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Subject: RE: Development Application DA215/2014

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Hi Kylie-Anne,

Please find below my replies for submissions 1 and 2, you may have to add some additional wording since I have focussed mostly on the facts:

1. Submission 1:

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you very much for your comments and input to the project. Singleton Council is very excited to progress the Gym & Swim Upgrade Project, which is currently in the Development Application assessment phase.

The Masterplan (2012) prepared for the project had the following 6 focus points:

- Extension of the existing Fitness Centre / Gym, provide flexibility for extended working hours
- Demolition of Spa / Sauna, provide Spin Studio & new Spa
- Build a new Program / Hydrotherapy Pool
- Build a new Crèche
- If pool can be sheltered with wind breaks consider heating of 50m Pool during summer
- Construct additional Car Parking

Council's project teams along with the engaged specialist designer Facility Design Group have extensively researched the best possible layout of the new facility based on the findings of the Masterplan, providing maximum benefit to the community and considering the available funds for the project. 5 out of the 6 items above will be implemented, with the car park already nearly fully completed. Heating of such a large outdoor pool is technically challenging and

costly. This could not be realised without removing / significantly reducing one or several other items as listed above, which have been identified as providing maximum benefit to the community.

Unfortunately, not all areas of the facility can be upgraded with a limited budget, but we are proud to advise that the large majority of items will successfully be addressed. In addition, the new program / hydrotherapy pool will provide relief to the existing 25m indoor pool by hosting child swimming classes. Following the Masterplan preparation and granting of funding, a detailed survey and investigation of the existing facility was carried out and revealed a number of areas where extensive improvements are required to transform the current facility to a state of the art centre. A simple extension of the existing facility (as originally envisaged) would be insufficient to cover all areas requiring attention (eg. roof structure, services) and therefore a rebuild of key areas is required to achieve the best possible outcome for the community for the long-term.

We would like to again thank you for your valuable comments and feedback and hope that you will follow the project / transformation with interest and hopefully be a satisfied user of the final Gym & Swim Facility.

2. Submission 2:

Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you very much for your comments and input to the project. Singleton Council is very excited to progress the Gym & Swim Upgrade Project, which is currently in the Development Application assessment phase.

The Masterplan (2012) prepared for the project had the following 6 focus points:

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the community and considering the available funds for the project. 5 out of the 6 items above will be implemented, with the car park already nearly fully completed. Heating of such a large outdoor pool throughout all seasons is technically challenging and costly. This could not be realised without removing / significantly reducing one or several other items as listed above, which have been identified as providing maximum benefit to the community.

Unfortunately, not all areas of the facility can be upgraded with a limited budget, but we are proud to advise that the large majority of items will successfully be addressed. Regarding your comment about the lap swimming in the indoor 25m pool, the new program / hydrotherapy pool will provide relief to the existing 25m indoor pool by hosting child swimming classes etc. We believe this will be a major improvement to the current situation. Regarding the car park, the extension of the car park is a statutory requirement due to the increase in the new Gym & Swim facility floor space, introduction of a new program / hydrotherapy pool and some additional staff.

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Thanks and Regards,

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