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From: Paul Schindler <paul.schindler@nt.swimming.org.au>
Sent: Thursday, 19 June 2014 10:20 AM
To: City of Darwin
Subject: Draft Municipal Plan

Dear Dr Diana Leeder,

I would like to provide some positive feedback on the draft 2014/15 City of Darwin Municipal Plan and would like to provide feedback on the capital investment in improvements to Casuarina Swimming Pool.

I am currently the outgoing Community Swimming Officer (Development Officer) for Swimming Northern Territory. I am heavily involved in swimming at all levels thus spending a majority of my time at any of the eight 50m competition pools in the Territory. My position has also involved heading and coaching our high performance teams to interstate competitions and national championships.

I can say that I have experienced firsthand the effects of our teams when they venture interstate for competitions and experience the thrill of swimming in a first class pool. Of note, I have experienced the pressure of immediate coaching that needs to be applied on our athletes dives once behind the starting blocks of these pools. All Territorians who's first time it is to compete on these team need to learn quickly on how to utilise the kicker plates, more than often this time is not long enough. Even our seasoned veterans fall well below the mark in comparison to other competitors who practice regularly on these blocks, gaining an unfair advantage over our athletes before they have even entered the water. It was most welcome news when I read of the allocated \$40,000 investment in Casuarina Swimming Pool, this investment will give the Territory community an improved boost not only at elite levels but this will now be felt at grass roots and community level putting us back on par with our neighbours. This improvement will not only be seen as an investment to our athletes but will put Darwin back in running for the opportunity of visiting interstate teams and the ability to hold high profile competitions in Darwin.

I welcome this investment and applaud the council's decision on this as positive milestone for Casuarina Swimming Pool, our community and the wider general public. I also thank the council for this valued support for swimming in the Territory. I look forward to construction.

Many Regards,

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