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TRS19D0185

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*Dana*

Dear Ms ~~W~~ortley

**APPLICATION UNDER THE *FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 1991***

I refer to your application made under the *Freedom of Information Act 1991* (FOI Act), dated 25 January, 2019.

Your application seeks access to:

*"Any and all documents, reports and correspondence (including but not limited to physical, electronic, or written advice and briefs, minutes, emails, meeting requests and any other correspondence) regarding Strathmont Pool in Oakden since March 2018)."*

The purpose of this letter is to advise you of my determination. An extensive search was conducted within this office. A total of 29 documents were identified as answering the terms of your application.

I grant you access in part to 28 documents, copies of which are enclosed.

I refuse you access to 1 document.

Please refer to the attached schedule that describes each document and sets out my determination and reasons in summary form.

**Documents refused in full**

Document 29 is a Parliamentary Briefing Note which was prepared specifically for use in Parliament, the disclosure of which would infringe the privilege of Parliament. I have therefore determined exempt this document in full pursuant to clause 17(c) of Schedule 1 to the FOI Act.

## Documents released in part

Documents 1 – 28 are all correspondence sent to my office from members of the general public. These documents contain information of a personal nature which if released, would be an unreasonable disclosure of personal affairs. I have determined to exempt this information pursuant to clause 6(1).

## Exemptions

### Clause 6 – Documents affecting personal affairs

- (1) *A document is an exempt document if it contains matter the disclosure of which would involve the unreasonable disclosure of information concerning the personal affairs of any person.*

### Clause 17 – Documents subject to contempt etc

*A document is an exempt document if it contains matter the public disclosure of which would, but for any immunity of the Crown—*

- (c) infringe the privilege of Parliament*

No fees and charges are payable for this application.

Please note, in compliance with Premier and Cabinet Circular PC045 - *Disclosure Logs for Non-Personal Information Released through Freedom of Information* (PC045), the Department of Treasury and Finance is now required to publish a log of all non-personal information released under the *Freedom of Information Act 1991*.

In accordance with this Circular, any non-personal information determined for release as part of this application, may be published on the DTF website. A copy of PC045 can be found at the following address: <http://dpc.sa.gov.au/what-we-do/services-for-government/premier-and-cabinet-circulars> Please visit the website for further information.

As I am determining this application as Principal Officer, Section 29(6) of the Act does not provide for an internal review. If you are dissatisfied with my determination you are entitled to exercise your rights of external review with the Ombudsman.

Alternatively, you can apply to the South Australian Civil and Administrative Tribunal. If you wish to seek a review, Section 39(3) of the Act states you must do so within 30 calendar days of receiving the determination.

If you require any further information, please contact Vicky Cathro on (08) 8226 9769.

Yours sincerely



**Hon Rob Lucas MLC**  
Principal Officer

17 February 2019

## Schedule of Documents

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Doc. No.	Date	Description of Document	# of pages	Determination Recommendation	Exemption Clause	Reason
1	25/01/2019	Email (4.45pm)	3	Released in part	6(1) - Unreasonable disclosure of personal affairs	
2	23/01/2019	Email	4	Released in part	6(1) - Unreasonable disclosure of personal affairs	
3	23/01/2019	Email (5:51pm)	1	Released in part	6(1) - Unreasonable disclosure of personal affairs	
4	21/01/2019	Email	3	Released in part	6(1) - Unreasonable disclosure of personal affairs	
5	14/01/2019	Email	4	Released in part	6(1) - Unreasonable disclosure of personal affairs	
6	27/12/2018	Email re: referral of three emails relating to Strathmont Pool	7	Released in part	6(1) - Unreasonable disclosure of personal affairs	
7	21/12/2018	Email	3	Released in part	6(1) - Unreasonable disclosure of personal affairs	
8	15/12/2018	Email	2	Released in part	6(1) - Unreasonable disclosure of personal affairs	
9	12/12/2018	Email (1:37pm)	1	Released in part	6(1) - Unreasonable disclosure of personal affairs	
10	12/12/2018	Email (11:11am)	3	Released in part	6(1) - Unreasonable disclosure of personal affairs	
11	12/12/2018	Email (10:56am)	1	Released in part	6(1) - Unreasonable disclosure of personal affairs	



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14	12/12/2018	Email (2:01pm)	2	Released in part	6(1) - Unreasonable disclosure of personal affairs	
15	12/12/2018	Email (10:35am)	2	Released in part	6(1) - Unreasonable disclosure of personal affairs	
16	12/12/2018	Email (9:45am)	2	Released in part	6(1) - Unreasonable disclosure of personal affairs	
17	12/12/2018	Email (9:32am)	1	Released in part	6(1) - Unreasonable disclosure of personal affairs	
18	12/12/2018	Email (9:08am)	1	Released in part	6(1) - Unreasonable disclosure of personal affairs	
19	12/12/2018	Email (7:11am)	2	Released in part	6(1) - Unreasonable disclosure of personal affairs	
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22	11/12/2018	Email (11:00pm)	3	Released in part	6(1) - Unreasonable disclosure of personal affairs	
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25	11/12/2018	Email (9:26pm)	1	Released in part	6(1) - Unreasonable disclosure of personal affairs	
26	11/12/2018	Email (8:32pm)	1	Released in part	6(1) - Unreasonable disclosure of personal affairs	
27	11/12/2018	Email (7:52pm)	3	Released in part	6(1) - Unreasonable disclosure of personal affairs	
28	11/12/2018	Email (7:05pm)	1	Released in part	6(1) - Unreasonable disclosure of personal affairs	
29	6/12/2018	PBN	1	Refused in full	17(c) - Disclosure would infringe the privilege of Parliament	

