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Cr Peta Pinson
Mayor
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By email: Cr.PPinson@pmhc.nsw.gov.au ;

Dear Mayor

I refer to the email dated 13 June 2023 from Ms Linda Kocis of your office attaching the notice of motion scheduled today in respect to the progress of the Port Macquarie Tidal Pool.

Firstly, I would like to thank the Members of the Tidal Pool Committee for their work to date and acknowledge the challenges associated with such a unique project. The time and effort dedicated by them is reflective of the desire of the community to see the fruition of the tidal pool.

Secondly, I thank you for bringing forward this motion, and in particular, paragraph 7 that the (council) 'confirm its 'in principle' support for a tidal pool in order to be able to assist the Tidal Pool Committee with the Tidal Pool project.'

Regarding the Councils position that it does not specifically commit to the future management or operation of a tidal pool, I note our discussion earlier this week and I share your concerns of placing any further financial burden on the council. I am of the view, should the project proceed through planning and environmental approvals, that ongoing funding could be sought through Federal or State governments. Noting that this project will still take some time, I will undertake to engage with the current government, along with the NSW State government to seek to alleviate the councils' concerns.

Would you kindly circulate this letter to all councillors prior to this afternoon's meeting.

Yours sincerely,

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