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To Whom It May Concern

I am writing in relation to the care of Lake Hugh Munz located at Mermaid Waters on the Gold Coast. I am a coach of the Kurrawa Surf Life Saving Club and my squad used to utilise the Lake on a regular basis as a safe alternative to train and sharpen their skills.

The Lake is used by many Kurrawa members including nippers, elite competitors, people obtaining their Surf Rescue Certificate and Bronze Medallion holders. It is a great alternative to train at when the beaches are closed or are unable to train at. It has been used by Kurrawa members for many years and it will be hard to find an alternative location with the same great features so close to the Life Saving Club. Such members volunteer several hours each year to keep the Gold Coast beaches safe for tourists and general members of the public and should be supported in their training endeavours.

I personally utilise Lake Hugh Munz along with many other families who live in the area and enjoy taking my kids there as I know it is a safe alternative to the beach with minimal marine life and no tidal movement. In addition, it is a great alternative for children or adults who suffer from skin conditions such as eczema and other allergies which prevent them from swimming in chlorine pools and salt water. As far as I am aware there are no other fresh water options locate nearby.

I would like the Gold Coast City Council to reconsider their stance on the lake as it is a great asset for the Gold Coast and is utilised by many community groups and families in the area.

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