**RELEASE IN PART**

**DTF:Treasurer**

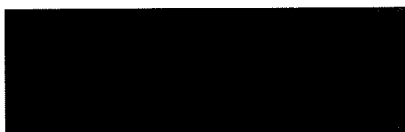
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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, 25 January 2019 4:45 PM  
**To:** DHS:Minister for Human Services; DPC:Premier; Education:Minister Gardner;  
DTF:Treasurer  
**Subject:** STRATHMONT POOL  
**Attachments:** The Hon Michelle Lensink [REDACTED]

Dear Minister, please see my attached correspondence in response to your letter received via email this week

Yours Sincerely

[REDACTED]

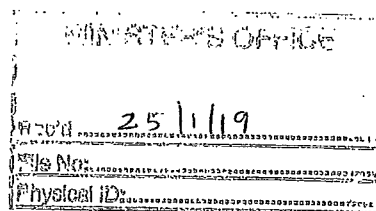


The Hon Michelle Lensink  
Minister for Human Services  
Member of The Executive Council  
Parliament of South Australia  
Level 12 South  
1 King William Street  
Adelaide SA 5000



Via Email: [DHSMinisterforHumanServices@sa.gov.au](mailto:DHSMinisterforHumanServices@sa.gov.au)

The Hon Steven Marshall MP  
Premier of South Australia  
State Administration Centre  
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Via Email: [premier@sa.gov.au](mailto:premier@sa.gov.au)

The Hon Rob Lucas MLC  
Treasurer  
Via Email: [treasurer.dtf@sa.gov.au](mailto:treasurer.dtf@sa.gov.au)

The Hon John Gardner MP  
Minister for Education  
Member for Morialta  
Via Email: [Minister.Gardner@sa.gov.au](mailto:Minister.Gardner@sa.gov.au)

25<sup>th</sup> January, 2019



Dear Premier and Ministers,

I write in reference to recent correspondence received from Minister Lensink MLC dated 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2019 via email.

The correspondence states I was made aware of the potential schedule regarding the use of the hydrotherapy pool at the Modbury Hospital in mid-October and that DHS encouraged me to inform my customers at this time to ensure adequate forward planning. This is inaccurate. I will note the timeline of events below:

- [REDACTED] communicated with its customers in July 2018 regarding the Government's planned closure of the Strathmont Pool and engaged in discussion to source an alternate location for [REDACTED]
- Form 1B template request for the lease of the Modbury Hydrotherapy pool for [REDACTED] was received in early December 2018 and I was advised via email that there is no agreement to sign until CEO approval is obtained with this form.



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- In December 2018 during the process of completing the documentation for request for lease of the Modbury Hospital hydrotherapy pool by  I was strictly advised in a meeting with Northern Adelaide Local Health Network (NALHN) Manager of Corporate Services, not to tell my clients of the potential alternative pool until the contract (not the Form 1B template) had been signed. I advised the Department of Human Services of this.
  - A letter was given to my customers dated 11<sup>th</sup> December advising that an alternate location (not far from Strathmont) had been sourced and details would be made available as soon as possible on receiving a signed contract.
  - I was given a contract for signing just prior to Christmas, amendments were required to documentation by my Solicitor and I was pleased DHS were willing to provide assistance with the contract. The Administrative Support Officer who prepared the contract (and was required to make amendments) was on leave until 7<sup>th</sup> January 2019.
  - The signed contract with the assistance of DHS was received on the 17<sup>th</sup> January. DHS advised me the contract had been signed and I advised I could now proceed with client communications regarding MH pool.
  - With regards to further assistance and client communication, I advised DHS I would contact clients individually, in person at the school or over the phone with the assistance of a staff member due to client confidentiality. Many clients have been unable to be contact as they are away.
  - With regards to any other assistance I am still working through my requirements this week.

Based on the information provided above, I believe there has not been a reasonable timeframe allocated to allow for the transition of my clients. Although I had been advised in October that the Department were looking into alternative options, I was unable to consult or receive any information on how this would accommodate existing clients. Since I have been able to communicate with my clients, many have expressed their concerns with location, timing of available lessons and the short notice they have been given to rearrange their schedules.

I request the Minister to extend the closure date in the short term to allow sufficient time to transition to Modbury Hospital, considering I only recently received the signed contract, and for customers whom the days, time of use and location is not suitable to find alternate arrangements and still keep access to swimming lessons.

I welcome the opportunity to meet with the Minister to address these concerns.

Yours Sincerely,



**DTF:Treasurer**

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**From:** DTF:Treasurer  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 23, 2019 11:22 AM  
**To:** DHS:Minister for Human Services  
**Subject:** RE: URGENT STRATHMONT POOL AND MODBURY POOL RELOCATION

Thank you for your response.

This file will be closed on our end with no further action pending.

Thank you  
Toni

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**From:** DHS:Minister for Human Services  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 23, 2019 10:48 AM  
**To:** DTF:Treasurer <treasurer.dtf@sa.gov.au>  
cc: Hockings, Amanda (DHS) <Amanda.Hockings2@sa.gov.au>  
**Subject:** RE: URGENT STRATHMONT POOL AND MODBURY POOL RELOCATION

Good morning,

We have also received the below correspondence.

