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Dear Dr Chalmers

On behalf of Mayor Bec Thomas, please see attached correspondence.

Kind regards,

Andy

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We acknowledge the palawa community (the Tasmanian Aboriginal Community) as the original owners and continuing custodians of this island, lutruwita (Tasmania) and pay our respect to elders past, present and emerging.

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25 January 2022

The Hon Dr Jim Chalmers MP
Treasurer
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Dr Chalmers,

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT BUDGET SUBMISSION – GLENORCHY CITY COUNCIL, TASMANIA

I write to make a submission to the Federal Budget process requesting consideration for two significant community infrastructure projects in the Glenorchy local government area that will contribute to the health, wellbeing and social fabric of the Glenorchy and greater Hobart Community.

The opportunity

Glenorchy City Council is committed to providing community infrastructure that contributes to the health and wellbeing of a growing community and, as with all local governments, relies on funding support from other levels of Government to meet the needs and expectations of the community to achieve this aim.

This submission presents two outstanding opportunities for the Australian Government to partner with Glenorchy City Council to deliver projects of great significance to our community.

Tolosa Park Master Plan

Glenorchy City Council is seeking **\$13m funding** to transform the existing park and decommissioned dam into an iconic recreational and entertainment space, in line with the Tolosa Park Masterplan. The investment would see Tolosa Park become the jewel in the crown of Southern Tasmania's recreation and entertainment network by leveraging off significant TasWater/Glenorchy City Council co-investment in decommissioning the former Tolosa Reservoir.

Tolosa park is set in a forested valley in the foothills of kunanyi/Mt. Wellington, 5 minutes' drive from the Glenorchy CBD and less than 20 minutes from the centre of Hobart. It provides a natural bushland setting for events and concerts and offers multiple recreational opportunities.

It is a much-loved destination for families from Glenorchy and more broadly across Southern Tasmania and the community would very much welcome and appreciate Federal Government investment in this iconic park.

Glenorchy's War Memorial Pool

Like a number of post-World War 2 outdoor pools across Australia, Glenorchy's War Memorial Pool is ageing and is not considered to be consistent with contemporary standards for aquatic and leisure facilities. The age and condition of the facility also creates service quality (such as maintaining water temperature) and operational cost challenges.

The pool and overall site needs redevelopment to create year-round indoor warm water access, multiple pools of varying depths and temperatures, good accessibility to the pool and surrounds, suitable food and beverage amenities, health and fitness capability.

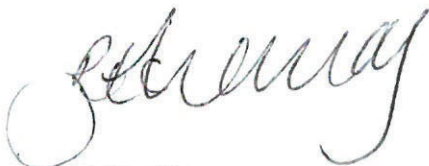
Glenorchy City Council is seeking funding of **\$26,000,000** to redevelop the pool and associated infrastructure. This would include relining the existing pool, new changerooms, grandstand, heating system and creating a semi enclosed aquatic facility.

Please find attached a brochure that provides an overview of these projects, specifies the funding requested and notes the community benefits to be gained from investment.

I would welcome the opportunity to meet with you or a representative from your Government to discuss further and, if time permits, to provide a tour of both Tolosa Park and the Glenorchy Pool. Council looks forward to the opportunity to expand upon the need and benefits of both projects, in anticipation of favourable consideration of this submission.

On behalf of the people of Glenorchy, thank you, Dr Chalmers, for considering our submission.

With Kindness



Ald. Bec Thomas
Mayor of Glenorchy

cc: Senator the Hon. Carol Brown



GLENORCHY
CITY COUNCIL

Glenorchy City Council Federal Budget Submission

The next Federal Budget presents an opportunity for investment in important community infrastructure projects that will deliver significant economic and social benefits to the people of Glenorchy and Greater Hobart. Investment in Glenorchy City Council's projects will provide lasting benefits to our city and ensure it continues to grow and thrive with the rest of the region.

