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To: Zones, Districts & Clubs

Re: NSW WATER RESTRICTIONS SURVEY

As alerted to in Circular C17/2019, a survey from Water Corporations asking Sporting Organisations to complete so that they can compile data to ascertain levels of restrictions going forward has been released. **Click the below link to access the survey:**

https://rnswba.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2019/12/NSWGCSA_Bowling-Club_191218.xlsx

Bowls NSW requests that ALL Clubs have this survey completed by the relevant person (Greenkeeper or any other person in charge of greens) and return to the nominated email address comprised in below letter from Turf Industry representatives.

The survey has been compiled by a group of Industry Members and Mr Peter Brueck from Waterwise Consulting. The aim of the survey is to assist Peter and Industry representatives to collect as much needed data to strengthen our discussions with all Water Authorities on our current and future water requirements.

Our focus is to demonstrate to your Water Authority that our Industry has put in place best water management practices by showing our Water Authorities that we are managing water the best we can. By demonstrating these traits, it will show each Water Authority that we are very responsible with our water management which will hopefully allow our Industry to have much needed access to Potable Water under these current type of weather conditions.

It is important that we take this approach as a collective group. The survey has been distributed throughout most of NSW. Even if you do not require the use of Potable Water can you still fill out the attached survey in support for Industry members. The greater number of surveys received means the more data collected which will help our cause.

Thank you all for taking the time to participate in this exercise.

Could you please return your completed survey to: NSWGCSAwater@gmail.com

If you wish to discuss this matter further, you can always contact the persons below –

1. David Somerville (Bankstown GC) – 0404039077
2. Simon Cooper (Turfcare) - 0425280306
3. Graeme Logan (ANZ Stadium) - 0419770629

See attached below a supporting statement from Sydney Water

“The current drought is the worst in the recorded history of Sydney, and the Bureau of Meteorology doesn’t expect any easing of conditions in the foreseeable future. Both Sydney Water and the NSW Government recognise the social value of green space and the mental and physical health benefits of physical activity. The question of how to balance reasonable and appropriate watering needs for sports fields, golf courses and bowling greens against the pressing need to conserve water is a key question for both Sydney Water and the whole community. Industry peak bodies and their members represent the needs of the community, and they have specific expertise that is critically important.

For this reason, Sydney Water needs guidance from industry experts on how best to achieve optimal balance between these two competing objectives – how to optimise water use to maintain viable sports surfaces in the grip of a severe drought. This is a pressing short-term priority with a longer-term objective of embedding sustainable water use practices.

This survey is the first step to building a coherent view on ‘what good looks like’ for water use in the sports turf sector.”

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