

To Concerned Lake Hugh Muntz Community Residents and User Groups

Response to Councillor Taylor's Letter (29/06/17) to Residents

about the Lake Hugh Muntz Care Group (Care Group) Newsletter.

What is in dispute.

Councillor Taylor has confirmed in his letter that Council is not prepared to maintain Lake Hugh Muntz as a "PRIMARY CONTACT" recreation water quality and argued that to achieve this level of water quality would "require filtration or chlorination" to achieve "PRIMARY CONTACT" status and that this "is not practical for a range of reasons".

To be clear, the Care Group - with its substantial community of supporters including many regional surf life saving clubs, sporting clubs and community organisations - does not accept either Council's or Councillor Taylor's view and intent that Lake Hugh Muntz should not and cannot, for practical reasons, be maintained substantially as a "PRIMARY CONTACT" water body.

Because the lake is such an important primary use community asset, the Care Group and the community are of the single minded view that **the objective of Council must be that LAKE HUGH MUNZ IS MAINTAINED AS A PRIMARY CONTACT WATER ASSET FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE COMMUNITY.**

Further, the Care Group has received independent expert advice that there are technical solutions available other than chlorination or filtration that could - with appropriate Council support - be considered to improve and potentially restore the water quality of the lake to pre 2007 levels.

Next Steps.

The Care Group and key user group representatives will be seeking an urgent meeting with Council in August to request that;

- Council formally classifies the designation of the lake (set out in the Lake Management Plan 2007) to be a PRIMARY CONTACT water body and suitable for swimming and related recreational activities at the request, and for the benefit, of the local community; AND
- Council seriously and expeditiously investigates all available technical solutions to returning the lake on a sustainable basis to be suitable for use as a PRIMARY CONTACT water body.

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