



**Office of the Mayor,  
Councillor Jami Kilisaris**

20 February 2017

Dear Ms Christofilopoulos,

I am writing in response to the questions that you submitted in writing for the Council meeting held on 6 February 2017. The responses have been prepared by Council Officers.

#### Question 1

On 19th Dec, the Mayor stated (in answer to a question regarding the feasibility study) - "...The current proposal would result in the addition of a four court facility, the activation of three existing outdoor courts and the retention of the existing two court facility or Orrong Romanis...". However, on 14th Dec, a question was asked about plans for the Romanis Centre if PNA relocates to Malvern East - the response at that time was "options for the future use of the centre will be considered during the feasibility study". Is this further proof that the so-called "feasibility study" is a farce?

#### Response

The statement from the Mayor on 19 December 2016 that you refer to was in response to a resident asking why a feasibility study isn't being done on Romanis Reserve.

The Mayor's response was:

*based on preliminary investigations of Orrong Park and Romanis Reserve it was assessed that a four-court stadium could not be accommodated on the site without compromising either of the two sportsgrounds. The opportunity to increase participation in active sport and recreation amongst the Stonnington community would be greatly enhanced by the addition of four indoor courts to the current number of courts. To establish a four court facility on Orrong Park or Romanis Reserve with as little impact on the adjacent sportsgrounds as possible would require the demolition of the existing two court facility. This would compromise the benefits that would come from the provision of four more courts in addition to the existing supply. The current proposal that is subject to the feasibility study would if it were implemented result in the addition of a four court facility, the activation of three existing outdoor courts and the retention of the existing two court facility at Orrong Romanis Recreation Centre with the participation benefits this affords a community that has been coping with the lack of provision of courts for a long period of time.*

The Mayor in a letter to the same resident on 14 December 2016 responded to the question:

What is planned for the Romanis Centre if Prahran Netball Club relocates to Malvern East?

by saying:

*The options for the future use of the Orrong Romanis Recreation Centre will be considered during the feasibility study.*

Question 2

Who is wrong regarding the answer: the Mayor or the Council Officers?

Response

The two comments to which you refer are included in the response to your previous question. Both comments are accurate and neither contradicts the other.

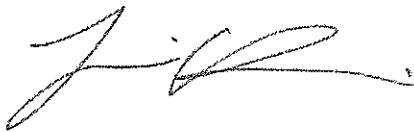
### Question 3

Council Officers presented the new Council with a paper on November 21st - their first ordinary meeting. The paper contained bias information, misinformation, and erroneous information that recommended spending over \$25 million of rate payer money. Given the amount of money involved, the consequences of the recommendation and the timing, do Councillors believe they have been ambushed?

### Response

At this stage the only decision Council has made is to complete a feasibility study into the proposed development of an indoor stadium at Percy Treyvaud Memorial Park and to include future provision of active recreation programs and services for older adults as part of that study.

Yours sincerely



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*Mayor of the City of Stonnington*  
*Councillor for East Ward*