Many Thanks,

**Correspondence Team**  
**Minister for Human Services**  
Department of Human Services



**Government of South Australia**  
**Department of Human Services**

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**Sent:** Wednesday, 23 January 2019 10:40 AM  
**To:** DHS:Minister for Human Services <[DHSMinisterforHumanServices@sa.gov.au](mailto:DHSMinisterforHumanServices@sa.gov.au)>  
**Cc:** Hockings, Amanda (DHS) <[Amanda.Hockings2@sa.gov.au](mailto:Amanda.Hockings2@sa.gov.au)>  
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Kind Regards

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 22, 2019 10:09 AM  
**To:** Gunn, Julie (DHS) <Julie.Gunn@sa.gov.au>; Oliver, Julie (DHS) <Julie.Oliver@sa.gov.au>; Michelle.Lensink@parliament.sa.gov.au; DPC:Premier <premier@sa.gov.au>; DTF:Treasurer <treasurer.dtf@sa.gov.au>  
**Subject:** URGENT STRATHMONT POOL AND MODBURY POOL RELOCATION

Hi Julie, I have just spoken with Julie Oliver on the phone regarding correspondence to our customers regarding relocation to MH pool. Both myself and one of my employees have been speaking with and contacting customers by phone and in person to advise that we have received a signed contract for MH pool last Thursday 17th January and can proceed with bookings. Prior to that date I was advised by health details regarding relocation were confidential until the contract was signed. Customers have advised us:

- week day timings after 6.00 pm not suitable for young children, which I communicated to the minister on the 21st December including the number of children impacted by the times offered
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- too far to travel
- Families have made alternate enquires and advised they are unable to be displaced in other surrounding facilities such as [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] as they are at peak capacity and cannot even wait list for classes at [REDACTED]
- Stopping swimming altogether for now as what has been offered is not suitable due to reasons listed above, which is a sad and upsetting as swimming lessons are a right for every child and preventing drowning

[REDACTED] currently has only 4 children of the 700 currently attending Strathmont booked into MH on a Sunday we currently have no weekday bookings for MH. It is uncertain this stage as there has been no suitable transition period from advising out customers of the new location last week that the swim school will be able to remain open after 40 years of operation and service to the community. This will potentially leave all of the employees without employment after next week which is not a suitable time frame for advise given that many have children and mortgages to pay. Staff were given hope of ongoing employment at MH and have not made alternate arrangements based on redundancy or a significant reduction in hours if the pool space at Modbury is not utilised by our customers.

I understand that the government wants to close the facility, and I have continued to request an extension of the closure until the end of Term 1 (essentially only a few months) to allow the families attending Strathmont Pool time to continue to access swimming lessons whilst seeking alternate arrangements into the future in a period of less demand (cooler months).

██████████ please asks the Minister to please consider an interim extension of one month until Sunday the 3rd March to enable us to continue operating, manage bookings for MH pool, and maintain staff employment. This time would be valuable to ascertain if the MH pool will be a viable option for ██████████ to continue its operation. If this is not a viable option as it appears at this stage, ██████████ could then advise its employees and allow them suitable time to seek alternate employment without being financially disadvantaged.

Yours Sincerely

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DTF:Treasurer

MINISTER'S OFFICE

From:

Sent:

To:

Subject:

Tuesday, 22 January 2019 10:09 AM

Gunn, Julie (DHS); Oliver, Julie (DHS); Michelle.Linsink@parliament.sa.gov.au

DPC:Premier; DTF:Treasurer

URGENT STRATHMONT POOL AND MODBURY POOL RELOCATION

Rec'd 22/1/19  
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Linsink@parliament.sa.gov.au 2588

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Yours Sincerely

[redacted]

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DTF:Treasurer

From: [REDACTED]  
 Sent: Wednesday, 23 January 2019 5:51 PM  
 To: DPC:Premier; Education:Minister Gardner; DHS:Minister for Human Services;  
 DTF:Treasurer  
 Subject: Closure of the Strathmont Pool

MINISTER'S OFFICE	
24/1/19	
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Dear Premier and Ministers,

Further to my letter and email of 11 December 2018, I feel pretty shitty that you are going to close the Strathmont Pool on 31 January 2019.

I have heard the move is to Modbury Hospital (a significantly longer travel time) and that the pool won't be available until 6.00 pm each day. My [REDACTED] and there is no way they can do swimming classes at 6.00 pm – at that time they are having dinner and the [REDACTED] has to go to school next day. I suspect there will be a lot of other kids in a similar situation.

Not happy, Premier and Ministers!

[REDACTED]

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(B)  
**DTF:Treasurer**

12/12/2018

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 11, 2018 10:30 PM  
**To:** DPC:Premier  
**Cc:** Education:Minister Gardner; DHS:Minister for Human Services; DTF:Treasurer  
**Subject:** FW: Closure of the pool at the Strathmont Centre  
**Attachments:** CCE11018.pdf

Dear Premier,

I was very disappointed to hear that the swimming pool at the Strathmont Centre is due to be closed early next year. It is a well patronised pool and I take my [REDACTED] there for swimming lessons and hope to take my [REDACTED] to the pool for lessons next year. I have attached a letter with the reasons behind my disappointment at the imminent closure and hope you and your ministers can do something to stop this closure.

( [REDACTED]  

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11 December 2018

Premier Steven Marshall  
Premier  
Parliament of South Australia  
ADELAIDE SA 5000

Dear Premier,

I am a [REDACTED]

I was really disappointed to learn that the State Government is going to close the swimming pool at the Strathmont Centre in June next year. This pool is used by [REDACTED] and they are a very good organisation with competent instructors. Many children use the pool for swimming lessons and it is like a mini United Nations with children from a number of different cultural backgrounds using the pool. Given the number of migrant children who have drowned because of a lack of awareness of dangers around water, I think it is great that they are learning to be competent swimmers. I believe the pool is also used by disabled people or was in the past before the lack of a lifeguard meant they could not use it.

