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Dear Resident

#### Clarification of Lake Hugh Muntz Care Group Newsletter

I write to ensure you have the facts regarding Lake Hugh Muntz. These are:

1. The City has not proposed any reduction in service levels at Lake Hugh Muntz. In fact, the lake already receives a higher level of maintenance and investment when compared to other City-owned lakes and waterways.
2. The water body is not a designated lake and was designed as a run-off catchment for the stormwater in that residential area, along with general urban run-off. It captures water from at least 16 stormwater drains.
3. Swimming will still be permitted but like it has always been, this is at the risk of those choosing to swim there. The water body is not patrolled by life savers so the decision to swim is one for individuals to make.

There has been a suggestion that Council should invest more of ratepayers' funds to improve the water quality. However, to achieve primary recreation water quality, the lake would require filtration or even chlorination. This is not practical for a range of reasons including the fact that the 17 hectare water body has depths up to 12 metres. The volume is equivalent to approximately 282 Olympic sized swimming pools. Unlike a swimming pool, the waterbody is populated by birds, fish and reptiles.

For that reason, Council cannot and won't be, guaranteeing that the water is always suitable for primary contact. Should a blue/green algae bloom or similar outbreak occur, we will advise the public of these outbreaks and strongly urge visitors to not enter the water.

Likewise, we will advise once the algae bloom or other outbreak has been managed.

#### To help reduce stormwater pollution and protect our waterways, remember to:

- Pick up animal droppings and put them in a bin.
- Preserve aquatic plants near your property and consider planting trees and shrubs next to the shoreline.
- Dispose of rubbish, garden waste or fish tank contents in the bin, not in the lake.
- Dispose of cigarette butts responsibly.
- Wash your car and other equipment on the lawn.
- Avoid over-watering and use fertilisers in moderation (check water restrictions).
- Install silt fencing along shorelines and keep building materials covered when building or renovating.
- Minimise land erosion by planting native vegetation along the water's edge. For more information on species and how to plant them visit [goldcoastcity.com.au](http://goldcoastcity.com.au)
- Report pollution to Council's Health Services division on 5581 6220 or 1800 637 000 after hours.

Remember, every time it rains oils, detergents, paints, fertilisers, grass cuttings, animal wastes and soil can be washed directly into the stormwater system and the lake. This can result in poor water quality, algal blooms and fish kills.

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Yours sincerely

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