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Sent: 9 Mar 2016 01:20:12 +0000
To: 'president.meltoncity@gmail.com'
Cc: Maurie Heaney; Adrian Burns
Subject: Naming of the new Regional Athletics Track

Dear Jamie,

I refer to your email to Maurie Heaney of 28 February 2016, which has been referred to me.

Whilst Council notes and recognises the contribution made by Mr Taylor to the Melton Little Athletics organisation, the proposal by Melton City Little Athletics Centre to name the new Regional Athletics Track after Mr Taylor does not accord with Council's adopted "Naming of Council Community Facilities and Open Space Policy".

The principal area of concern is that the Council Policy requires naming of facilities to be based upon the Guidelines for Geographic Place Naming issued by the Registrar of Geographic Place Names. Principle 1 (H) of those guidelines states that the names of people who are still alive should be avoided because community attitudes and opinions can change over time. The principles further state that it is preferable that only surnames are used when naming facilities.

The second area of concern with the proposal is that the guidelines recommend that significant community consultation take place prior to any naming proposals proceeding, and there has not at this time, been any community consultation with respect to any potential naming of the Regional Athletics and Hockey Centre.

Council will at some future time turn its mind to whether a name other than a location name is to be appended to both the Athletics and Hockey facilities at Bridge Road, and Council will consult with your organisation as part of that process.

Yours sincerely,

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