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Your Ref:

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Ms Charlotte Feldman
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Dear Mr Feldman

Yarranabbe Park Seawall Stairs

I write in reply to your letter of 18 August 2021 in response to my earlier correspondence of 12 August 2021.

1. Yarranabbe Park Plaza

In regards to the Yarranabbe Park Seawall Stairs, as noted in my original letter, I reiterate that the intent of the project is not for a swimming facility. The nature of the design will enable people who wish to do so to access the water for various purposes by their own choice. If users choose to access the water for swimming, they will be able to do so based on their own judgement. In reference to your original letter of 4 August 2021, you specifically enquired if a lifesaver would be on duty at this location, and as it is not designed to be a dedicated swimming facility, I advised there was no intention to provide a life guard at the location.

2. New Concept Design

In regards to your comment that the Society did not receive either email from Council dated 3 August 2017 and 9 March 2018, I can only confirm that the emails were sent from Council to the email address used on this letter, and Council has no record of the emails rejecting.

The email of 3 August 2017 included the distribution of the notes from the Steering Committee meeting held on 19 June 2017, requesting a review and response from Committee members. Council received a letter from the Darling Point Society dated 15 August 2017 acknowledging receipt of these notes and providing comments in response to those notes on behalf of Darling Point Society. This indicates that the email of 3 August 2017 at least was received by the Darling Point Society.

I note Council also sent an email about the public advertising of the proposal to the Yarranabbe Park Steering Committee, including the Darling Point Society, dated 8 May 2018. Your response to this email on behalf of the Darling Point Society was received on 13 May 2018, and a further reply to that submission was provided by Council on 23 May 2018.

Following this, the plans and their adoption by Council were discussed at the Yarranabbe Park Steering Committee on 27 May 2019, where Jasmine Steel attended as the Darling Point Society representative. A follow up e-mail was sent to the Steering Committee on 4 June

2019 with the minutes and re-design plan attached. The minutes and re-design was presented to the Finance, Community & Services Committee on 17 June 2019.

3. Suggestions

Sayonara Slipway – This area is under consideration for activation. One possible use is for launching of small watercraft while retaining and preserving the heritage fabric of the site. It requires a feasibility study, consultation with the adjoining stakeholders and residents and heritage provisions.

Youth Recreation Facility – your comments are noted.

Indoor Sports Complex – Unfortunately at this time, the Council does not have access to the land required to build such a facility. As you would be aware providing a large facility in any of our current open spaces would be met with a great deal of objection. I cannot agree that Trumper Park is a feasible option. In saying this we are conscious that the Council does not have a facility like this and will continue to discuss options with Private School facilities and the new Hakoah Development at White City for community access.

4. Aboriginal history

The Conservation Management Strategy and Heritage Impact Statement will discuss and will have reference to the Aboriginal history in Rushcutters Bay (undertaken by Dr. Paul Irish).

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tom O'Hanlon', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Tom O'Hanlon
Director – Infrastructure & Sustainability.