I take my [REDACTED] to the pool for swimming lessons. It is the only extra-curricular activity and exercise that she will take part in. I don't know what will happen to the [REDACTED] swimming program if the pool closes. I fear that if the pool at Strathmont is closed and it moves significantly far away or changes its format then my [REDACTED] will no longer go to the classes. [REDACTED] could become limited in what it can offer if it has to fit in with existing programs at another pool. It will probably also mean that I won't be able to take my [REDACTED] to classes next year.

I note that the Government when it was in Opposition was quick to protest the closing of therapy pools for older people. I think our youngsters deserve to be looked after equally.

Could you please reconsider the closure of the pool at Strathmont for the sake of the children.

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]

**Fletcher, Toni (DTF)**

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**From:** Fletcher, Toni (DTF)  
**Sent:** Monday, January 21, 2019 10:44 AM  
**To:** DHS:Minister for Human Services  
**Subject:** RE: Closure of Strathmont swimming pool

Thank you for your response.

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Kind Regards

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**To:** Fletcher, Toni (DTF) <Toni.Fletcher2@sa.gov.au>  
**Subject:** RE: Closure of Strathmont swimming pool

Good morning,

We have also received the exactly email from [REDACTED]

Kind Regards,

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 Minister for Human Services  
 Department of Human Services

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From: [REDACTED]  
Sent: Sunday, January 20, 2019 6:36 PM  
To: DTF:Treasurer <treasurer.dtf@sa.gov.au>  
Subject: Closure of Strathmont swimming pool

Treasurer

I wish to express my concerns regarding the closure of the Stathmont Pool. My [REDACTED] has been attending swimming lessons since he was 6 months old, he is now 6 years old & just starting to become a confident swimmer. If the pool closes he will have to cease swimming lessons as all other swimming centres are at full capacity after enquires to find an alternative venue. He is very disappointed & can't understand why his pool is closing. I feel for all others affected by this as swimming is such a important life lesson & the affect on children with disabilities is heart breaking. Please reconsider the closure of the swimming centre the amount of drownings if late is surely enough evidence that it must stay open.

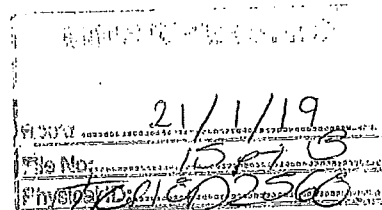
Regards [REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone



DTF:Treasurer

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Regards [REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone

## Fletcher, Toni (DTF)

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**From:** Fletcher, Toni (DTF)  
**Sent:** 14 January, 2019 11:18 AM  
**To:** Hockings, Amanda (DHS)  
**Subject:** RE: Strathmont Pool Closure

Thank you for your response Amanda

We will close this file on our end with no further action pending.

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**Sent:** 14 January, 2019 11:18 AM  
**To:** Fletcher, Toni (DTF) <Toni.Fletcher2@sa.gov.au>  
**Cc:** DHS:Minister for Human Services <DHSMinisterforHumanServices@sa.gov.au>  
**Subject:** RE: Strathmont Pool Closure

Hi Toni,

I can confirm that Minister Lensink's office has received the correspondence.

Regards,

Amanda Hockings  
 Office Manager, Human Services  
**Office of the Hon Michelle Lensink MLC**  
**Minister for Human Services**  
 Department of Human Services  
 Tel: 08 846 33388  
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**Cc:** DHS:Minister for Human Services <[DHSMinisterforHumanServices@sa.gov.au](mailto:DHSMinisterforHumanServices@sa.gov.au)>  
**Subject:** FW: Strathmont Pool Closure

Good morning Amanda

Reference is made to the below correspondence.

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Thank you

Kind Regards

Toni Fletcher  
A/Parliamentary Liaison Officer to the  
Hon Rob Lucas MLC  
Treasurer

Phone: 8226 1866  
Department of Treasury & Finance  
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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 11 January, 2019 2:51 PM  
**To:** DPC:Premier <[premier@sa.gov.au](mailto:premier@sa.gov.au)>; Education:Minister Gardner <[minister.gardner@sa.gov.au](mailto:minister.gardner@sa.gov.au)>; DHS:Minister for Human Services <[DHSMinisterforHumanServices@sa.gov.au](mailto:DHSMinisterforHumanServices@sa.gov.au)>; DTF:Treasurer <[treasurer.dtf@sa.gov.au](mailto:treasurer.dtf@sa.gov.au)>  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Fwd: Strathmont Pool Closure

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We are writing to protest the decision to close the Strathmont Pool and let you know what it means to us.

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We would like to encourage you to fight for the pool to stay open so that this valuable resource can continue to be used.

Thank you for your consideration.

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]  
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Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]

## Cathro, Vicky (DTF)

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**From:** Lambetis, Athena (DTF)  
**Sent:** Thursday, 27 December 2018 10:09 AM  
**To:** DHS:Minister for Human Services  
**Cc:** Hockings, Amanda (DHS)  
**Subject:** RE: TRS18D2568 - Possible referral of three emails re: closure of Strathmont Pool

Thank you for the below response Amanda.

As your Office has previously received all 3 emails, this file will now be closed on our end with no further action required.

