

Friday, 22 March 2024

Camilla Firman  
Consultant Planner  
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Gavin Cherry  
Penrith City Council



**Gymnastics**  
New South Wales

Via email

**RE: Letter of Support – Community Infrastructure Offer; Indoor Recreation Facility**  
*184 Lord Sheffield Circuit, Thornton Central Village DA1 & DA2 Supporting Submission*

Dear Camila Firman and Gavin Cherry,

This letter is to offer the support of Gymnastics NSW for the Development Application at Thornton Central which includes a Gymnastics Facility to be utilised by PCYC Penrith.

- I am informed that St Hilliers is applying for a Development Application including a Gymnastics Facility in the heart of the new village in Thornton Central. This new site is said to be complimentary to the existing PCYC facility in Penrith.

Gymnastics NSW supports the application of St Hilliers in the addition of a gymnastics facility to the Development Application submitted.

Current AusPlay Data indicates that gymnastics is the 3rd most participated sport for children in NSW, however, without adequate facilities to deliver programs, Gymnastics NSW risks not meeting the high demand. Approximately a latent demand of 4.39% of children in 5km of the Penrith PCYC location would like to participate in gymnastics; however, without adequate facilities, we will fail to meet this demand.

The Penrith LGA is well placed to acquire more facilities for gymnastics activities with only one other Gymnastics facility in the LGA and outside of the LGA, the closest club being over 40 minutes away. Both gymnastics locations in Penrith are unable to service the number of children wanting to participate with extensive waitlists for classes. The proposal of the Thornton Gymnastics Hall will be able to compliment the PCYC's activities in providing a space for additional recreational gymnastics programs allowing athletes to develop crucial fine and motor skills for ages 1-18. Within the allocated space of 631sqm plus a private outdoor area, recreational gymnastics can be provided with potential usability for strength and conditioning classes.

If you wish to discuss this letter further, please do not hesitate to contact me by telephone on 02 8116 4139 or via email [swatt@gymnsw.org.au](mailto:swatt@gymnsw.org.au).

Kind regards,

Sarah Watt  
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