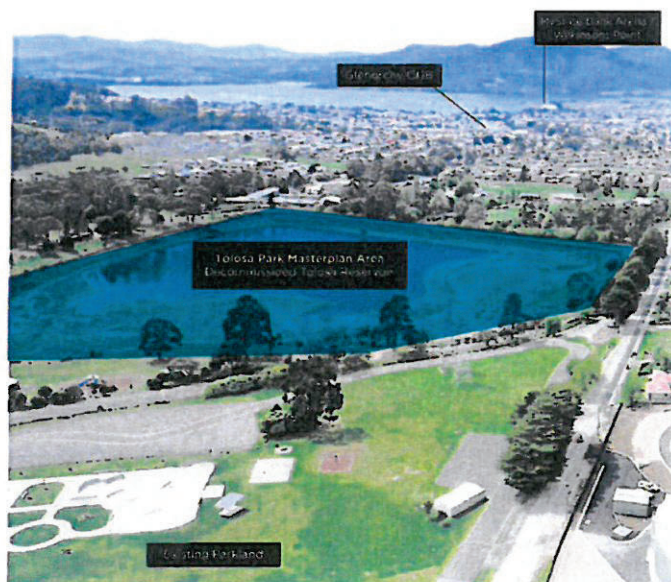
Tolosa Park Masterplan

\$13M

AN ICONIC REGIONAL PARKLAND FOR GREATER HOBART

Glenorchy City Council is seeking investment partners to realise the Tolosa Park Masterplan vision to transform the park into an iconic recreational space. The investment would see Tolosa Park become the jewel in the crown of Southern Tasmania's recreation network by leveraging off significant joint, TasWater - Glenorchy City Council, co-investment from decommissioning the former Tolosa Reservoir.

Set in a forested valley in the foothills of kunanyi/Mt. Wellington, 5 minutes drive from the Glenorchy CBD and less than 20 minutes from the centre of Hobart, Tolosa Park provides a natural bushland setting for events and concerts and offers multiple recreational opportunities. It has become a much-loved destination for families from Glenorchy and the broader Southern Tasmanian community.



FUNDING SOUGHT

The cost to transform the decommissioned reservoir into a world-class regional parkland as envisaged in the Tolosa Park Masterplan is estimated at \$13 million.

WHY INVEST?

Investment in this shovel-ready project will benefit Greater Hobart and Southern Tasmania by providing an iconic, multi-use parkland that will attract visitors and families from across the region, while increasing the liveability of Glenorchy and providing significant economic benefits.

Glenorchy War Memorial Pool

\$26M

INVESTING IN THE FUTURE OF GLENORCHY'S HISTORIC PUBLIC SWIMMING POOL

While the Glenorchy War Memorial Pool appears to be in good condition for its age, it is not considered to be consistent with contemporary standards for aquatic and leisure facilities. The age and condition of the facility also creates service quality (such as maintaining water temperature) and operational cost challenges.

The pool is leaking, and the change rooms are old and substandard. Council receives numerous complaints each year about the pool water temperature and standard of the change rooms. This regional aquatic facility services a population of over 50,000 residents and people from other areas and is the only public swimming pool in the Glenorchy local government area.

The pool, grandstand, plant and amenity buildings are in need of significant upgrade or replacement, without which the Glenorchy community will face future closure of the facility.

The Glenorchy Memorial Pool lacks year-round indoor warm water access, multiple pools of varying depths and temperatures, good accessibility to the pool and surrounds, suitable food and beverage amenities, health and fitness capability.

All levels of government are supportive of facilities that contribute to the health and wellbeing of the community. The Glenorchy City Council, working closely with sport and recreation clubs, providers, associations and stakeholders, developed Active Glenorchy 2040 – a framework for sport and recreation infrastructure in our City.

The recently completed Sports and Recreation Framework identifies our community's sport and recreation vision;

"For all Glenorchy residents to be healthy and active through the strategic provision of sustainable, adaptable, multipurpose sport and recreation infrastructure that meets community needs and encourages participation in sport, recreation and parks."

Communities with social and economic disadvantage are often less physically active as they are unable to afford many pay-to-participate activities, including structured, formal sport.

Many community members from the Glenorchy and surrounding local government areas now rely on the Glenorchy War Memorial Pool to provide outdoor aquatic opportunities for all community members.

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