Kind regards,

**Athena Lambetis**

Ministerial Liaison Officer (Finance) | Office of the Treasurer

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**From:** DHS:Minister for Human Services <[DHSMinisterforHumanServices@sa.gov.au](mailto:DHSMinisterforHumanServices@sa.gov.au)>  
**Sent:** Monday, 24 December 2018 1:29 PM  
**To:** Lambetis, Athena (DTF) <[Athena.Lambetis@sa.gov.au](mailto:Athena.Lambetis@sa.gov.au)>  
**Cc:** DHS:Minister for Human Services <[DHSMinisterforHumanServices@sa.gov.au](mailto:DHSMinisterforHumanServices@sa.gov.au)>; Rossi, Pina (DHS) <[Pina.Rossi@sa.gov.au](mailto:Pina.Rossi@sa.gov.au)>  
**Subject:** RE: TRS18D2568 - Possible referral of three emails re: closure of Strathmont Pool

Hi Athena,

I can confirm that we have received these 3 emails previously.

Merry Xmas to you also.

Regards,

Amanda Hockings  
 Office Manager, Human Services  
**Office of the Hon Michelle Lensink MLC**  
**Minister for Human Services**

Department of Human Services  
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**From:** Lambetis, Athena (DTF)  
**Sent:** Monday, 24 December 2018 8:52 AM  
**To:** Vicino, Steve (DHS) <[Steve.Vicino@sa.gov.au](mailto:Steve.Vicino@sa.gov.au)>  
**Cc:** DHS:Minister for Human Services <[DHSMinisterforHumanServices@sa.gov.au](mailto:DHSMinisterforHumanServices@sa.gov.au)>; Rossi, Pina (DHS) <[Pina.Rossi@sa.gov.au](mailto:Pina.Rossi@sa.gov.au)>  
**Subject:** TRS18D2568 - Possible referral of three emails re: closure of Strathmont Pool

Good morning Steve,

Per our discussion last Friday, I attach the three emails (of 24) received in our Office which have just been addressed to the Treasurer regarding the closure of the Strathmont Pool. I note that the remaining 21 emails have all been co-addressed to Minister Lensink so as agreed, I have not attached those emails.

Can you please review the three attached emails and confirm whether or not your Office has received them? If yes, our Office will have no further action and the file will be closed on our end. However, if not, our Office will arrange to formally refer them to your Office, including sending the authors a referral acknowledgement letter.

I further note that you advised in your absence, this task could be undertaken by someone in your Office's admin team. As such, please review and respond accordingly.

Thanks (and Merry Christmas).

Kind regards,

**Athena Lambetis**

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From: [REDACTED]  
Sent: Wednesday, 12 December 2018 1:37 PM  
To: DTF:Treasurer  
Subject: Concern about plan to close the Strathmont Pool

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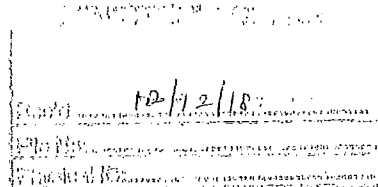
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I urge you to re-consider the decision.

Thanks,

Regards,

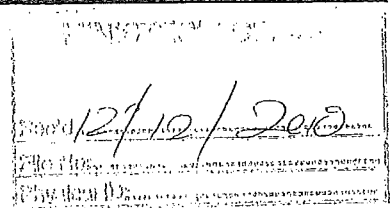
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From: [REDACTED]  
Sent: Wednesday, 12 December 2018 2:01 PM  
To: DTF:Treasurer  
Cc: DTF:Treasurer  
Subject: Closure of Strathmont Pool.



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To;

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This pool has been operating since 1971. It has helped many people with disabilities during the week along with helping children from surrounding suburbs on a Saturday and Sunday. In other words the pool has been fully utilised since 1971 and up to today.

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By the pool being graded from 3Ft. to Nearly 6ft. the children with a disability can be taught self survival if caught out of their depth. This program was given to the children from [REDACTED] who are on a Special Class because of their disabilities. This could not be offered at many other pools because they only have one level of water, that being just under 3Ft.

The Strathmont Pool is structurally sound. There is no Engineer's Report to say otherwise. The only part that is unsafe is a pathway about 80ft. away from the pool and it's surrounds.

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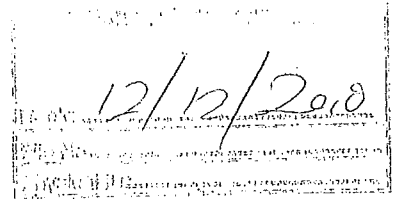


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S.A. [REDACTED]  
12/12/2018.

DTF:Treasurer

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Sent: Wednesday, December 12, 2018 10:35 AM  
To: DTF:Treasurer  
Cc: DTF:Treasurer  
Subject: Closure of Strathmont Pool.



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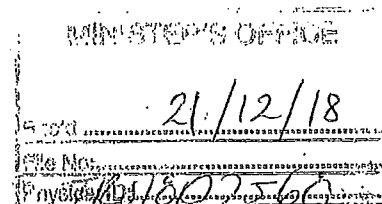
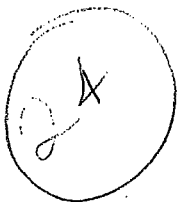
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From: [REDACTED]  
Sent: Friday, 21 December 2018 7:41 AM  
To: DPC:Premier; DTF:Treasurer; DHS:Minister for Human Services; Education:Minister Gardner  
Subject: Strathmont Pool URGENT Correspondence  
Attachments: The Hon Steven Marshall MP [REDACTED]

Dear Premier and Ministers please see attached letter regarding the impact of the closure of the Strathmont Pool at the end of January 2019.

