!

Hi again, Kareena is in a meeting with new
VC of UC for an hour so won't get to it till
5.15 and then she'll turn it around as quick
as she can. Is this ok?

OK we'll get YB to call Sam before the
brief arrives then



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10:10



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Binder 1, page 30



Rebecca Kelly



Friday, 21 June • 5:30 pm

Hi! Quick FYI. Deed of funding all signed with Capital Football and monies paid in advance to them so the \$450k for United sorted. Happy weekend!

Oh right ok! Excellent thanks!

From: "Clarke, Jason"
Sent: 02/05/2024 10:18 AM
To: "Samantha Farrow" [Sch 2.2(a)(ii)]@capitalfootball.com.au>
Subject: Contracts for CU Players

Hi Sam,

Just wanted to check in on how the process for contracting players is going?

Governments additional contribution was intended to get this process underway and provide certainty, but we haven't heard anything about steps forward yet.

Could I have an update please?

Have a good one,

Jason Clarke

Senior Adviser – Sport and Recreation;
Youth Affairs; Manager Of Government Business
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Member for Ginninderra

Ms Samantha Farrow

Our ref: CMTEDD2024/2054

CEO

Capital Football

Sch 2.2(a)(iii) capitalfootball.com.au

Dear Ms Farrow

Sam

I am writing in follow up to my letter dated 17 April 2024 regarding the ACT Government's offer of an additional \$200,000 to further support the operational budget for Canberra United in the 2024-25 A-League Women season. This is in addition to the early payment of the \$250,000 partnership fee funding.

I understand both the early payment of the partnership fee and the additional funding contribution are yet to be formally accepted. Could you please advise as a matter of priority your decision regarding the funding offers so that necessary arrangements can be finalised.

As noted in my earlier correspondence, the additional funding contribution was intended to assist you in commencing the player contracting process and to provide certainty for Canberra United's appearance in the upcoming 2024-25 season. I am aware that there has been recent media speculation regarding player negotiations. Given the efforts of the Government to provide additional funding to provide certainty for the players, I am seeking a more detailed update as to your progress.

The ACT Government remains committed to supporting Canberra United and your early response is requested so that we can be assured the players have certainty for the upcoming season.

Yours sincerely

Yvette Berry MLA
 Minister for Sport and Recreation
 17 May 2024

ACT Legislative Assembly London Circuit, GPO Box 1020, Canberra ACT 2601



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Bcc: "CMTEDD, Economic Development DLO" <EcoDevDLO@act.gov.au>
Subject: Correspondence from Minister Berry
Attachments: Correspondence - Berry to Farrow - Canberra United funding.pdf

Good morning Ms Farrow

Please see attached letter from Minister Berry.

Kind regards,
Amber

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To: "Clarke, Jason" <Jason.Clarke@act.gov.au>
Subject: FW: Funding letter for Canberra United
Attachments: Letter to ACT Gov RE Canberra United Football Club.pdf

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From: CEO (Capital Football [redacted]) <[redacted]@capitalfootball.com.au>
Sent: Wednesday, 3 May 2023 5:05 PM
To: Kelley, Rebecca <Rebecca.Kelley@act.gov.au>
Cc: Sch 2.2(a)(ii) [redacted], Sch 2.2(a)(ii) [redacted] <[redacted]@capitalfootball.com.au>; Luana Bishara <[redacted]@capitalfootball.com.au>
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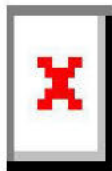
Hi Bec,

I would like to send the

attached letter to the Chief and Deputy Chief Ministers regarding our increased burden of funding the Canberra United women's team and the need to lift funding.

Are you able to relay and do you have the right email addresses for me to send to them direct as well?

Best regards,
Ivan



Ivan Slavich
CEO Capital Football

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3 May 2023

ACT Government

Chief Minister Andrew Barr
 Deputy Chief Yvette Berry

Dear Andrew and Yvette,

I am writing to you on behalf of Capital Football representing Canberra United Football Club. As you may be aware, Canberra United has been a cornerstone of the Canberra community for 15 seasons now, providing a pathway for women to pursue their passion for football, while also serving as a source of pride for our city.

In recent years, Canberra United Football Club has continued to grow and expand, with an increasing number of games and a rising cost of running the team, as the APL improves the standard for women's football nationally. While we have been fortunate to receive your support every year, we believe that an increase in funding is now needed to ensure the sustainability of our operations.

Currently, Canberra United receives \$125,000 from the ACT Government. While this funding has been greatly appreciated, it no longer provides sufficient support in running our team. With an increasing number of games, travel costs, and other expenses, we are now facing a significant financial burden and indeed community football funds an elite women's program (Canberra United Academy) and the Canberra United team.

We believe that an increase in funding to \$250,000 would help us to continue to provide the highest level of support to our players and staff, while also ensuring that we can continue to provide a quality product for our fans and to the broader ACT Community.

We understand that the ACT Government faces many competing priorities when it comes to funding. However, we believe that Canberra United Football Club plays a unique role in the ACT community, and that an investment in our team is an investment in the future of women's football.

We would greatly appreciate your consideration of our request, and we look forward to continuing to work together to promote women's football in the Canberra community. Thank you for your time and attention.

Kind regards

Sch 2.2(a)(ii)

Ivan Slavich

Chief Executive Officer

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From: "Kelly, Shauna" <Shauna.Kelly@act.gov.au> on behalf of "CMTEDD, Economic Development DLO" <EcoDevDLO@act.gov.au>
Sent: 11/04/2024 5:16 PM
To: "Clarke, Jason" <Jason.Clarke@act.gov.au>; "Hobbs, Rebecca" <Rebecca.Hobbs@act.gov.au>
Cc: "CMTEDD, Economic Development DLO" <EcoDevDLO@act.gov.au>
Subject: FW: Minister Berry letter to FARROW
Attachments: Minister Berry letter to FARROW [Sch 2.2(a)]@capitalfootball.com.au.PDF

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Hi both

Kylie was helping me out this morning and she kindly followed up this morning when this one didn't go out. I understand that Amber had to leave early so just wanted to alert you to this one if you think it needs to go out now and you can do it?

Otherwise I expect it'll go out tomorrow!

Thanks
Shauna

From: Treasury DLO <TreasuryDLO@act.gov.au>
Sent: Thursday, April 11, 2024 5:13 PM
To: Kelly, Shauna <Shauna.Kelly@act.gov.au>
Subject: FW: Minister Berry letter to FARROW

From: Treasury DLO
Sent: Thursday, April 11, 2024 10:23 AM
To: BERRY <BERRY@act.gov.au>
Cc: CMTEDD, Economic Development DLO <EcoDevDLO@act.gov.au>
Subject: Minister Berry letter to FARROW

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Hi Amber

Could you please send the attached letter to [Sch 2.2(a)]@capitalfootball.com.au

And BCC in the Treasury DLO inbox?

I am helping ED DLO process the backlog

Many thanks
Kylie

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Hi Sam,

Please find attached a letter from Yvette.

Have a good afternoon.

Kind regards

Jason Clarke

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20 May 2024

Ms Yvette Berry MLA
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Minister for Education and Youth Affairs
Minister for Housing and Suburban Development
Minister for Women
Minister for the Prevention of Domestic and Family Violence
Minister for Sport and Recreation
Minister for Ginninderra

By Email: BERRY@act.gov.au

Dear Ms Berry,

Your most recent letter on the 17 May requested a more indepth update on the progress made with Canberra United in preparations for Season 17.

Additional ACT Government funding in support of Canberra United was confirmed Wednesday 17 April 2024, this was just over four weeks ago. I have had four weeks to stand up a Club that most people would have months to get organised.

General Manager

Sch 2.2(a)(xi), Sch 2.2(a)(xii)

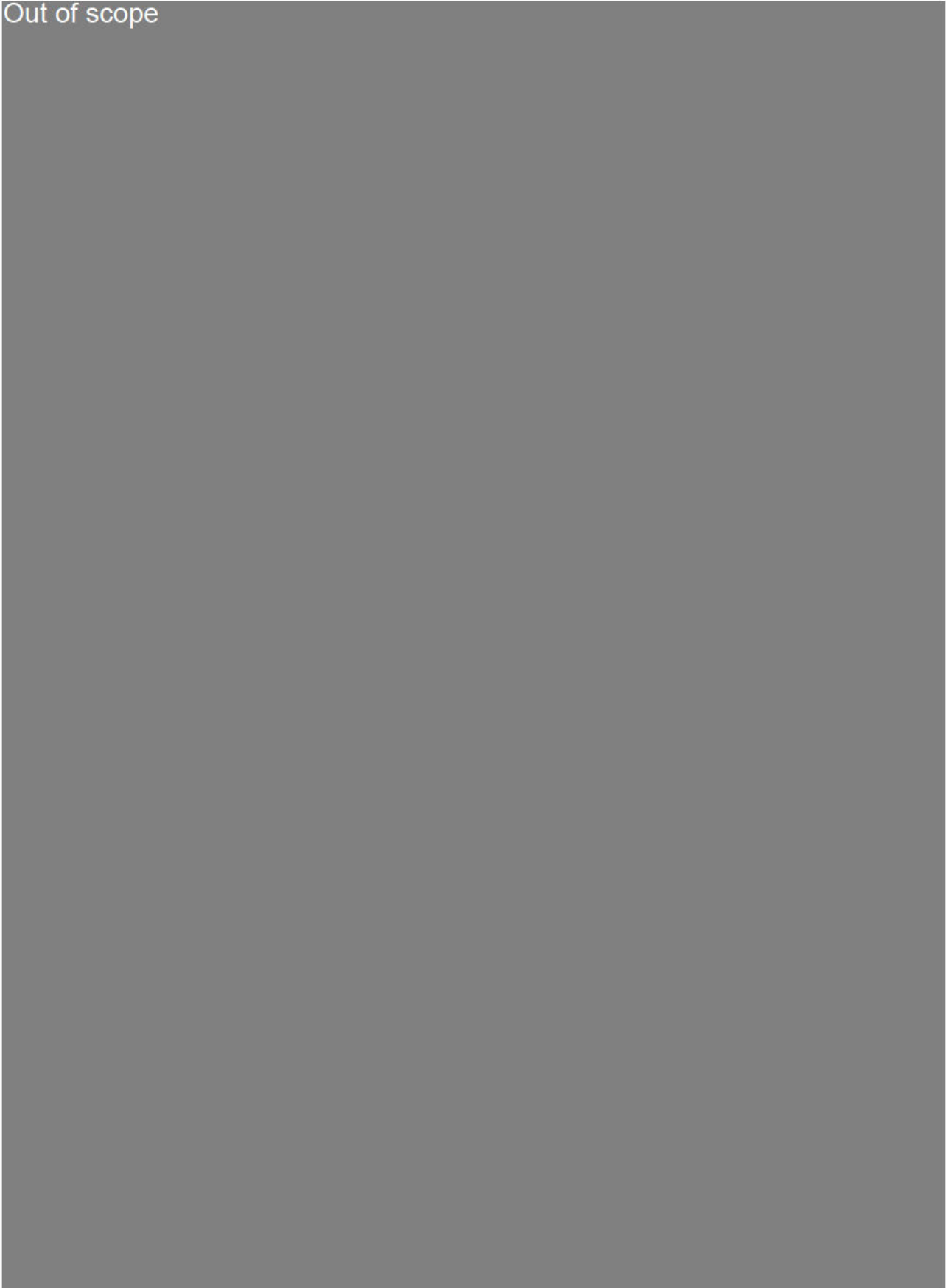




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Sponsorship

A few conversations have started with potential sponsors. There is no major announcement just yet but I hope to have some success in the coming weeks.

