



To whom it may concern,

Lake Hugh Muntz is a special body of water for myself and thousands of Gold Coasters. Not only is it a community hub where families and water sport athletes can gather in a safe aquatic environment, it has also played a major role in assisting elite ironman and women achieve their dreams.

My name is Dan Norton-Smith and I have been a surf sports coach on the Gold Coast for 18 years. I have used Lake Hugh Muntz regularly over that time as it provides me and my athletes the perfect location to train. I use it to coach nippers as they learn the basics of board paddling and open water swimming and I used it extensively as I coached one of the greatest ironwomen in history, Liz Pluimers, in her campaigns towards Australian and World Championships. I have no doubt that if we did have a venue such as Lake Hugh Muntz on the Gold Coast, Liz would not have been as successful in her career - it played such a significant role.

I, along with every other Gold Coaster that utilises this magnificent venue, look forward to it being available in the highest quality for all of us to enjoy well into the future.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Dan Norton-Smith'. The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Dan Norton-Smith

Head Coach – Currumbin Junior Surf Life Saving Club