Yours Sincerely [REDACTED]



The Hon Steven Marshall MP  
Premier of South Australia  
State Administration Centre  
200 Victoria Square  
ADELAIDE SA 5000



Via Email: [premier@sa.gov.au](mailto:premier@sa.gov.au)

The Hon Rob Lucas MLC  
Treasurer  
Via Email: [treasurer.dtf@sa.gov.au](mailto:treasurer.dtf@sa.gov.au)

The Hon Michelle Lensink MLC  
Minister for Human Services  
Via Email: [dhsministerforhumanservices@sa.gov.au](mailto:dhsministerforhumanservices@sa.gov.au)

The Hon John Gardner  
Minister for Education  
Via Email: [Minister.Gardner@sa.gov.au](mailto:Minister.Gardner@sa.gov.au)

21<sup>st</sup> December, 2018

URGENT

Dear Premier and Ministers

I am contacting you in reference to my recent correspondence requesting the reversal of the decision to close the Strathmont Pool on the 31<sup>st</sup> January 2019. Prior to the letter of decommission, [REDACTED] had never been told of any plans to close the Strathmont Pool and I have advised the Department of this.

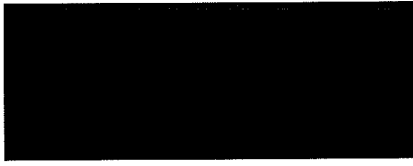
[REDACTED] provides an essential service to the community, teaching 700 mainly children, many being from new migrant families where the parents have not been taught swimming skills, to swim. Closure of the pool and relocation to what seems to be the only available pool (the Modbury Hospital Rehabilitation Pool in the Spark building) will potentially leave 75 percent of families (529 children) unable to be adequately accommodated. My current hours at the Strathmont pool are from 4.05pm weekdays Monday – Thursday and from 8am – 12 Saturday and Sunday. The hours I have been offered are from 6-8pm Monday – Friday, and from 8am Sunday.

I have been told I can't discuss with my customers any details regarding relocation until a contract is signed. This is difficult as I have not been able to speak with my clients about the alternative location, the change of day from Saturday to Sunday, and the change of hours from current lesson times beginning at 4.05 (straight after school), to 6pm-8pm, when most young children are home having dinner, a bath and preparing for bed.

The increased cost to \$189.00 per hour will also impact on the fees I will need to charge. There are usually 6 qualified instructors in the pool at any one time with 2 highly qualified out of the pool. I currently pay \$66 per hour and have offered to pay an increased hourly rate for Strathmont pool.

Currently 250 infants and young children attend lessons between 4.00 pm - 6.00pm weekdays, and 189 attend on Saturdays.





Also, 90 children are squad swimmers requiring a lane length of at least 20 metres, Strathmont pool is 21.8 metres, Modbury pool is 15 metres.

As highlighted in my previous correspondence, surrounding facilities are already at peak capacity this summer. Some parents have told me their children will have to stop swimming altogether and others say it will be dependent on cost and the new location. This puts people at increased risk of drowning, which is a harsh reality particularly in migrant and multicultural populations as sadly we have seen in the media this week.

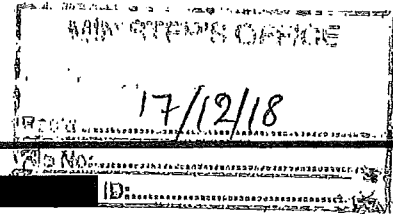
Please reconsider your decision to close the Strathmont pool on the 31<sup>st</sup> of January and at the very least extend the period of license until the 14<sup>th</sup> April to ensure all the children currently attending the Strathmont Pool who have been awaiting advise on our relocation will be able to continue to access vital swimming and water safety lessons over summer. A solution to our lack of available swimming pools is a necessity and closing Strathmont pool will only add to this problem.

Yours Sincerely



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From: [REDACTED]  
 Sent: Saturday, 15 December 2018 9:28 AM  
 To: Education:Minister Gardner; DHS:Minister for Human Services; DTF:Treasurer;  
 DPC:Premier; Letters@mng.newsltd.com.au  
 Subject: Strathmont pool

Dear ministers

I am surprised and saddened to hear that a decision has been made to close the community swimming center at strathmont.

The strathmont swimming pool is a thrive of activity and a real family friendly environment. The managers and team that run the center are Fantastic and should be applauded at how the center functions.

I am significantly concerned and disappointed that there has not been any community consultations from the current ministers nor has there been a satisfactory alternative arranged.

Considerations

If the pool is closed what is the impact on the new pool location

What is the impact on the families already in attendance at the new pool

There are only so many weekend sessions available this puts added pressure on families to attend during the week which impacts family working arrangements and added stress

The children become tired being forced to attend after school which affects their schooling and concentration

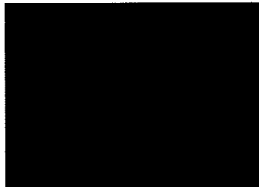
The location is a developing area with significant housing density increases. Why is a new community facility not being built at this site.

The travel and disruptions of the move and the forcible nature it's being bestowed upon us?

1 week prior to Christmas and I don't know where my children are swimming in January?

Disappointed!

Kind Regards,



Adelaide, SA 5000



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DTF:Treasurer

From: [REDACTED]  
Sent: Wednesday, 12 December 2018 1:37 PM  
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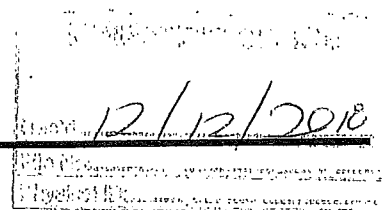
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Regards,  
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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 12, 2018 11:11 AM  
**To:** DPC:Premier; DTF:Treasurer; DHS:Minister for Human Services; Education:Minister Gardner  
**Cc:** Torrens EO; frank.pangello@parliament.sa.gov.au  
**Subject:** Strathmont Pool  
**Attachments:** Premier Marshall re Strathmont pool closure 11th Nov.pdf


Dear Premier please refer to attached letter regarding the closure of the Strathmont Swimming Pool.

