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Re: Feedback on Draft Council Plan

I am writing to request Council support within the Council Plan 2017-2021 for the proposal to enclose the Apollo Bay outdoor swimming pool, upgrade the heating of the pool and finally provide Apollo Bay with access to a heated pool, year-round.

The Apollo Bay community has campaigned for over 20 years for this facility. A heated indoor pool will allow for the provision of essential learn-to-swim classes, the development of swim squad sessions, regular lap-swimming and will cater for rehabilitation and the needs of elderly residents for aquatic exercise programs. Apollo Bay P-12 College, who currently share a Joint Use Agreement with Council for the outdoor pool, are wholly supportive of this proposal as it will enable far more effective swim programs to be delivered for students over a much-extended period of the year. The local community have, for many years, placed great importance on their need for a heated pool.

Whilst it is possible a heated pool may be included in the Harbour Precinct redevelopment which is supported by Council, this is by no means a definite outcome and will take many years to bring to fruition. In the meantime the local community desperately need access to a heated pool. It will encourage existing families and older residents to continue living in Apollo Bay, provide local employment, be an important drawcard for future residents and potentially provide a further boost to tourist revenue in this iconic location.

Council states it has a 'commitment to promoting the shire as an attractive place to invest, live and work; planning to promote community life and enhance wellbeing, ensuring assets and services met community needs; and delivering value for money for ratepayers.' Support for this long overdue redevelopment of infrastructure in Apollo Bay will demonstrate Council's commitment to the health, safety and wellbeing of their constituents.

Sincerely yours,

Your name