Generally

Whilst it may not look like a lot is going on, I can assure you that there is.

My aim is to make this team competitive, strong and sustainable so all decisions are being made with this in mind.

If you require any further information or update please let me know.

Thankyou for your support of Capital Football.

Regards,

Sch 2.2(a)(ii)

Samantha Farrow
Chief Executive Officer
Capital Football



From: "Kelley, Rebecca" <Rebecca.Kelley@act.gov.au>
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Thanks!

From: Clarke, Jason <Jason.Clarke@act.gov.au>
Sent: Thursday, May 2, 2024 2:06 PM
To: Arthy, Kareena <Kareena.Arthy@act.gov.au>; Kelley, Rebecca <Rebecca.Kelley@act.gov.au>
Subject: FW: Call w/ Sam Farrow

Sorry I should have CCd you this morning on this one. One more forwarding

Jason Clarke

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From: Clarke, Jason
Sent: Thursday, May 2, 2024 10:20 AM
To: Hobbs, Rebecca <Rebecca.Hobbs@act.gov.au>; Berry, Yvette <Yvette.Berry@act.gov.au>
Subject: Call w/ Sam Farrow

Canberra United players Off contract in about 2 days.

Havent signed because proposal from Sch 2.2(a)(xi) version 2 in front of them. Sch 2.2(a)(xi), Sch 2.2(a)(xii)
Sch 2.2(a)(xi), Sch 2.2(a)(xii)

Sch 2.2(a)(xii)

Is hoping to have this sorted by tomorrow COB but wanted to give us a heads up.

Jason Clarke

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From: [Clarke, Jason](#)
To: [Arthy, Kareena](#); [Kelley, Rebecca](#)
Subject: Re: Canberra United Ownership Transition Proposal
Date: Saturday, 20 April 2024 7:31:00 AM
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Right right, I thought this was an extra step from what they'd said!

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From: Arthy, Kareena <Kareena.Arthy@act.gov.au>
Sent: Friday, April 19, 2024 1:48:02 pm
To: Clarke, Jason <Jason.Clarke@act.gov.au>; Kelley, Rebecca <Rebecca.Kelley@act.gov.au>
Subject: RE: Canberra United Ownership Transition Proposal

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They did talk about setting up a separate entity, but they did say that the entity would be under Capital Football, which I took to be a subsidiary type arrangement, which would be manageable from our perspective. But if this is an entirely separate entity, then that requires a whole other level of scrutiny.

From: Clarke, Jason <Jason.Clarke@act.gov.au>
Sent: Friday, April 19, 2024 1:40 PM
To: Arthy, Kareena <Kareena.Arthy@act.gov.au>; Kelley, Rebecca <Rebecca.Kelley@act.gov.au>
Subject: RE: Canberra United Ownership Transition Proposal

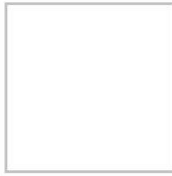
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Voila.

From my memory in the meeting with the Min they never mentioned transfer of ownership, just like outsourcing of operations right?

Jason Clarke

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From: Arthy, Kareena <Kareena.Arthy@act.gov.au>
Sent: Friday, April 19, 2024 12:48 PM
To: Kelley, Rebecca <Rebecca.Kelley@act.gov.au>; Clarke, Jason <Jason.Clarke@act.gov.au>
Subject: RE: Canberra United Ownership Transition Proposal

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This was mentioned in the meeting the minister had with all stakeholders on Wednesday. We need to be very careful... particularly about the bringing forward of the \$250K if it is going to this other entity that could wind up at any time.

From: Kelley, Rebecca <Rebecca.Kelley@act.gov.au>
Sent: Friday, April 19, 2024 12:39 PM
To: Clarke, Jason <Jason.Clarke@act.gov.au>; Arthy, Kareena <Kareena.Arthy@act.gov.au>
Subject: RE: Canberra United Ownership Transition Proposal

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So many questions.

We have just teed up a meeting with Sam next Wednesday to discuss what Capital Football needs to deliver against the additional \$200k and she did not mention this at all.

Look forward to convening on Monday.

From: Clarke, Jason <Jason.Clarke@act.gov.au>
Sent: Friday, April 19, 2024 11:43 AM
To: Kelley, Rebecca <Rebecca.Kelley@act.gov.au>; Arthy, Kareena <Kareena.Arthy@act.gov.au>
Subject: FW: Canberra United Ownership Transition Proposal

Sorry meant to send to you too Bec.

Can we convene on Monday to discuss?

Jason Clarke

Senior Adviser – Sport and Recreation;
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From: Clarke, Jason

Sent: Friday, April 19, 2024 9:23 AM

To: Arthy, Kareena <Kareena.Arthy@act.gov.au>

Subject: FW: Canberra United Ownership Transition Proposal

I don't even know.....

Jason Clarke

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From: BERRY <BERRY@act.gov.au>

Sent: Friday, April 19, 2024 9:17 AM

To: Berry, Yvette <Yvette.Berry@act.gov.au>

Cc: Clarke, Jason <Jason.Clarke@act.gov.au>; Hobbs, Rebecca <Rebecca.Hobbs@act.gov.au>

Subject: FW: Canberra United Ownership Transition Proposal

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Subject: FW: Canberra United Ownership Transition Proposal

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Minister Berry (Yvette),

Please see attached and below for your information.

We believe this is the best way forward for all stakeholders of Canberra United, and allows us to get going with securing the future of the team without having to again seek your generous extraordinary assistance.

Should you wish to discuss with myself, [Sch 2.2\(a\)\(ii\)@capitalregionfc.com.au](mailto:Sch 2.2(a)(ii)@capitalregionfc.com.au), and [Sch 2.2\(a\)\(ii\)@capitalregionfc.com.au](mailto:Sch 2.2(a)(ii)@capitalregionfc.com.au) we can make ourselves available at short notice.

Regards,
Michael

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Michael Caggiano
Director |

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From: Sch 2.2(a)(ii)@capitalregionfc.com.au; Sch 2.2(a)(ii)@capitalregionfc.com.au >

Sent: Thursday, April 18, 2024 6:02 PM

To: 'Angelo Konstantinou' Sch 2.2(a)(ii)@capitalfootball.com.au >

Cc: Sch 2.2(a)(ii); Sch 2.2(a)(ii) >

Subject: Canberra United Ownership Transition Proposal

Angelo,

See attached as discussed.

Developments in the recent days with our partners (and interested commercial stakeholders) have led to this proposed approach. We think it is the best way forward for Capital Football to define financial exposures with certainty and relinquish itself from future years burdens and losses, for Canberra United and the women's players to access the expertise and opportunity we all know they deserve, for the City to start to tap into the initial opportunities only our ownership can facilitate, and for us the only clear way to be involved immediately.

Can you please bring this proposal to the Capital Football Board for timely consideration.

We are free to have a call with you and the Capital Football Board to discuss anything you might need to as a priority.

Regards,
Michael

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Michael Caggiano

Director |

Canberra & Capital Region A-League Club Pty Ltd

From: "Samantha Farrow" [redacted]@capitalfootball.com.au>
Sent: 20/05/2024 4:30 PM
To: "BERRY" <BERRY@act.gov.au>
Subject: RE: Correspondence from Minister Berry
Attachments: Head Coach EOI Information Pack.pdf, Letter to Minister Berry 20052024.pdf

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Good Afternoon
 Minister Berry,

Thank you for your most recent communication regarding Canberra United. Please find attached this update, as well as a copy of the Head Coach EOI Information Pack for your information.

If there are any questions please let me know,

Kind Regards,
 Sam



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From: BERRY <BERRY@act.gov.au>
Sent: Friday, May 17, 2024 10:42 AM
To: Samantha Farrow [redacted]@capitalfootball.com.au>
Subject: Correspondence from Minister Berry

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Good morning Ms Farrow

Please see attached letter from Minister Berry.

Kind regards,
Amber

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I acknowledge the traditional custodians of the ACT the Ngunnawal people, and their continuing connection to land and community. I pay my respect to Elders both past, present and emerging.

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From: [Hobbs, Rebecca](#)
To: [Arthy, Kareena](#)
Cc: [Kelley, Rebecca](#); [Clarke, Jason](#); [Bailey, Daniel](#)
Subject: Re: CU funding options
Date: Tuesday, 16 April 2024 11:02:14 AM

Thanks Kareena. We're just looking at it with Minister now. We'll give you a call shortly

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From: Arthy, Kareena <Kareena.Arthy@act.gov.au>
Sent: Tuesday, April 16, 2024 10:53:04 AM
To: Hobbs, Rebecca <Rebecca.Hobbs@act.gov.au>
Cc: Kelley, Rebecca <Rebecca.Kelley@act.gov.au>; Clarke, Jason <Jason.Clarke@act.gov.au>; Bailey, Daniel <Daniel.Bailey@act.gov.au>
Subject: CU funding options

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Hi – as discussed, here is a draft package to support the government potentially increasing funding to Canberra United for season 24-25. Would need to be clear this is a one-off deal only and not seen as a precedent for future years.

Open question about whether we tie it to requiring independent assessment of ongoing financial sustainability. (kicker with this one is that we have no \$ for such an analysis).

Will talk about next steps once you have had a chance to look at proposed package.

Cheers
Kareena

RK

Kelley, Rebecca 2:09 pm

Hi! For update : I have an email from capital football accepting the \$200k and the advanced payment of the \$250k. We will action this asap.

JC

Clarke, Jason 2:12 pm

Fabb!! Can you just let RH know so she can tell YB please? I'm clocked off now 😊

RK

Kelley, Rebecca 10:02 am

Hi - have you seen this? Posted yesterday.

[CANBERRA UNITED UPDATE - Canberra United](#)

**CANBERRA UNITED UPDATE**

Capital Football have been busy behind the scenes since the announcement three weeks ago that Canberra United...

canberraunited.com.au

JC

Clarke, Jason 10:03 am

I had not! thank you

they're taking their time with this MC negotiation

lord

RK

Kelley, Rebecca 10:04 am

yep. Interesting it notes the ACT Government is a stakeholder involved in the consideration of proposals!

