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Mr Steven Head
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Dear Mr Head

Re: Aquatic facilities in Willoughby

The association would like to provide some comment as input to the strategic plan being prepared to guide the long term development of aquatic facilities in Willoughby City.

We apologise for our comments being so late. John Becroft, the NPA committee member who carried out the research and met with Ken Marriott and Kate Day in May, has been overseas, and our Committee discussed the matter with him only last week.

- We support Council's initiative to increase and improve aquatic facilities in Willoughby.
- We believe the highest priority is the construction of a 25 metre hydrotherapy pool to replace the pool that will be lost at Royal North Shore Hospital when the current hospital is redeveloped.
- We would also support the construction of a second 50 metre pool in Willoughby and the development of larger children's pool facilities.
- It seems to us sensible that these facilities should be developed at Willoughby Leisure Centre.
- We would also support the expansion of fitness and health facilities at Willoughby Leisure Centre to meet growing needs of the community.

- If substantial new facilities were to be built at the Leisure Centre, it would be critical to ensure that parking facilities and traffic management are upgraded significantly to suit the considerable additional patronage.
- It will also be very important for Council to consult fully with all those affected by such developments. These would include Willoughby residents, Willoughby schools, neighbours of the Leisure Centre, users of the Leisure Centre (swimmers, fitness participants, netball, basketball and baseball clubs, etc) and users of Northbridge Baths.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Peter McNair', written in a cursive style.

Peter McNair
President