



We are writing this letter in support of Rai Valley Area Schools Annual Plan Submission for lighting for their multipurpose sports field.

The top of the south has its unique geographical challenges across Marlborough/Nelson and Tasman.

Rai Valley is in a perfect central position to encourage sporting relationships across the top of the south.

Rai Valley Area School Board have taken the lead and begun by investing in a brand new field to offer it out to sporting codes for inter regional games. They have established and maintained facilities throughout the school that will be able to be used in conjunction with the field.

FC Nelson is looking forward to utilising the field and facilities. The challenge has always been the geographical distance and the driving times.

Having a field and facility within Rai Valley which cuts everyone travel time in half is a fabulous opportunity comes to grow club football between the regions. With Rai Valley being only a 50 minute drive from either side - this makes expansion and development for all our players so much more achievable.

Lighting is essential for training in the winter.

As we understand it - Rai Valley Area School has done all the preparations for this, and the field is up to a fantastic playing standard.

FC Nelson would love to support and see the lighting plan approved.

All the very best

Philip Thompson

President FC Nelson