JC

Clarke, Jason 10:05 am

yea wierd

I dont see how we are?

RK

Kelley, Rebecca 10:06 am

we aren't!

JC

Clarke, Jason 10:08 am

I'll see if YB want's to do anything, it doesnt actually really say heaps and may not get picked up



JC

Clarke, Jason 12:59 pm

speak of the devil

RK

Kelley, Rebecca 1:01 pm

yep.....MC's proposal would just soak up the additional \$200k we have given them in additional costs....I am not surprised CF is stalling.

JC

Clarke, Jason 1:02 pm

got 5 mins?

ok if not its not urgent

From: "Clarke, Jason" <Jason.Clarke@act.gov.au>
Sent: 17/04/2024 10:55 AM
To: "CMTEDD, Economic Development DLO" <EcoDevDLO@act.gov.au>
Cc: "Arthy, Kareena" <Kareena.Arthy@act.gov.au>; "BERRY" <BERRY@act.gov.au>
Subject: Signed brief and letter
Attachments: Brief - TO SIGN - 24-1615.pdf, Brief - TO SIGN - 24-1615.pdf

The Capital Football letter which is part of this brief hasn't been signed yet due to outstanding issues that need to be resolved during the meeting later etc need to be resolved.

Letter to Treasurer and brief are both signed/annotated.

Jason Clarke

Senior Adviser – Sport and Recreation;
Youth Affairs; Manager Of Government Business
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Stainlay, Alice 16/05 3:56 pm

Sch 2.2(a)(ii)

doesn't look like the MO has sent the letter to CF as yet....

Friday, 17 May

Stainlay, Alice 17/05 10:34 am

Sch 2.2(a)(ii)

hold that...the letter has been signed and will be emailed today!

Hi! - can you please check back in the women's team overview brief? Thanks!

Any acknowledgement from CF on the Deeds?

Stainlay, Alice 19/06 12:43 pm

Sch 2.2(a)(ii)

Sure I didn't even know it was checked out!



Kelley, Rebecca 19/06/2024 12:43 pm

Any acknowledgement from CF on the Deeds?

No not yet. I will call Tej today.

19/06 12:43 pm

They are in a rough patch!!

Stainlay, Alice 19/06 12:45 pm



Binder 2, page 1



Bec >

Fri, 22 Mar at 2:44 PM

Bec Kelley will start drafting letter this afternoon. I will ring Sam shortly and let you know how that goes.

Fri, 22 Mar at 3:50 PM

Spoke to Sam. Poor thing - she sounds as if the world is on her shoulders. I put the broad proposal to her and she was going to think it through. She is grateful we are trying to help.

Thanks Kareena- really appreciated. Poor Sam.

Fri, 22 Mar at 4:58 PM

Binder 2, page 2

Hi. Bec should have letter to me soon. I've also rejigged a letter to a league from the minister for her to consider sending as well. They will come as a package

Thank you!

I've just cleared the letters. My office will get them to you asap.

Fab, I'll stay tuned.

I'm around if you need changes made.

Fri, 22 Mar at 6:54 PM

Yes, funding is ongoing

From: "Johnston, ClaireV" <ClaireV.Johnston@act.gov.au>
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To: "Arthy, Kareena" <Kareena.Arthy@act.gov.au>
Cc: "Stewart-Moore, Karen" <Karen.Stewart-Moore@act.gov.au>
Subject: FOR APPROVAL: DUE ASAP - Questions on Capital Football for ABC story
Categories: FOI

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Hi Kareena,

Responses for your clearance. Bec has cleared.

1. In response to your answer to my first question in the original email, how much money has the ACT government invested specifically in Canberra United over the past three years? (Whether via grants or other processes). **The ACT Government has invested \$772,800 in Canberra United since 2021-22.**
2. Can the ACT government provide ABC with a statement of acquittal for the grants Capital Football has received from the govt for the past three years? **These documents have been provided to the ACT Government as commercial in confidence.**
3. Is the ACT government concerned about Capital Football's ability to fulfill their financial obligations in the Home of Football in Throsby project? **Discussions with Capital Football regarding the Throsby Home of Football project are ongoing.**
4. Has the ACT government been provided a timeline on the arrival of the expected Canberra A-League Men's expansion bid? **The ACT Government continues to work closely with the Australian Professional League regarding any potential announcement of an A-League Men's expansion in Canberra, which we understand is imminent.**

ENDS

From: Economic Development Communications and Engagement <EconomicDevelopmentComms@act.gov.au>
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Cc: Johnston, ClaireV <ClaireV.Johnston@act.gov.au>
Subject: FW: Questions on Capital Football for ABC story

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Hi Bec and Alice

Some more Canberra United questions!

Thanks
Karen

From: Dynon, Kaarin <Kaarin.Dynon@act.gov.au>
Sent: Sunday, April 7, 2024 8:06:19 PM
To: Stewart-Moore, Karen <Karen.Stewart-Moore@act.gov.au>
Subject: Fwd: Questions on Capital Football for ABC story

For answering tmrw!

Begin forwarded message:

From: Sch 2.2(a)(ii) [redacted]@abc.net.au
Date: 7 April 2024 at 17:49:55 AEST
To: "Dynon, Kaarin" <Kaarin.Dynon@act.gov.au>
Subject: RE: Questions on Capital Football for ABC story

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Hi Kaarin,

Thanks very much for your responses. I've got a couple of follow-up questions if that's okay?

5. In response to your answer to my first question in the original email, how much money has the ACT government invested specifically in Canberra United over the past three years? (Whether via grants or other processes).
6. Can the ACT government provide ABC with a statement of acquittal for the grants Capital Football has received from the govt for the past three years?
7. Is the ACT government concerned about Capital Football's ability to fulfill their financial obligations in the Home of Football in Throsby project?
8. Has the ACT government been provided a timeline on the arrival of the expected Canberra A-League Men's expansion bid?

Thanks very much,

Sch 2.2(a)(ii)



Sch 2.2(a)(ii), Sch 2.2(a)(xi)

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From: Dynon, Kaarin <Kaarin.Dynon@act.gov.au>
Sent: Thursday, March 28, 2024 7:17 PM
To: Sch 2.2(a)(ii) [redacted]@abc.net.au
Subject: Fwd: Questions on Capital Football for ABC story

Hi Sch 2.2(a)(ii), please see answers below.
Cheers, Kaarin

From an ACT Gov Spokesperson -

1. **How much money has the ACT government donated/invested in Capital Football over the past three years?**

The ACT Government has provided over \$1.1 million of funding to Capital Football. This included funding Triennial operational funding, Community Sport Facilities Program funding for upgrade of Hawker LED lighting and drinking fountain, Canberra United funding, economic impact reporting funding support for Kanga Cup and Canberra United.

2. Does the ACT govt receive annual financial statements from CF with a detailed breakdown of where their donated money goes?

The ACT Government does not provide “donations” to Capital Football. All funds are issued via Funding Grants and financial statements are provided from Capital Football as required.

3. Has the ACT govt received a response from CF to the Minister’s offer of an upfront payment of \$250,000 to keep Canberra United afloat?

The ACT Government is yet to receive a formal response from Capital Football.

4. Does the ACT govt have access to CF’s “conflicts of interest” register, board meeting minutes, and other company documents? If so, are these documents publicly available, given CF is a public company?

Capital Football is a not for profit organisation. A range of Board documents and annual reports are available on the Capital Football website – this includes the established Board Charter which includes reference to conflict.

5. Is the ACT govt considering stepping in to temporarily support Canberra United in light of CF’s concession that it can no longer afford to pay for the program?

The future of Canberra United is a matter for Capital Football. The ACT Government has offered to bring forward Canberra United’s 2024-25 partnership fee for payment this financial year to assist the organisation.

6. In light of the fact that Canberra United faces extinction barely eight months after the FIFA Women’s World Cup, is the ACT govt concerned about the decisions being made at Capital Football that have led to this point?

The ACT Government remains supportive of Canberra United, with increased investment made in the team over the previous season. The future of the team remains a matter for Capital Football.

Kaarin Dynon

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Communications Adviser to Chief Minister Andrew Barr and Minister Tara Cheyne

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Hi Yvette (or Yvette's staffers!),

My name is Sch 2.2(a)(ii) [redacted] and I'm a sports journalist with the ABC. I bumped into the Minister yesterday after the Canberra United A-League Women game at McKellar Park and we had a bit of a chat about the current situation involving Capital Football. I was wondering if I could put some formal questions to the Minister for a response as part of a bigger story I'm writing on the current situation?

A response ASAP would be very much appreciated.

Thanks,

Sch 2.2(a)(ii) [redacted]

Questions

7. How much money has the ACT government donated/invested in Capital Football over the past three years?
8. Does the ACT govt receive annual financial statements from CF with a detailed breakdown of where their donated money goes?
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11. Is the ACT govt considering stepping in to temporarily support Canberra United in light of CF's concession that it can no longer afford to pay for the program?
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Jason >

Tue, 9 Apr at 10:08 AM

Hey Yvette wants to write to the Soccerroos to ask them to chip in for United. Who/What entity should she be writing to??
Wants to get the letter out before QTime. I am drafting something now

I don't know. Let me find out



Binder 2, page 9

Jason >

Football Australia is contact for
Socceroos

Email:

CEO Sch 2.2(a)(ii)

Sch 2.2(a) [\[redacted\]@footballaustralia.-
com.au](mailto: [redacted]@footballaustralia.-
(vi) [redacted]
com.au)

We only have a number for his
EA Sch 2.2(a)(ii) which is [redacted]

(have sent to minister as well)

Yvette >

Wed, 3 Apr at 3:07 PM



Hi. Ran into Sam on way out and had a good discussion. Another idea for govt support is playing field fee waivers for kanga cup. With our event sponsorship and the fee waivers that would get them \$100k.

We also talked about THF. They really want community fields. And she did say they had no money for it. I need to talk to Bec about process here but she has heard clearly that we need an answer. It may involve us writing again. But, as you suspected it will not save CU.

Had a discussion about crowd funding and sponsorship - no obvious solution there.

Anyway, will talk to the team and come back to you.

10:42

Binder 2, page 11   



Yvette >

Yeh I wish they could just be up front with us this has not been helpful.

I'd they don't save CU and they don't do Throsby it's gonna look bad for them.



Binder 2, page 12



Yvette >

Mon, 18 Mar at 3:24 PM

Hi Minister. Just a quick update. Sam says she is still trying to get to bottom of their financial position - expected this week - as that will determine the advice she puts to the board about player contracts. I believe Sam is going to the press conference tomorrow to answer any questions about contracts. She says she doesn't need anything from us at the moment.