Yours Sincerely

[REDACTED]



The Hon Steven Marshall MP  
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11<sup>th</sup> November, 2018

Dear Premier

I am contacting you in reference to my correspondence to the Minister for Human Services dated 20<sup>th</sup> July 2018 with regards to consideration to reverse the decision to close the Strathmont Pool on the 31<sup>st</sup> January 2019 and at the very least extend the deadline to mid-2019.

Our inclusive school has been operating out of the Strathmont Pool for the last 40 years and provides a valuable service to the community contributing to saving the lives of the many children. Learning to swim is the right of every child and we have continued to provide a swimming program that is affordable for families, including refugees and new immigrants.

We were informed that the decision to close the pool is due to the findings of a recent inspection. I am aware of the SafeWork SA audit mentioned in the letter and after speaking with their representative I am aware that there were only minor findings that have all been resolved. I am also aware of an inspection conducted by FMG Engineering approximately 2 years ago, that I was verbally told by their representative on site there were no structural issues with the pool, and that they were there to inspect the basketball stadium. The basketball stadium has been closed for many years and has no impact on the swimming pool. Additionally, during the April 2018 school holidays, the pool was closed for 3 weeks for essential maintenance work. The pool was drained, repairs made, sand filter medium changed, and after detailed inspection there were no structural faults identified that would result in closure of the pool.

Prior to being sent the letter of decommission I was not aware of any plans to close the pool. Since my initial correspondence I have been in contact with  Member for Torrens who I understand has had discussions with you, your staff and the Department. It has become apparent that there are no immediate plans for the final closure of the remaining offices and adjacent Hall, which houses a Judo Club at the Strathmont Centre for at least the next 2 years.



I fear and cannot emphasise enough that closure of a pool of this size and capacity will have a significant impact on the existing users of our swim school and the community. [REDACTED] has a high demand for learn to swim and water safety programs and many of our classes are at capacity. If we were given the opportunity we would expand our hours of use and at the Strathmont Pool which would generate increased revenue for the maintenance costs of running the pool.

Since receiving the letter of decommission [REDACTED] has been in constant contact with its customers through this process, and has been assisted by the Department of Infrastructure regarding the possibility of any alternate accommodation. To date [REDACTED] is not in a position to disclose any details to its customers. [REDACTED] is extremely concerned regarding the capacity of any alternate accommodation to house all of the existing users of our school. A majority of the [REDACTED] clients are infants and young children, and during the week these users attend classes between 4.00pm - 6.00 pm Monday – Thursday, and demand for lessons is extremely high on Saturdays. Aquatic programs are in high demand, particularly in Summer and many weekday customers who essentially need these timings for infants and young children I fear will be displaced as I have been informed by many of our customers there is no availability at other schools for their current day and time. Customers have also informed me that the [REDACTED] at [REDACTED] has no vacancy and an extensive waiting list.

Our migrant population who are at increased risk of drowning have been participating in our multiple lesson discount program which is affordable for families, with classes working out at \$9.50 per class. This program is in high demand and has been valuable for these community groups who have been able to attend 3 classes per week, and progress to beginning level of learn to swim to junior squad within 6 months which would normally take years or tuition. Regrettably, [REDACTED] has advised our customers in writing yesterday we are no longer able to support this program if the Strathmont Pool closes.

I would appreciate your consideration to extend the period of license to ensure all children currently attending the Strathmont Pool will be able to continue to access the same services in 2019.

Yours Sincerely



cc. The Hon Dana Wortley MP  
Via Email: [torrens@parliament.sa.gov.au](mailto:torrens@parliament.sa.gov.au)

cc. The Hon Frank Pangallo MLC  
Via Email: [frank.pangallo@parliament.sa.gov.au](mailto:frank.pangallo@parliament.sa.gov.au)

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DTF:Treasurer

From: [REDACTED]  
Sent: Wednesday, December 12, 2018 10:56 AM  
To: DPC:Premier  
Cc: DTF:Treasurer; dhministerforhumanservices@sa.gov.au; Education:Minister Gardner  
Subject: Please stop Strathmont Pool closure

Dear Steven,

As a family who has been taking their children to Strathmont Pool for the [REDACTED] I am terribly upset at the proposal to close the centre.

This centre, is one of the very best in the area. There isn't many options close by that would service the surrounding suburbs & families that currently attend.

We all know how important swimming and keeping children active has become and will continue. More important for me personally. As a mother of a [REDACTED], swimming was the only exercise that made me feel like I could help strengthen [REDACTED]. Swimming has made a huge difference & continues to be our choice of exercise every week.

I kindly ask that you reconsider this closure & think of the families who really need this centre, the children who get enjoyment, who learn water safety & confidence and whom get to participate in the most valuable form of exercise.

Please keep the Strathmont Pool operating. We need it!

Regards

[REDACTED]

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 12, 2018 10:43 AM  
**To:** Education:Minister Gardner  
**Cc:** DHS:Minister for Human Services; DTF:Treasurer; DPC:Premier  
**Subject:** Closure of the Strathmont Pool

Dear Minister Gardner

I have been very disappointed to hear of the closure of this much loved swim school and it has prompted me to contact you. It provides the community with high quality swim lessons for children in a country that is surrounded by ocean and with so much access to many pools and waterways our children need to learn to swim and be safe.

[REDACTED] attend this swim school and we as parents support and value this life long skill. It encourages physical activity and reassures me as a parent that they will make good choices around water when I am not with them.

