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Dear CEO, Councillors

re: Submission - Noosa Aquatic Centre Facility Upgrade Plan

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Noosa Aquatic Centre Facility Upgrade Plan. NSRRA considers the needs of our future population can’t be considered properly by viewing this facility in isolation, as if there are no other options available. In discussion with some of our members and followers we have the following comments:

 •€€€€€€€The pools are and should remain the primary focus of the centre. There is general support for maintenance and upgrading of current pool facilities and changerooms. They are a much used and valuable community asset.

 •€€€€€€€Given the proposed increase in population in the shire over the next 20 years an additional Olympic pool should be Council’s first priority for infrastructure. The current pool is already often crowded and barely meets demand in busy times. If this site is not suitable another site should be considered rather than closing the door because it is not possible on this site.

•€€€€€€€NSRRA do not support further investment in gym, retail, cafe, and wellness activities. These are, and can be, adequately provided in the private sector and we consider Council’s investment in such facilities and services is not a priority for the future and should be minimal. Council should not be competing with or duplicating facilities that could be provided by the private sector.

We look forward to your response.

Regards,



Adrian Williams

President