We are trying to tee up a meeting with you and A league and letter is being drafted.

Will check in with Sam again tomorrow.

Cheers
Kareena

10:35

Binder 2, page 13   86



Sam >

Thu, 21 Mar at 4:03 PM

Hi Kareena, have you got 5 mins to chat. No major update but we have a plan if there was potential for some additional support.

Yep. I have 5 mins. Would it be ok if I bring Bec Kelley in too?

Absolutely



I will get hold of Bec and call you shortly

Fri, 22 Mar at 3:19 PM

Hi. Are you free?

Yes I am

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Morning all,

forwarded this onto Angelo last night and he is available (like me) from 1pm.



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Morning all

Adding Gab who can find a suitable time for me. @hannah should also join if available.

Do we need Angelo for this call Sam?

Thanks

Nick

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Thank you, Michael.

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Good morning Kareena,

I've confirmed myself, [Sch 2.2\(a\)\(ii\)@capitalregionfc.com.au](mailto:Sch 2.2(a)(ii)@capitalregionfc.com.au) can make ourselves available for a call today in either of the suggested windows.

I'm aware [Sch 2.2\(a\)\(ii\)@capitalregionfc.com.au](mailto:Sch 2.2(a)(ii)@capitalregionfc.com.au) away interstate on leave, so can't speak to his availability, but have cc'd him here.

We will await Lee's invitation for a time that suits.

Regards,
Michael

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Michael Caggiano
Director |
Canberra & Capital Region A-League Club Pty Ltd



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Hi everyone – I am writing at the request of Minister Berry to seek an urgent meeting of relevant parties to find a solution which provides certainty for the Canberra United players. She has requested to meet with you tomorrow if possible. My office (through Lee Wah) will be in touch in the morning to set up a virtual meeting. At this stage, we are looking at availability between 12:30 and 2:00pm or between 3:30pm and 5:00pm. I hope that we will be able to find a time that suits everyone.

(Sam – I don't have an email for Angelo, would you mind forwarding this email to him?)

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Cheers
Kareena

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Subject: Re: Canberra United Management Proposal
Categories: FOI

On a quick read it looks like the same proposal we had seen. My original concerns about how to ensure govt funds are secured remains as there are very few protections from what I can see.

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From: Clarke, Jason <Jason.Clarke@act.gov.au>

Sent: Thursday, May 9, 2024 12:47:24 PM

To: Hobbs, Rebecca <Rebecca.Hobbs@act.gov.au>; Kelley, Rebecca <Rebecca.Kelley@act.gov.au>; Arthy, Kareena <Kareena.Arthy@act.gov.au>

Subject: FW: Canberra United Management Proposal

I'm having a read now

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Hello
Minister
Berry and
Jason,

As requested, please see attached for your information to keep you abreast of our efforts to work with Capital Football to collectively improve the operations and prospects of Canberra United.

This model and proposal has the support of key Canberra stakeholders, including Save CU (whom I've been in regular dialogue with), the coaching team, and players.

Unfortunately, we are finding it difficult to engage Capital Football on this management proposal as we have been unable to secure any specific feedback in writing on any issues they have with the model we have proposed. We've offered to engage with the CF Board on multiple occasions to discuss this and have never been taken up on that offer. For transparency I have shared the complete management proposal, as we are aware of a disingenuous claim being propagated in local football circles that the proposal is unacceptable as we are trying to profiteer here.

Given my seven year journey to secure investment in Canberra for football, this is something near and dear to my heart, and also is an important underlying rationale to the investor group.

Our intent here is to improve the operations of CU, secure its future, and to create opportunities for investment and support in the club, as well as creating opportunities for Canberra. This includes such things as we have previously mentioned like formalising the relationship with Aston Villa and exploring opportunities for city to have Aston Villa's women's team tour here for a landmark game, as well as bringing a international brand to the region as major sponsor and supporter focussed on the women's game.

The proposal we have made improves the management and expertise invested in Canberra United at no financial detriment to the club (as proven using CF's own modelling and forecasting).

We are unsure where to go from here.

Regards,
Michael

From: Sch 2.2(a)(xi)
Sent: Wednesday, May 8, 2024 2:22 PM
To: 'Angelo Konstantinou' Sch 2.2(a)(xi) <[redacted]@capitalfootball.com.au>; Sch 2.2(a)(ii)
Sch 2.2(a)(xi) >
Cc: Sch 2.2(a)(xi)
Subject: Canberra United Management Proposal

Hi Angelo and Frank,

The purpose of this email is to request a formal response from the Capital Football Board to the Canberra United management proposal put forward on 23rd April (attached again FYI).

I've been made aware of the following items that required clarification which I've attempted to provide further clarity on (again see attached):

Sch 2.2(a)(xi), Sch 2.2(a)(xii)



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Sent: 20/04/2024 7:30 AM
To: "Arthy, Kareena" <Kareena.Arthy@act.gov.au>; "Kelley, Rebecca" <Rebecca.Kelley@act.gov.au>
Subject: Re: Canberra United Ownership Transition Proposal

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Right right, I thought this was an extra step from what they'd said!
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To: "Arthy, Kareena" <Kareena.Arthy@act.gov.au>; "Kelley, Rebecca" <Rebecca.Kelley@act.gov.au>
Subject: RE: CF Financials

Yea ok fair. That's been quite a while shes been unable to get hold of those financials I think...

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Sent: Wednesday, March 20, 2024 12:35 PM
To: Clarke, Jason <Jason.Clarke@act.gov.au>; Kelley, Rebecca <Rebecca.Kelley@act.gov.au>
Subject: RE: CF Financials

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Hi – last time I spoke to Sam (Monday), she was waiting on the latest financials so she could understand exactly what CF financial position was. When she gets it, we were going to talk.

Bec – did Sam say anything else yesterday?

From: Clarke, Jason <Jason.Clarke@act.gov.au>
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To: Arthy, Kareena <Kareena.Arthy@act.gov.au>; Kelley, Rebecca <Rebecca.Kelley@act.gov.au>
Subject: CF Financials

Heya,

Do we know enough about CFs financial issues to know whether rolling forward their performance agreement might help to resolve the situation in the short term for Cap United?

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To: "Arthy, Kareena" <Kareena.Arthy@act.gov.au>
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Subject: Re: CU funding options
Categories: FOI;Kareena to Action

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Thanks Kareena. We're just looking at it with Minister now. We'll give you a call shortly

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From: Arthy, Kareena <Kareena.Arthy@act.gov.au>

Sent: Tuesday, April 16, 2024 10:53:04 AM

To: Hobbs, Rebecca <Rebecca.Hobbs@act.gov.au>

Cc: Kelley, Rebecca <Rebecca.Kelley@act.gov.au>; Clarke, Jason <Jason.Clarke@act.gov.au>; Bailey, Daniel <Daniel.Bailey@act.gov.au>

Subject: CU funding options

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Hi – as discussed, here is a draft package to support the government potentially increasing funding to Canberra United for season 24-25. Would need to be clear this is a one-off deal only and not seen as a precedent for future years.

Open question about whether we tie it to requiring independent assessment of ongoing financial sustainability. (kicker with this one is that we have no \$ for such an analysis).

Will talk about next steps once you have had a chance to look at proposed package.

Cheers
Kareena

From: "Arthy, Kareena"
Sent: 16/04/2024 12:48 PM
To: "Druhan, Sally" <Sally.Druhan@act.gov.au>
Cc: "Kelley, Rebecca" <Rebecca.Kelley@act.gov.au>; "Bailey, Daniel" <Daniel.Bailey@act.gov.au>
Subject: Re: Reply: Canberra United - support payment
Categories: FOI

It's over and above.

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Sent: Tuesday, April 16, 2024 12:47:12 PM
To: Arthy, Kareena <Kareena.Arthy@act.gov.au>
Cc: Kelley, Rebecca <Rebecca.Kelley@act.gov.au>; Bailey, Daniel <Daniel.Bailey@act.gov.au>
Subject: Reply: Canberra United - support payment

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Hi Kareena,

Thanks for the heads up and happy to work on the wording with Bec.

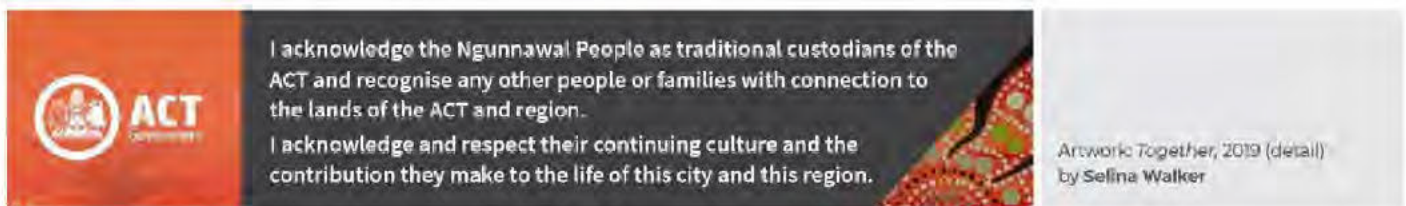
It will be important to understand whether this is a bring forward of an amount that was already budgeted for in 2024-25 or a payment over and above any amounts already budgeted for this year or next.

Thanks
Sally

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Hi there – by way of heads up, the government is considering a support package of up to \$200K for Canberra United. We have to do a brief and letter to the Treasurer today to endorse the funding. I expect we/CMTEDD will be told to cash manage. Bec will be in touch to make sure we get the wording right in the brief and associated letters.

Cheers
Kareena

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Mon, 18 Mar at 11:39 AM

Binder 2, page 37

Hi Sam. Just checking in on how things are. Any developments over the weekend? Cheers Kareena Arthy

Hi Kareena, no further developments over the weekend. Have started work on what season 17 (24/25) might look like to take to board for conversation.

Anything I can do? We are still working on letter and talking to a league. But no new news.

Not at this stage, I'm still stuck in the budget and trying to confirm end position. I'm hoping news this week but not holding my breath

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Tue, 9 Apr at 10:41 AM

Binder 2, page 38

I'm sorry I planned to get a letter back to minister this week re offer of funding in advance but **Sch 2.2(a)(ii)**: [REDACTED] I so I'm out for a few days. I'll get onto as soon as **Sch 2.2(a)(ii)**.

Sch 2.2(a)(ii)

From: "Howse, Isabelle" <Isabelle.Howse@act.gov.au> on behalf of "CMTEDD, Economic Development DLO" <EcoDevDLO@act.gov.au>
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Attachments: Att B - Letter to CF regarding Canberra United funding uplift.pdf, GOVERNMENT & STAKEHOLDER RELATIONS - Government & Assembly Matters - Ministerial Info Brief - Berry - Canberra United funding options for 2024-25 season.tr5
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Hi team,

See below the Berry Office sending the Canberra United funding uplift letter at 4pm.

