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To whom it may concern,

I am writing this letter of support of Golf Programs Australia Inc. (GPAI) in their journey to develop a golf facility to deliver Specialty Golf programs for people with intellectual disabilities here on the Sunshine Coast.

I first met Darrell and Michelle last year when our two enterprises crossed paths, and as a result my 5-year-old son Jake was enrolled with GPAI and plays every Sunday in the Nambour Golf Club Juniors Program. Jake suffers severe anxiety, OCD, Asperger's syndrome and he also has a benign tumour on his brain stem which prevents him from playing contact sports.

Since Jake first began the program last year he has gone from being super shy and nervous in social situations to being able to interact with others. His confidence has grown and his hand-eye co-ordination and fine motor skills have improved to the point that Jake has been able to reduce the number of sessions with his occupational therapist from fortnightly to six monthly review appointments.

*Golf helps to improve balance, coordination, muscle strength and range of joint movement. It also provides a relaxed environment, meeting new people and making friends.*

Through my work with enableddisabled.com and having grown up with a disability myself, I am fully aware of the limited opportunities that are available to encourage people with disabilities to play sport. Living on the sunshine coast also presents further challenges for those with disabilities who are trying to gain employment. Being an area of high unemployment, competition for available positions are high. GPAI's golf facility would allow people with disabilities to gain skills and qualifications that would significantly increase the chances of meaningful employment.

Please give GPAI's application favourable consideration. If you have any questions, please contact me on 0417 000 963 at any time.

Kind Regards

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