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### MP for Rangitata

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Owen Jackson  
CPlay Chair & Corporate Fundraising  
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**By email:** [roselyn@cloake.co.nz](mailto:roselyn@cloake.co.nz)

Dear Owen,

#### **RE CPlay Nomination for Award**

I am writing to acknowledge the outstanding work by the CPlay Project Team in providing our community with the remarkable CPlay playground at Caroline Bay in Timaru.

As the Member of Parliament for Rangitata, I am aware of the immense value this community resource brings to South Canterbury and the wider region. I know of several families who have travelled significant distances to visit the playground and take advantage of its unique accessible play areas. The creation of a vibrant and inclusive playground aligns with this Government's objectives of stronger communities and actively promotes the wellbeing of our region.

As the largest playground in the Southern Hemisphere, CPlay also has the potential to be a drawcard for visiting families across New Zealand, bringing substantial economic activity into South Canterbury.

CPlay will likely lead to significant social benefits for our region. The CPlay project has successfully created a playground environment that aligns with the principles outlined in the Ministry of Health's Active Play Guidelines for Under-fives. Creating spaces like the new playground not only enhances the wellbeing of our locals and visitors, but it also contributes to long term growth and prosperity.

Research underscores the significant economic, environmental, cultural, and health-related benefits associated with investments in play, active recreation, and sport. The CPlay playground is accessible to all members of our community, regardless of ability or background, fostering inclusivity and diversity in our shared spaces.

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This project also illustrates the amazing community spirit that is alive and well in South Canterbury. The tireless efforts of the CPlay volunteers, along with the generosity of local businesses and the community have made this project a reality.

I am confident this initiative will have a positive and lasting impact on the lives of our constituents, fostering healthier, happier, and more connected communities. I would happily and proudly support any applications or nominations for awards that CPlay is considered for.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'James Meager', written over a horizontal line.

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