The signed brief, letter to the Treasurer and attached letter to Capital Football have been dropped in the TRIM container attached.

Kind regards,

Isabelle Howse

A/g Directorate Liaison Officer - Economic Development

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ACT Legislative Assembly, 196 London Circuit Canberra City ACT 2601

From: Clarke, Jason <Jason.Clarke@act.gov.au>
Sent: Wednesday, April 17, 2024 3:54 PM
To: Samantha Farrow <ceo@capitalfootball.com.au>
Subject: Letter from Minister Berry

Hi Sam,

Please find attached a letter from Yvette.

Have a good afternoon.

Kind regards

Jason Clarke

Senior Adviser – Sport and Recreation;

Youth Affairs; Manager Of Government Business

CPSU Delegate

Office of Yvette Berry MLA

Deputy Chief Minister

Member for Ginninderra

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From: "Clarke, Jason" <Jason.Clarke@act.gov.au>
Sent: 17/04/2024 10:55 AM
To: "CMTEDD, Economic Development DLO" <EcoDevDLO@act.gov.au>
Cc: "Arthy, Kareena" <Kareena.Arthy@act.gov.au>; "BERRY" <BERRY@act.gov.au>
Subject: Signed brief and letter
Attachments: Brief - TO SIGN - 24-1615.pdf, Brief - TO SIGN - 24-1615.pdf

The Capital Football letter which is part of this brief hasn't been signed yet due to outstanding issues that need to be resolved during the meeting later etc need to be resolved.

Letter to Treasurer and brief are both signed/annotated.

Jason Clarke

Senior Adviser – Sport and Recreation;
Youth Affairs; Manager Of Government Business
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SPONSORSHIP AGREEMENT

Date

21 June 2024

Parties

AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

**A.C.T. FOOTBALL FEDERATION LTD
ACN 611 590 991**

**Canberra United 2024-2025 Season
Sponsorship Agreement for Branding
and Community Engagement**

Version

Final Execution Version

PARTIES: **AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY**, a body politic established by section 7 of the *Australian Capital Territory (Self-Government) Act 1988* (Cth) (**Territory**) represented by Sport and Recreation, a business unit of the Chief Minister, Treasury and Economic Development Directorate.

A.C.T. Football Federation Ltd ACN 611 590 991 of 'Football House', Unit 2, 3 Phipps Close, Deakin ACT 2600 (**Organisation**).

BACKGROUND

- A. The Territory and the Organisation entered into the Funding Agreement in 2022 in relation to the provision of funding to the Organisation and the agreement of the Organisation to, amongst other things, host Canberra United A-League Women Home Games in the Territory.
- B. The Territory has agreed to that in addition to the funding being provided under the Funding Agreement, for the 2024-2025 Season, an additional Sponsorship will be provided to the Organisation and the Organisation has agreed to provide Sponsorship Rights in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement.

IT IS AGREED by the parties as follows:

1. Interpretation

1.1 Definitions

The following definitions apply to this Agreement unless the context otherwise requires.

| | |
|-------------------------|--|
| Agreement | means this agreement including all schedules, annexures and attachments. |
| AL-W | means the football competition administered by the APL and known as the 'A-League Women'. |
| APL | means Australian Professional Leagues Company Pty Ltd ACN 646 799 199, being the entity responsible for the operation, management and coordination of the AL-W. |
| Contact Officers | in relation to each party, the representatives whose names and contact details are specified in Item 1 Schedule 1 , or as notified from time to time by one party to the other. |
| Finals Game | means any football game (including the semi-final and the grand final) conducted as part of the AL-W and allocated by |

the APL as a Canberra United hosted finals game.

Funding Agreement means the funding agreement between the Territory and the Organisation dated 4 January 2022.

Home Game means any football game other than a Finals Game which is conducted as part of the AL-W and allocated by the APL as a Canberra United home game.

Information Privacy Act means the *Information Privacy Act 2014*.

Insolvency Event

- (i) in respect of a natural person:
 - (a) any orders, agreements or arrangements are made in respect of the affairs of the person in accordance with the *Bankruptcy Act 1966* (Cth); or
 - (b) in the reasonable opinion of the Territory the person is likely to be declared bankrupt or lose control of the management of their financial affairs; or
- (ii) in respect of all other entities:
 - (a) any of the events listed in sub-sections 459C(2)(a) to (f) of the *Corporations Act 2001* (Cth) occur in respect of the entity; or
 - (b) any other event occurs which, in the reasonable opinion of the Territory is likely to result, or has resulted, in the:
 - (i) insolvency;
 - (ii) winding up; or
 - (iii) appointment of a controller (as that term is defined in the *Corporations Act 2001* (Cth)) in respect of part or all of the property,
 of the entity.

For the purposes of subparagraph (ii)(b), subsections 459C(2)(a) to (f) *Corporations Act 2001*(Cth) are to be read as if applying to all incorporated entities.

Personal Information is personal information as defined in section 8 of the Information Privacy Act, namely, information or an opinion about an identified individual or an individual who is reasonably identifiable:

(1) whether the information is true or not; and

| | |
|------------------------------|--|
| | (2) whether the information or opinion is recorded in a material form or not, |
| | but does not include personal health information (as defined in the <i>Health Records (Privacy and Access) Act 1997 (ACT)</i>) about the individual. |
| Season | means a AL-W season as determined by the APL. |
| Special Conditions | any provision set out in Item 2 Schedule 2 . |
| Sponsored Activity | the activity specified in Item 4 Schedule 1 . |
| Sponsorship | the amount or other contribution specified in Item 3 Schedule 1 . |
| Sponsorship Rights | the rights set out Item 1 Schedule 2 . |
| Term | the duration of this Agreement specified in Item 2 Schedule 1 , and if extended, the initial term and the extended term. |
| Territory | when used: |
| | (1) in a geographical sense, the Australian Capital Territory; and |
| | (2) in any other sense, the body politic established by section 7 of the <i>Australian Capital Territory (Self-Government) Act 1988 (Cth)</i> . |
| Territory Information | the kind of information that: |
| | (1) is or relates to documents, submissions, consultations, policies, strategies, practices and procedures of the Territory which are by their nature confidential; or |
| | (2) is notified (whether in writing or not) by the Territory to the Organisation as being confidential; |
| | (3) is Personal Information, |
| | but does not include information that: |
| | (4) is or becomes public knowledge other than by breach of this Agreement; |
| | (5) has been independently developed or acquired by the Organisation; or |
| | (6) has been notified in writing by the Territory to the Organisation as not being confidential. |
| TPPs | the Territory Privacy Principles provided for in section 13 and |

set out in Schedule 1 of the Information Privacy Act.

TPP Code a code of practice about information privacy which, having regard to section 21(1) and (3) of the Information Privacy Act, binds an agency that engages the Consultant in the provision of the Services.

1.2 General

In this Agreement, unless the contrary intention is expressed:

- (1) references to "Organisation" includes any employees or agents of the Organisation;
- (2) references to legislation or to provisions in legislation include references to amendments or re-enactments of them and to all regulations and instruments issued under the legislation;
- (3) words in the singular include the plural and vice versa;
- (4) headings are for convenience only and do not affect the construction or interpretation of this Agreement;
- (5) an obligation imposed on more than one person binds them jointly and severally;
- (6) the word "include" and any derivation is not to be construed as a word of limitation; and
- (7) the definitions in the Funding Agreement apply to this Agreement.

2. Sponsorship

2.1 Provision of Sponsorship

In consideration of the grant of the Sponsorship Rights, the Territory must provide to the Organisation the Sponsorship in the manner specified in **Item 3 Schedule 1**.

2.2 Use of Sponsorship

The Organisation must only use the Sponsorship for the Sponsored Activity.

2.3 Payment of Sponsorship

If, by virtue of the *A New Tax System (Goods and Services Tax) Act 1999* (Cth) (**GST Act**), a goods and services tax (**GST**) is payable in respect of the Sponsorship, the Organisation must render to the Territory a tax Invoice (as defined in the GST Act).

3. Term

This Agreement is for the Term unless terminated under the provisions of this Agreement.

4. Sponsorship Rights

In consideration of the provision of the Sponsorship, the Organisation grants to the Territory and agrees to comply with (as relevant) the Sponsorship Rights.

5. Non-disclosure of Territory Information

5.1 Organisation's use of Territory Information

The Organisation must:

- (1) use Territory Information held in connection with this Agreement only for the purposes of fulfilling its obligations under this Agreement;
- (2) not transfer Territory Information held in connection with this Agreement outside the Territory, or allow any person (other than authorised personnel) outside the Territory to have access to it, without the prior approval of the Territory;
- (3) notify the Territory immediately if the Organisation becomes aware that a disclosure of Territory Information may be required by law, or an unauthorised disclosure of Territory Information has occurred; and
- (4) in respect of Personal Information held in connection with this Agreement:
 - (a) comply with the TPPs and any applicable TPP Code and must not (and procure that any subcontractor engaged by the Organisation under this Agreement does not) act or engage in a practice that breaches a TPP or a TPP Code; and
 - (b) co-operate with any reasonable requests or directions of the Territory arising directly from, or in connection with, the exercise of the functions of the information privacy commissioner under the Information Privacy Act.

5.2 Organisation to protect Territory Information

- (1) Except as provided in this Agreement, the Organisation must not disclose Territory Information to any person without the prior written consent of the Territory except to the extent that the Territory Information is:
 - (a) required or authorised to be disclosed by law;
 - (b) disclosed to the Organisation's solicitors, auditors, insurers or

advisers;

- (c) generally available to the public; or
 - (d) in the possession of the Organisation without restriction in relation to disclosure before the date of receipt from the Territory.
- (2) The Organisation must take all reasonable measures to ensure that Territory Information accessed or held by it in connection with this Agreement is protected against loss, unauthorised access, use, modification, disclosure or other misuse in accordance with reasonable procedures for that purpose and only authorised personnel have access to Territory Information.
- (3) The Organisation must do all things necessary to ensure that Territory Information accessible to the Organisation and the Organisation's personnel by virtue of the performance of this Agreement is not accessed, published or communicated in any way, including imposing upon the Organisation's personnel obligations of confidentiality with respect to Territory Information.

6. Indemnity

The Organisation indemnifies the Territory from and against any Claim or Liability suffered or incurred by the Territory or any of its Associates in connection with:

- (1) any loss or damage to or of property, including any real or personal property, including property belonging to the Territory or its officers, agents, advisers, consultants, contractors or employees;
- (2) any injury to, illness or death of, any person; or
- (3) any third party actions brought against the Territory or its Associates,

to the extent caused or contributed to by the Organisation or any of its Associates in connection with this Agreement. The Organisation's liability to indemnify the Territory and its Associates in accordance with this Agreement will be reduced to the extent that any such Claim or Liability is caused or contributed to by:

- (4) any breach by the Territory of this Agreement; or
- (5) any fraudulent, negligent, reckless, unlawful or malicious act or omission of the Territory or any of its Associates.

