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Game, set and match, says feasibility study

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A FEASIBILITY study has recommended against building a regional tennis centre in Greensborough.

In the report tabled at a private Banyule council meeting two weeks ago ABR Research said initial costs would be about \$5 million. It suggested the council focus on upgrading existing tennis facilities in the district.

The report also stated that the local tennis community was not in favour of a regional centre and that the suggested

locations around Greensborough were too close to a tennis centre in Bulleen.

Another problem with the proposed tennis centre, the report found, was that current water restrictions would hamper any development of the facility.

Councillor Dean Sherriff was not surprised by the report, saying the conclusions were foregone and the feasibility study was unnecessary.

"We should not have needed to engage consultants to tell us what should have been obvious," he said.

"Local clubs have been telling us this for free for many years."

Cr Sherriff said the report meant the centre was "unlikely to proceed".

He said he would be pushing to accept the study's recommendations and to spend \$5 million on smaller projects including courts at NJ Telfer Reserve in Bundoora.

However, Cr Jenny Mulholland said the feasibility study was only a guide and did not mean the project would go any further.

She pointed out that "Cr Sherriff was not at the meeting Monday night".