

Grants Subcommittee
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Dear Fiona,

Wellington East Girls College swimming pool redevelopment

Thank you for the opportunity to submit on the proposed Wellington East Girls College swimming pool redevelopment.

The view from Capital Swim Club comes from the perspective of wanting to understand the wider picture of pool space across Wellington. In times where money is a scarce resource, it should be spent wisely and in line with a wider strategic plan. We are aware that a feasibility study is currently being completed to determine the cost/benefits of an additional 50m pool at the Wellington Regional Aquatic Centre and is due to be completed shortly. We are not aware of any other study which might determine the wider picture for smaller pool redevelopments that might possibly link in with the services that WRAC will provide.

The Board of Capital Swim club submits that the decision on the Wellington East College swimming pool redevelopment should be part of an overall plan and that the decision should be highly dependent on the redevelopment of WRAC decision which, we understand will be made in March 2012. Given this short period of time we submit that the decision on this proposal is deferred. We also believe it would be worthwhile considering on a more strategic basis, any money that is to be spent on smaller pools to ensure that links with a broad coherent plan for pool space in Wellington.

Lastly and for clarity, the Board of Capital Swim Club believe there is a shortage of year round usable pool space in Wellington. We are encouraged that the Wellington City Council is considering further investment into this area as we think there are significant benefits to the Wellington region from a social, competitive and economic basis. However, we would like to see the money spent in line with a coherent strategic plan to maximise value for ratepayers.

Yours faithfully

Chairman

Capital Swim Club