7. Termination

7.1 Termination by Territory

The Territory may terminate this Agreement, at any time by written notice to the Organisation if:

- (6) the Funding Agreement is terminated; or
- (7) subject to the *Corporations Act 2001* (Cth), the Organisation is the subject of an Insolvency Event;
- (8) the Canberra United are removed from, or not nominated by the APL to compete in the AL-W; or
- (9) a significant change in the structure, composition or organisation of the AL-W occurs.

7.2 Termination by either party

A party (**first party**) may terminate this Agreement at any time by notice to the other if:

- (1) the Sponsored Activity is cancelled or cannot take place due to impossibility or illegality; or
- (2) the other party is in breach of a provision of this Agreement, where that breach:
 - (a) if capable of being remedied, is not remedied within the period specified in a notice by the first party, or
 - (b) is not capable of being remedied.

7.3 After termination

- (1) If a party terminates the Agreement pursuant to **clause 7.1** or **clause 7.2**, the Organisation must repay or return to the Territory, within 14 days of receipt of or provision of notice to terminate, so much of the Sponsorship as the Territory has provided, and take such other reasonable measures (including deletion of the Territory's name from publications regarding the Sponsored Activity) as notified by the Territory.
- (2) Following the expiration or earlier termination of this Agreement, the Organisation must not represent or otherwise hold out that it has any association or affiliation with the Territory.

8. General

8.1 Cooperation and good faith

Each party will:

- (1) fully cooperate with each other to ensure timely progress and fulfilment of this Agreement; and
- (2) act reasonably and in good faith with respect to matters that relate to this Agreement.

8.2 Conflict of interest

The Organisation warrants that no conflict of interest exists or is likely to arise in relation to the performance of its obligations under this Agreement and must, if a conflict or risk of conflict arises, notify the Territory and comply with any requirement of the Territory to eliminate or deal with that conflict or risk.

8.3 No assignment or subcontracting

- (1) The Organisation must not assign the whole or part of this Agreement without the prior written consent of the Territory. If the Territory gives its consent, the Territory may impose any conditions.
- (2) A change in the control of the Organisation or a company that controls the Organisation (except a company listed on an Australian stock exchange) is taken to be an assignment, the term "control" including the direct or indirect holding of more than 50% of the share capital of a corporation.
- (3) If the Organisation breaches **clause 8.3(1)**, the Territory reserves its rights, including requiring the Organisation to provide information regarding the proposed assignee's capability to continue performing this Agreement.

8.4 No employment, partnership or agency relationship

Nothing in this Agreement constitutes the Organisation, or its employees, agents or subcontractors as employees, partners or agents of the Territory or creates any employment, partnership or agency for any purpose and the Organisation must not represent itself, and must ensure its employees, agents and subcontractors do not represent themselves, as being employees, partners or agents of the Territory.

8.5 Entire agreement

This Agreement comprises the entire agreement between the parties in relation to the subject matter of this Agreement and supersedes any prior representations, negotiations, writings, memoranda and agreements.

8.6 Severability

Any provision of this Agreement that is illegal, void or unenforceable will not form part of this Agreement to the extent of that illegality, voidness or unenforceability. The remaining provisions of this Agreement will not be invalidated by an illegal, void or unenforceable provision.

8.7 Variation

This Agreement may be varied or the Term extended only by the written agreement of the parties prior to the expiration of this Agreement.

8.8 No waiver

Failure or omission by the Territory at any time to enforce or require strict or timely compliance with any provision of this Agreement will not affect or impair that provision in any way or the rights and remedies that the Territory may have in respect of that provision.

8.9 Governing law and compliance with the law

This Agreement is governed by and construed in accordance with the law for the time being in force in the Territory and the parties submit to the non-exclusive jurisdiction of the courts of the Territory. The Organisation must comply with the laws from time to time in force in the Territory in performing its obligations under the Agreement.

8.10 Notices

Any notice, including any other communication, required to be given or sent to either party under this Agreement must be in writing and given to the relevant Contact Officer. A notice will be deemed to have been given:

- (1) if delivered by hand, on delivery;
- (2) if sent by prepaid mail, on the expiration of two days after the date on which it was sent;
- (3) if sent by electronic mail, on whichever of the following occurs first:
 - (a) on the other party's acknowledgment of receipt by any means;
 - (b) the sender's electronic mail device recording that the electronic mail has been successfully transmitted to the recipient's address;
or
 - (c) expiration of two business days after the date on which it was sent without receipt of a notification that the delivery failed,

and if given in two or more ways, on the first of paragraph (1) to (3) occurring.

8.11 Special Conditions

In the event of any inconsistency between any Special Condition and any other provision of this Agreement then, to the extent of any inconsistency, the Special Condition will prevail.

8.12 Survival of clauses

Clauses 5, 6 and 7 will survive the expiration or earlier termination of this Agreement.

SCHEDULE 1

CONTRACT DETAILS

- Item 1. Contact Officers** For the Territory:
See clause 1.1 and 3.10
- Rebecca Kelley, Executive Branch Manager,
Sport and Recreation, Economic Development
Directorate
- Address: Canberra Nara Centre, 3 Constitution
Avenue, Canberra ACT 2601
- Email: rebecca.kelley@act.gov.au
- Phone: 02 6207 4389
- For the Organisation:
- Samantha Farrow
- Address: 'Football House', Unit 2, 3 Phipps
Close, Deakin ACT 2600
- Email: ^{Sch 2.2(a)(ii)}capitalfootball.com.au
- Phone: 02 6189 2200
- Item 2. Term** From the date of this Agreement until 30 June
See clause 3 2025.
- Item 3. Sponsorship** (1) \$200,000 (exclusive of GST).
See clause 1.1 and 2 (2) The Territory will pay the Sponsorship to
the Organisation following its receipt of a
correctly rendered invoice.
- Item 4. Sponsored Activity** The operation of Canberra United.
See clause 1.1 and 2.2

SCHEDULE 2

Item 1. SPONSORSHIP RIGHTS

1. During the Term, the Organisation must, at its own cost, print the ACT Government Logo (as provided or approved by the Territory):
 - a. on the front of the playing strip shorts;
 - b. on the right chest of the media polo worn by coaches on all game days; and
 - c. in addition to any signage required under the Funding Agreement, an additional 4 toblerone signs that must be displayed on field during Home Games in locations agreed to by the Territory.
2. During the Term, the Organisation must, at its own cost, facilitate community engagement through ensuring:
 - a. Canberra United players attendance at a minimum of two schools in the Territory during pre-Season;
 - b. Canberra United players attendance at a minimum of one community club in the Territory, at any time during the Term;
 - c. Canberra United must host a gala day event in the Territory;
 - d. Canberra United players must attend a Talent Development Squad training (for 14/15/16 year olds) in the Territory at least three times during the Season;
 - e. Canberra United players involvement in tourism campaign(s) with Visit Canberra or other relevant Territory marketing campaigns upon reasonable request by the Territory.
3. The Organisation must provide a report on the community engagement activities in **clause 3 of Item 1 of this Schedule 2** in this at the same time as the reports are provided in accordance with the Funding Agreement.

Item 2. SPECIAL CONDITIONS

1. If the Funding Agreement is terminated by any party for any reason, then this Agreement will be deemed to have automatically terminated on the date of termination of the Funding Agreement.
2. The Organisation's obligations under the Funding Agreement in relation to insurance apply equally to this Agreement.

DATE OF THIS AGREEMENT 21 June 2024

SIGNED for and on behalf of the
AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY
in the presence of:

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) Signature of Territory delegate

Sch 2.2(a)(ii)

Rebecca Kelle

Print name

Alice Staiway

Print name

Sch 2.2(a)(ii)

SIGNED by or for and on behalf of
A.C.T. Football Federation Ltd ACN
611 590 991
in the presence of:

) Signature of director

Sch 2.2(a)(ii)

Angelo Konstantinou

Print name

Samantha Kanow

Print name

Note:

Date: Must be dated on the date the last party signs the Agreement or, if signed counterparts of the Agreement are exchanged, the date of exchange. Also date the cover page.

Company: Must be signed in accordance with section 127 of the *Corporations Act 2001* (Cth), for example, by 2 directors or a director and a secretary. Common seal may be affixed if required under the Organisation's constitution.

Individual: Must be signed by the individual and witnessed.

Incorporated Association: Must be signed in accordance with the Organisation's constitution, which may or may not require the common seal to be affixed. As a minimum, 2 authorised officers must sign.

From: "Clarke, Jason" <Jason.Clarke@act.gov.au>
Sent: 02/05/2024 2:06 PM
To: "Arthy, Kareena" <Kareena.Arthy@act.gov.au>; "Kelley, Rebecca" <Rebecca.Kelley@act.gov.au>
Subject: FW: Contracts for CU Players

Jason Clarke

Senior Adviser – Sport and Recreation;
Youth Affairs; Manager Of Government Business
CPSU Delegate
Office of Yvette Berry MLA
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From: Clarke, Jason
Sent: Thursday, May 2, 2024 10:18 AM
To: Samantha Farrow (Sth 22(a)) @capitalfootball.com.au>
Subject: Contracts for CU Players

Hi Sam,

Just wanted to check in on how the process for contracting players is going?

Governments additional contribution was intended to get this process underway and provide certainty, but we haven't heard anything about steps forward yet.

Could I have an update please?

Have a good one,

Jason Clarke

Senior Adviser – Sport and Recreation;
Youth Affairs; Manager Of Government Business
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DEED OF VARIATION

Dated

21 June 2024

Parties

AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

**A.C.T FOOTBALL FEDERATION LTD
ACN 611 590 991**

**VARIATION OF CANBERRA UNITED
2021-2025 FUNDING AGREEMENT**

Prepared by

ACT Government Solicitor
Plaza Level, 13 Constitution Avenue
Canberra ACT 2601
Ref: EROS 644396

Version

Final Execution Version

PARTIES: **AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY**, the body politic established by section 7 of the *Australian Capital Territory (Self-Government) Act 1988* (Cth) (**Territory**) represented by the Chief Minister, Treasury and Economic Development Directorate.

A.C.T FOOTBALL FEDERATION LTD (ACN 611 590 991) of 'Football House,' Unit 2, 3 Phipps Close, DEAKIN ACT 2600 (**Recipient**).

