

# WESTON CREEK COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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Dear Sir/Madam

## **Draft Variation to the Territory Plan No 226**

### **Phillip section 22 Block 2 -- Phillip Pool**

The Weston Creek Community Council (WCCC) welcomes this opportunity to comment on this Draft Variation to the Territory Plan.

We believe that the Weston Creek community is in general agreement with the proposal contained in Draft Variation 226 to ensure that a 50 metre swimming pool is retained on this site. The Phillip Pool is, for the moment, the nearest public swimming pool to our district and for that reason it is patronised by Weston Creek residents. However, we would also like you to take the following comments on this proposal into account.

As Weston Creek has no public swimming facilities of its own, accessing swimming pools by public transport is an issue for many of our residents, and the Phillip pool is located near the Woden bus interchange which is used by a number of Weston Creek buses. Some of our residents with access to cars also patronise public swimming pools in other parts of Canberra.

We should also point out that when the future of the Phillip swimming pool was discussed at one of our regular meetings 7 or 8 years ago, several regular users of the pool, who are Weston Creek residents, opposed any moves to upgrade it from its present outdoor status. They said that they preferred the pool the way it is now giving them the opportunity to swim outside. This sentiment was conveyed to the ACT Government at the time. Although the Phillip pool has not been discussed in any detail since then we have no reason to believe that this view has changed.

From time to time, attendees at our regular meetings still raise the issue of the provision of a public swimming pool in Weston Creek and we believe that the majority of residents would still like to see this come about. In putting this view forward we are aware that the report on public swimming facilities in Canberra by LRM consultants, as quoted in the Development Application, did not favour the establishment of public



swimming facilities in Weston Creek. The WCCC has never accepted this view as being accurate because of the inappropriate way the consultants divided the different parts of Canberra to draw up their conclusions.

With these comments in mind we support the proposal contained in Draft Variation No 226.

Yours sincerely

(signed)

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Interim Chair  
WCCC