

## North Harbour Stadium passes inspection by FIFA

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As reported on their website, North Harbour stadium has passed inspection by soccer authority FIFA as the major venue for the inaugural world under-17 women's World Cup. This event will be held in New Zealand from October 28 to November 16 2008.

North Harbour CEO Brendon O'Connor says he is delighted with the endorsement of the Stadium.

"We are very much looking forward to hosting the tournament later in the year. The television exposure for the North Shore, Auckland and New Zealand as a whole will be huge."

The website article notes the tournament will feature 16 teams with North Korea, Japan, South Korea, Brazil, Colombia, Paraguay and hosts New Zealand having already qualified.

The event will be an interesting test for North Shore Transit and the recently opened Busway. The Busway solution and this event can still give North Harbour Stadium a shot at the Rugby World Cup 2011. However, as has been alluded to already on this website, some think Auckland has not done too well with transit and big events so here's hoping we have this one right.

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