BACKGROUND

- A. The Territory and the Recipient executed a funding agreement (**Agreement**) on or about 4 January 2022 in relation to the Territory providing funding to the Recipient, and the Recipient agreed to various activities, including hosting the Canberra United A-League Women Home Games in the Territory for each Season beginning with the 2021/2022 and ending with the 2024/2025 Season.
 - B. The Agreement was first varied on 8 December 2022 to consider CPI increases for the funding amounts; and a second deed of variation was entered into on 27 June 2023, to further update the funding amounts. Lastly, a third deed of variation was entered into on 19 December 2023 to allow the Recipient to play one of the home games in Sydney rather than Canberra.
 - C. The Recipient has requested that the funding amount payable for the 2024/2024 Season is brought forward.
 - D. Clause 15.8 provides for variations to the Agreement to be made only by the written agreement of the parties.
 - E. The parties have agreed to further vary the Agreement in accordance with the terms of this Deed.
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IT IS AGREED by the parties as follows.

1. Interpretation and Governing Law

- (1) Unless the context requires or it is otherwise specified in this Deed, any words used in this Deed that are defined in the Agreement have the same meaning for the purpose of this Deed.
- (2) This Deed is governed by and construed in accordance with the law for the time being in force in the Territory and the parties submit to the non-exclusive jurisdiction of the courts of the Territory.

2. Effective Date

The variations to the Agreement described in this Deed take effect on the date of this Deed.

3. Variation

- (1) **Clause 3.1:** clause 3.1 is deleted and replaced with the following:
- 3.1 The Territory will pay the Funding to the Recipient in respect of each Season during the Term by instalments following its receipt of a correctly rendered invoice and otherwise in accordance with the following:

| Season | Funding amount per Season (GST exclusive) | When invoice may be rendered |
|-----------|--|--|
| 2021/2022 | \$100,000 | Upon provision to the Territory of the proposed Partnership Plan. |
| | \$25,000 | On or after the later of: (1) 1 April 2022; and (2) receipt by the Territory of all reports in accordance with Schedule 3 in respect of that Season. |
| 2022/2023 | \$100,000 + 2022/2023 Contract Year CPI Increase | On or after the later of: (1) 1 October 2022; and (2) upon the Partnership Plan for that Season being approved or determined by the Territory (as applicable). |
| | \$25,000 + 2022/2023 Contract Year CPI Increase | On or after the later of: (1) 1 April 2023; and (2) receipt by the Territory of all reports in accordance with Schedule 3 in respect of that Season. |
| 2023/2024 | \$125,000 | On or after 27 June 2023. |
| | \$100,000 | On or after the later of: (1) 1 October 2023; or (2) upon the Partnership Plan for that Season being approved or determined by the Territory (as applicable). |
| | \$25,000 | On or after the later of: (1) 1 April 2024; and |

| | | |
|-----------|--|--|
| | | (2) receipt by the Territory of all reports in accordance with Schedule 3 in respect of that Season. |
| 2024/2025 | \$200,000 + 2024/2025 Contract Year CPI Increase | On or after [INSERT DATE] 21 June 2024 |
| | \$50,000 + 2024/2025 Contract Year CPI Increase | On or after [INSERT DATE] 21 June 2024 |

For the purposes of this **clause 3.1**:

'**CPI Increase**' means the percentage increase (if any) in the Consumer Price Index forecast in the most recently published ACT Government Budget Statements; and

'**Contract Year**' means, during the Term, each period commencing on 1 July and concluding on 30 June the following year.

4. Counterparts

- (1) This Deed may be executed in any number of counterparts and by the parties in separate counterparts. Each counterpart constitutes the agreement of each party who has executed and delivered that counterpart to the other party either physically or electronically. All such counterparts taken together will be deemed to constitute one and the same Deed.

SIGNED AS A DEED ON 21 June 2024

SIGNED for and on behalf of the
AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY
in the presence of:

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Sch 2.2(a)(ii)

Rebecca Kelley
.....
Print name

Alice Stanley
.....
Print name

SIGNED by or for and on behalf of
A.C.T FOOTBALL FEDERATION (ACN
611 590 991)
in the presence of:

Sch 2.2(a)(ii)

) Signature of director

Sch 2.2(a)(ii)

Angelo Konstantinos
.....
Print name

Samantha Farrow
.....
Print name



Note:

Company:

Must be signed in accordance with section 127 of the *Corporations Act 2001* (Cth), for example, by 2 directors or a director and a secretary. Common seal may be affixed if required under the Consultant's constitution.

From: "Stainlay, Alice" <Alice.Stainlay@act.gov.au>
Sent: 09/04/2024 2:12 PM
To: "Kelley, Rebecca" <Rebecca.Kelley@act.gov.au>
Subject: FW: Funding letter for Canberra United
Attachments: Letter to ACT Gov RE Canberra United Football Club.pdf

OFFICIAL

Alice Stainlay | Director, Performance Partnerships
Sport and Recreation | Chief Minister, Treasury and Economic Development Directorate | ACT Government

From: Kelley, Rebecca <Rebecca.Kelley@act.gov.au>
Sent: Thursday, May 4, 2023 12:33 PM
To: Stainlay, Alice <Alice.Stainlay@act.gov.au>; Bailey, Daniel <Daniel.Bailey@act.gov.au>
Subject: FW: Funding letter for Canberra United

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Hi - FYI – This will be going to the CM and DCM.

Bec

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From: "Kelley, Rebecca" <Rebecca.Kelley@act.gov.au>
Sent: 02/05/2024 2:35 PM
To: "Stainlay, Alice" <Alice.Stainlay@act.gov.au>
Subject: FW: Contracts for CU Players

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From: Clarke, Jason <Jason.Clarke@act.gov.au>
Sent: Thursday, May 2, 2024 2:06 PM
To: Arthy, Kareena <Kareena.Arthy@act.gov.au>; Kelley, Rebecca <Rebecca.Kelley@act.gov.au>
Subject: FW: Contracts for CU Players

Jason Clarke

Senior Adviser – Sport and Recreation;
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From: "Tran, Trang" <Trang.Tran@act.gov.au>
Sent: 27/03/2024 8:09 AM
To: "Stainlay, Alice" <Alice.Stainlay@act.gov.au>
Cc: "McAskill, Sam" <Sam.McAskill@act.gov.au>; "Kelley, Rebecca" <Rebecca.Kelley@act.gov.au>; "Arthy, Kareena" <Kareena.Arthy@act.gov.au>
Subject: RE: Early payment of Canberra United Partnership Fee

OFFICIAL

Hi Alice,

Noting that \$125k is in the budget for 2023-24 from base funding so only \$125k is required to be cash managed.

Regards,
Trang Tran

From: Stainlay, Alice <Alice.Stainlay@act.gov.au>
Sent: Tuesday, March 26, 2024 5:26 PM
To: Tran, Trang <Trang.Tran@act.gov.au>
Cc: McAskill, Sam <Sam.McAskill@act.gov.au>; Kelley, Rebecca <Rebecca.Kelley@act.gov.au>; Arthy, Kareena <Kareena.Arthy@act.gov.au>
Subject: Early payment of Canberra United Partnership Fee

OFFICIAL

Hi Trang,

Following our earlier discussion, I wanted to confirm the agreed financial mechanism that will support an early-payment of Canberra United's 2024-25 partnership fee.

As discussed, the full funding amount of \$250,000 will need to be cash managed via CMTEDD in 2023-24 financial year.

It would be appreciated if you could please confirm this position.

Thanks,
Alice

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Sent: 20/05/2024 2:28 PM
To: "Stainlay, Alice" <Alice.Stainlay@act.gov.au>; "Samantha Farrow" <@capitalfootball.com.au>; "Kelley, Rebecca" <Rebecca.Kelley@act.gov.au>
Subject: Re: Inclusions for Variation to CU Funding

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Hi Alice,

I reviewed the executed deed but didn't find any mention of the Canberra Hospital visit.

I recall that we included Canberra Hospital in the preseason presentation last season as part of our community engagement efforts.

We can definitely include it again this year, along with additional community engagement initiatives mentioned in Sam's initial email.

Let me know if I missed anything or if you need further information.

Cheers,



Sch 2.2(a)(ii)



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I'm not sure

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Good Afternoon ladies,

Please accept this email as formal notification of Capital Football's acceptance of the \$200,000 offered by the ACT government in additional funding for Canberra United.

My apologies for the delay in providing this detail that was discussed on Wednesday 24 April, my focus has been on negotiations with players, coaches and GM's. In a normal season these conversations would not be happening at the same time, but nothing this season is normal.

Sponsorship Opportunities

- 11 Home Games (confirmed)
- CBR or ACT Gov logo
 - on front of playing strip shorts (in addition to the lower back of the playing strip shirt)
 - on right chest of media polo (worn by coaches on game day – changed from back of shoulders as believe this will get more visibility with photo and media commitments by players, admin and coaching staff)
- 4 toblerone signage that will be displayed on field during home games, unsure of exact location but may be across centre of ground and coaches box

Community Engagement

- Christmas hospital visit

- Inclusion of CU players for school and club visits (noting that CU play in summer which is out of season for clubs, so may only be 1-2)
- Canberra United gala day for kids to come and meet the players / training
- CU players attendance at TDS training (14/15/16 year old talent development program boys & girls – 200 participants in 2024) at least 3 times
- Access to CU players for promotion of ACT Gov / Canberra on 3 occasions. Examples of this promotion include being in a tourism campaign with Visit Canberra, during mowing season to present a message to public on what is happening.

If there is any feedback on this offerings, please do not hesitate to contact me.

In addition to the original \$250,000, we would like to access these funds in advance so we can continue moving with our season preparations.



Kind Regards, Sam



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Hi Alice,
 Thanks for the call

yesterday.

As discussed, please find further information (highlighted) below:

Community Engagement

- Inclusion of CU players for school and club visits (noting that CU play in summer which is out of season for clubs, so may only be 1-2) - Looking to engage with 2 schools around pre season/initial rounds (Octo/Nov) and one community club as a part of community engagement
- Canberra United gala day for kids to come and meet the players / training - Schedule in October/Jan school holidays to promote (depending on player schedule). The aim is to connect with the community and also promote memberships.
- CU players attendance at TDS training (14/15/16 year old talent development program boys & girls – 200 participants in 2024) at least 3 times - New program run by CF. CU players will attend the TDS sessions in October.
- Access to CU players for promotion of ACT Gov / Canberra. Examples of this promotion include being in a tourism campaign with Visit Canberra, during mowing season to present a message to public on what is happening. - Appreciate you keeping this generic and not adding a number of appearance.

Hope this provides enough information to complete the new deed for the additional funding.

