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The Hon Catherine King MP
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Dear Minister King

GLENORCHY WAR MEMORIAL POOL

I am writing to request your assistance in funding an important piece of community infrastructure in the City of Glenorchy.

On behalf of Glenorchy City Council, I have already had a discussion with your colleague, Senator Carol Brown, and believe it is appropriate to appraise you of the situation in making a request for funding consideration.

Council recently commissioned a report into the Glenorchy War Memorial Pool, which is owned by the council. The pool was built in 1963 as an outdoor pool and is open to the public for six months each year during the daylight-saving period.

Similar facilities built around the country in the same era typically have a commercial lifespan of about 40 years, whereas this pool has managed to serve the community for 60 years thanks to careful management by councils over the decades.

Due to its age, however, the council has been spending about \$400,000 to keep the facility open and operating for its six-month season, with increasing maintenance requirements required to combat age-related deterioration.

The report found a number of serious issues with the pool, some of which raised a risk to public safety, and the council had no option but to keep the facility closed for this coming season. Accordingly, the council is now considering the pool's future.

Estimates contained in the report are that for the pool to be redeveloped to contemporary standards and make the necessary repairs it identified would likely cost about \$30 million.

Unfortunately, the council is unable to fund such investment – a fact that I have been up front with the community about. I therefore seek the assistance of the Federal Government in funding a redevelopment of the pool.

I would like to offer you, or your office, a full briefing on the situation we are currently facing with the pool to help further our funding request.

Please don't hesitate to contact me directly should you require my assistance.

With kindness



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