



**SURF LIFE SAVING**  
NEW ZEALAND

11<sup>th</sup> January 2010

Wellington City Council  
101 Wakefield St  
Wellington

Dear Sir/Madam,

**RE: Surf Life Saving Facilities on Lyall Bay Beach**

Surf Life Saving New Zealand (SLSNZ) would like to offer its support for an application by Lyall Bay Surf Life Saving Club for funds to develop a new purpose built surf life saving facility that will service Lyall Bay beach and the wider Wellington City coastline.

SLSNZ recently completed a Coastal Public Safety Assessment (CPSA) of beaches within the Wellington City area. The results of these assessments show that that much of the risk to the public lies in and around Lyall Bay Beach and surrounding sites including Breaker Bay and Houghton Bay. A copy of this report is enclosed for your reference.

In order to achieve the long term outcomes highlighted in the enclosed report, Surf Life Saving requires suitable facilities and infrastructure to deliver key services to the community. There are currently no club facilities available that are appropriate for delivering such services. At the core of long term coastal public safety needs in Wellington is the requirement for a central 'hub' to base a range of surf life saving services for Wellington City including:

- Community Education Programmes
- School Education Programmes
- Beach Patrols / Lifeguard Service
- 24/7/365 First Response Service (i.e. Search and Rescue)
- Lifeguard Support Services – communications, operations, on water support
- Lifeguard Training Facilities

A new facility that is developed with a specific purpose in mind (as described above) will ensure Surf Life Saving and specifically Lyall Bay SLSC are able to effectively increase public safety and promote safer recreation and engagement of people with the coast around Wellington.

Should you require more information, I am happy to meet with you to discuss this initiative at your convenience. I can be contacted on 04 387 7205 or [nathan.hight@surflifesaving.org.nz](mailto:nathan.hight@surflifesaving.org.nz) .

Kind Regards,

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