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cc Ginninderra MLAs

Dear Minister Berry

A Vision for the Future of Big Splash

I am writing on behalf of the Belconnen Community Council (BCC) regarding the future of the Big Splash site and the urgent need for a clear government vision for this precinct.

The BCC appreciates the work done by the Government so far to begin resolving the uncertainty surrounding this site; this progress provides a vital opportunity for the follow-through needed to secure a permanent positive outcome for our community.

As you are aware, Big Splash has been a cornerstone of Belconnen's recreational landscape for decades. Our district is currently undergoing significant urban infill and rapid population growth; as density increases, the demand for high-quality, accessible recreational spaces becomes critical.

While we recognise that Big Splash is currently privately owned, the ACT Government's stated path toward further enforcement, including a potential Intention to Terminate the Crown lease, means the Government must now step up to ensure the best community outcome. We believe this is only possible if the Government is proactive in defining its expectations for the site's future.

This is a unique opportunity to enhance the facilities available to Canberra's largest district. It is a stark reality that while one in four Canberrans live in Belconnen, none of the ACT's seven public pools are located within our district.

We would welcome an update on the Government's position for resolving this matter and would appreciate the opportunity to meet with you to discuss how we can secure a vibrant recreational future for Belconnen.

Yours sincerely,

Lachlan Butler

Chair

Belconnen Community Council