Cheers,

[Redacted]



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Subject: FW: Response to Minster - Throsby Home of Football
Attachments: Letter to Minister Berry 23042024.pdf

Jason Clarke

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Cc: "CMTEDD, Economic Development DLO" <EcoDevDLO@act.gov.au>; "CMTEDD, Economic Development" <ecodev@act.gov.au>; "Arthy, Kareena" <Kareena.Arthy@act.gov.au>
Subject: SIGNED - Ministerial Info Brief - Berry - Canberra United funding options for 2024-25 season - 24-1615
Attachments: Att B - Letter to CF regarding Canberra United funding uplift.pdf, GOVERNMENT & STAKEHOLDER RELATIONS - Government & Assembly Matters - Ministerial Info Brief - Berry - Canberra United funding options for 2024-25 season.tr5
Importance: High

OFFICIAL

Hi team,

See below the Berry Office sending the Canberra United funding uplift letter at 4pm.

The signed brief, letter to the Treasurer and attached letter to Capital Football have been dropped in the TRIM container attached.

Kind regards,

Isabelle Howse

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From: Clarke, Jason <Jason.Clarke@act.gov.au>
Sent: Wednesday, April 17, 2024 3:54 PM
To: Samantha Farrow <Sch 2.2(a)(ii)>@capitalfootball.com.au>
Subject: Letter from Minister Berry

Hi Sam,

Please find attached a letter from Yvette.

Have a good afternoon.

Kind regards

Jason Clarke

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Minister for Sport and Recreation

Member for Ginninderra

Ms Samantha Farrow
CEO, Capital Football

By email: Sch226@capitalfootball.com.au

Our ref: CMTEDD2024/1226

Dear Ms Farrow

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Samantha'.

I write to extend support for the Canberra United team and seek certainty for the players. I acknowledge the financial pressure Capital Football is experiencing and the impact this is having on the immediate future of Canberra United, particularly contracting players for the upcoming 2024-25 A-League Women season.

Noting this, I can advise that the ACT Government could bring forward an early part-payment of the 2024-25 Partnership Fee, being \$125,000, for payment as soon as possible to support Capital Football's short-term budget position with the intent to secure contractual player arrangements. Should Capital Football wish to take up this offer, please confirm with me as soon as practicable so necessary processes can commence.

Out of scope

Should you wish to discuss the proposals further, please contact Rebecca Kelley, Executive Branch Manager on rebecca.kelley@act.gov.au or 6207 4389.

Yours sincerely

Yvette Berry MLA
Deputy Chief Minister

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'Yvette Berry'.

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Cc: "Kelley, Rebecca" <Rebecca.Kelley@act.gov.au>; "Tran, Trang" <Trang.Tran@act.gov.au>
Subject: S&R pre-payment update

OFFICIAL

Hi both,

Wanted to loop back around regarding the various pre-payment discussions to confirm the state of play.

Canberra United

- \$250,000 partnership fee – 2024-25 payment will be pre-paid in 2023-24. Invoice will be issued by CF upon execution of Deed of Variation. Timing likely May 2024. MO has approved pre-payment.
- \$200,000 funding uplift – additional funds to be cash managed by the directorate. Invoicing and timing as above. MO has approved funding uplift.

Out of scope

I will keep you in the loop as to execution of the various agreement so payment timings can be updated your end, if need be.

Thanks,
Alice

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Stainlay, Alice 16/05 3:56 pm

Sch 2.2(a)(ii)

doesn't look like the MO has sent the letter to CF as yet....

Binder 3, page 37

Friday, 17 May

Stainlay, Alice 17/05 10:34 am

Sch 2.2(a)(ii)

hold that...the letter has been signed and will be emailed today!

19/06 12:42 pm

Hi! - can you please check back in the women's team overview brief? Thanks! Binder 3, page 38

Any acknowledgement from CF on the Deeds?

Sch 2.2(a)(ii) Stainlay, Alice 19/06 12:43 pm

Sure I didn't even know it was checked out!



Kelley, Rebecca 19/06/2024 12:43 pm

Any acknowledgement from CF on the Deeds?

No not yet. I will call Sch 2.2 today.

Stainlay, Alice 19/06 12:45 pm

19/06 12:43 pm

They are in a rough patch!!

Stainlay, Alice 09/04 2:03 pm

Sch 2.2(a)(ii)

Have just read the response form MO to Save CANberra United emails. Two references incorrect....

Australian Premier League should be Australian Professional League

Women's A-League should be A-League Women

Have let DLO know so it can be updated for any future correspondence.

Binder 3, page 39

09/04 2:09 pm

Oh dear....

Jason has just texted me to ask when/if CF specifically asked for a doubling of funding. Can you pull out Sch 2.2(a)(ii)'s letter when they asked for it?

Stainlay, Alice 09/04 2:10 pm

Sch 2.2(a)(ii)

yep sure

You 09/05/2024, 10:01 AM

Hi - FYI - Capital Football posted this yesterday.....

[CANBERRA UNITED UPDATE - Canberra United](#)

I note the reference to ACT gov in para below which infers we are engaged with the consideration of proposal (ie guessing employment of Caggiano) which is obviously not the case! We have still not heard from them re funding.

"There are various proposals and options on the table around the structure of Canberra United. These proposals are currently under discussions between relevant stakeholders, including the ACT Government, to seek the best possible outcome for the club and continued participation at the highest level."

10/05/2024

You 10/05/2024, 4:39 PM Edited

Hi - just another FYI - MO has asked us to draft a letter for Min to send to Sam Farrow early next week regarding an update on player contracts and response to our funding offer. Jason emailed her on 2 May and hasn't received a response!

Kareena Arthy 10/05/2024, 4:39 PM

didn't they read the canberra times this morning about the player and coach contracts? 😊

You 10/05/2024, 4:40 PM

I think he is mainly annoyed that she did not respond and Min can't understand why they haven't accepted our offer..

Sch 2.2(a)(ii) Kareena Arthy 09/04/2024, 10:09 AM

Hey Yvette wants to write to the Soccerroos to ask them to chip in for United. Who/What entity should she be writing to?? Wants to get the letter out before QTime. I am drafting something now

Hi. From Jason. Who do I tell them to contact?

Sch 2.2(a)(ii) Kareena Arthy 09/04/2024, 10:43 AM

Sch 2.2(a)(ii) .

You 09/04/2024, 10:45 AM

Sch 2.2(a)(ii) CEO Football Australia. We have an email and try to info to track down phone number.

*trying to track

Sch 2.2(a)(ii) Kareena Arthy 09/04/2024, 10:45 AM

Great. Thanks.

You 09/04/2024, 10:46 AM

Poor Sch 2.2(a)(ii) ...we have had to reschedule her pitch presentation tomorrow for the investment scheme.

Sch 2.2(a)(ii) Kareena Arthy 09/04/2024, 10:49 AM

Just to clarify- football Australia is responsible for Soccerroos? Will probably need email as well if min is writing to them.

You 09/04/2024, 10:49 AM

Yes. Will have details to you in a tic!

Sch 2.2(a)(ii)

Kareena Arthy 18/03/2024, 11:43 AM

Hey Bec. Are you free so I can bring you up to speed on Canberra United?



You 18/03/2024, 11:44 AM

Just in Controlled Sports meeting!

Sch 2.2(a)(ii)

Kareena Arthy 18/03/2024, 11:44 AM

All good. Not urgent. Just let me know when you have 15 mins



You 18/03/2024, 12:21 PM

Hi - I know you're in a meeting now but I am good for 15 mins whenever might suit you up until 3!

Sch 2.2(a)(ii)

Kareena Arthy 18/03/2024, 2:19 PM

Hi. Are you free?

Kareena Arthy was unavailable. 18/03/2024, 2:24 PM



You 18/03/2024, 2:24 PM

Yep!

Sch 2.2(a)(ii) Kareena Arthy 19/03/2024, 3:52 PM

Hi - will you be available to talk to Sam straight after this meeting? I will phone her and dial you in...

You 19/03/2024, 3:52 PM

Yep

Sch 2.2(a)(ii) Kareena Arthy 19/03/2024, 4:14 PM

this ran much longer... I now need to meet with Michael Cook. Can you please ring Sam? She is only available until 430. Say that I can talk in the morning around 9am if that helps.



I have to drop out - I have a CMO meeting that I have to get to

You 19/03/2024, 4:33 PM

Just spoke to Sam - she doesn't have any more on intel APL announcement. She contacted the APL re the news article and they said "oh that shouldn't have referenced you only Newcastle". She provided a statement to the CT about half hour ago - ie they remain committed to United. She is hoping to have financial papers sorted in coming days and will better understand the shortfall for next season. I said we were here to help if we can and would appreciate an understanding of their financial piece once known. [redacted]

[redacted] ly [redacted] n p [redacted] er [redacted] [redacted] e n [redacted].

I think there is an avenue to bring forward funding from 2024-25 if that can assist their position. No need to meet tomorrow morning at this stage - she will let us know when she knows more.

Sch 2.2(a)(ii) Sch 2.2(a)(ii) 19/03/2024, 4:46 PM

great - thank you!

Sch 2.2(a)(ii)

Kareena Arthy 16/04/2024, 6:19 PM

OMG - if you thought the CU saga can't get any weirder, it has...

Binder 3, page 45

Minister spoke to Sch 2.2(a)(ii) tonight.... wait for it... Sch 2.2(a)(xii)

Kareena Arthy 16/04/2024, 6:20 PM

Sch 2.2(a)(xii)

And, the minister wants to meet with all parties tomorrow to sort something out.

Sch 2.2(a)(xii)

Daniel Bailey 16/04/2024, 6:22 PM

I agree - how long will that take to arrange.

Sch 2.2(a)(ii)

Kareena Arthy 16/04/2024, 6:22 PM

exactly

Sch 2.2(a)(ii)

Kareena Arthy 17/04/2024, 1:39 PM

I can just send you some dot points in this chat. No need to stress about jumping into meetings

Binder 3, page 46

Kareena Arthy 17/04/2024, 1:46 PM

Sch 2.2(a)(xii)

Min is taking view that if govt provides the \$200K, she is expecting CF and the investors to come out with very strong statements about the future of CU.

Kareena Arthy 22/03/2024, 4:56 PM

Hi - I've had another look at the APL letter and have edited it as I think the minister should put this on them as well... have edited it to be less about financial support to [Binder 3, page 47](#) seeking assurances from APL that they are doing everything they can to support the players during the transition.



You 22/03/2024, 4:57 PM

Sorry was juggling with some grants meetings but Alice just sending to me now



Kareena Arthy 22/03/2024, 5:04 PM

Daniel, can you please message me here when you have cleared it?

Daniel Bailey 22/03/2024, 5:06 PM

Will do.

Sch 2.2(a)(ii)

Sch 2.2(a)(ii) 16/04/2024, 12:30 PM

Binder 3, page 49

Hi - just talked to Bec H. Structure our brief around a \$100K proposal, is likely the min will annotate the brief to increase to \$200K. Also, we will need a letter to the Treasurer to get him to endorse the expenditure and whatever words we need from Strat Finance (I am about to email Sally) as well as the letter to CF.