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In August 2010, a Bike Southland consortium expressed an interest in bidding to host the proposed Cycling Centre of Excellence in Invercargill. Since that time, as specific requirements have been released, it has become apparent that an Invercargill bid would not fit the criteria outlined in the Request for Proposal (RFP). To this end our consortium will not be submitting an RFP for consideration.

We do, however, wish to formally register our keenness to play a role in the future through our continued hosting of national and international-quality events and, where required, play a role from a High Performance and Development training perspective. We offer an undertaking to work closely and cooperatively with any new facility once it is developed

We believe that we have added considerable value to the BikeNZ High Performance programme over the last five years and are committed to continuing to do so through the development of the proposed Centre of Excellence.

We recognise SPARC and BikeNZ's desire for a UCI Category 1 Velodrome but, after consideration locally, we advise that there is no desire to commit local community (or Government) funds to changing the homologation of the ILT Velodrome. If throughout the selection process, it becomes apparent that no suitable Centre of Excellence solution can be delivered by a single location, we also formally advise that we remain open to discussions on continuing Invercargill's role as either a shared or stand-alone centre for BikeNZ's High Performance programme.

It should also be noted Mountain-biking is already committed to further development of its existing facilities and a major BMX development is also planned over the next 18 months. Our group remains happy to engage in discussions should a less financially-straining solution be sought.

We look forward to confirmation of receipt of this letter and to continuing to playing a role in the future development of BikeNZ's athletes and events in the future.

Kind regards

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