The pool infrastructure is good and accommodates young babies up to squad swimmers and also which is also extremely important the learn to swim for adults programs has migrants and adults learning too. This pool serves so many members of our community.

Closing this pool is directly affecting childrens safety as this pool is at the heart of a community in which the children travel to learn this essential skill.

I strongly request you to reconsider this decision to close the pool.

Kind regards

[REDACTED]

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DTF:Treasurer

From: [REDACTED]  
 Sent: Wednesday, December 12, 2018 10:38 AM  
 To: DPC:Premier  
 Cc: Education:Minister Gardner; DHS:Minister for Human Services; DTF:Treasurer  
 Subject: Re: Strathmont Pool Closure

Further to my previous email, my full name as address as requested by your automated response is:

[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]  
 Sent: Wednesday, 12 December 2018 10:33 AM  
 To: premier@sa.gov.au  
 Cc: minister.gardner@sa.gov.au; dhsministerforhumanservices@sa.gov.au; treasurer.dtf@sa.gov.au  
 Subject: Strathmont Pool Closure

Dear Premier Marshall,

I currently live with my family in your electorate but travel to the Strathmont Centre with my [REDACTED] every Saturday for lessons with the [REDACTED]. We have been going there ever since my [REDACTED] also attends and has done since [REDACTED]. Of course there are other swim schools much closer to us, but we love travelling to see [REDACTED] and her team at the Strathmont Centre because we have such a bond with them all. The teachers are fantastic and the centre facilities have been suitable for our needs for all these years.

It is very distressing to hear that your government is closing the pool at the Strathmont Centre, without adequate provisions for all of us that use these facilities. The lack of consultation and communication from you makes it very difficult for us to plan for our continuing lessons for our children in the New Year. We would love to stay with the [REDACTED] team that our children have bonded with so well, but it's hard to make plans with the current uncertainty.

Please re-consider this closure, as there is no reasonable basis for your decision. It is disadvantaging a small community business, their employees and hundreds of families in the state (including your own electorate).

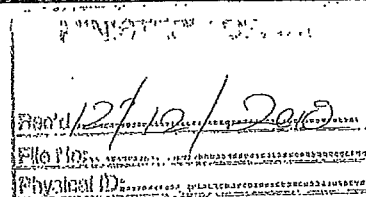
Regards,

[REDACTED]

cc The Hon Jon Gardner, Minister for Education  
 The Hon Minchelle Lensink, Minister for Human Services  
 The Hon Rob Lucas MLC, Treasurer

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DTF:Treasurer

From: [REDACTED]  
Sent: Wednesday, 12 December 2018 2:01 PM  
To: DTF:Treasurer  
Cc: DTF:Treasurer  
Subject: Closure of Strathmont Pool.



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To;

The Premier of SA. The Hon, Steven Marshall.  
The Hon, Michelle Lensink, MP, Minister for Human Services.  
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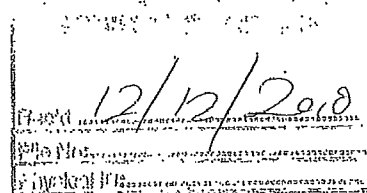


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12/12/2018.

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From: [REDACTED]  
 Sent: Wednesday, December 12, 2018 10:35 AM  
 To: DTF:Treasurer  
 Cc: DTF:Treasurer  
 Subject: Closure of Strathmont Pool.



Closure of Strathmont Pool.

To;

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 The Hon. Michelle Lensink, MP, Minister for Human Services.  
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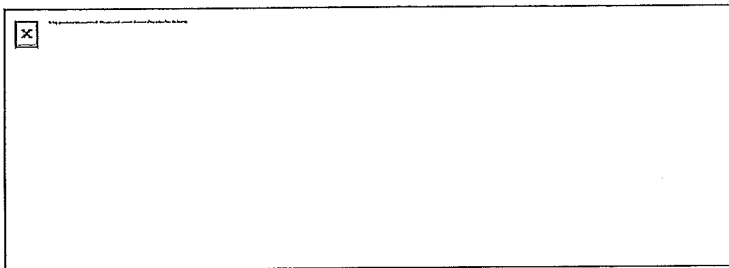
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**To:** DPC:Premier; Education:Minister Gardner; DHS:Minister for Human Services;  
DTF:Treasurer  
**Cc:** Letters@mng.newsltd.com.au; swimsafeschool@bigpond.com; Gary Toner  
**Subject:** Strathmont Pool  
**Attachments:** LT Strathmont Pool Closure Dec 2018.pdf

Dear Premier and Ministers

Attached is a letter opposing the closure of the Strathmont pool.

Kind regards

[REDACTED]



For all upcoming [REDACTED] events click [here](#)

[REDACTED]

11 December 2018

The Hon Steven Marshall MP, Premier of South Australia  
Via Email: [premier@sa.gov.au](mailto:premier@sa.gov.au)

The Hon John Gardner, Minister for Education  
Via Email: [Minister.Gardner@sa.gov.au](mailto:Minister.Gardner@sa.gov.au)

The Hon Michelle Levensink, Minister for Human Services  
Via Email: [dhsministerforhumanservices@sa.gov.au](mailto:dhsministerforhumanservices@sa.gov.au)

The Hon Rob Lucas MLC, Treasurer  
Via Email: [treasurer.dtf@sa.gov.au](mailto:treasurer.dtf@sa.gov.au)

**Re: Strathmont Pool**

Dear Premier and Ministers

The [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] has been advised that the Strathmont pool is scheduled for closure on 31 January 2019 with no identified facility being made available as a replacement option. [REDACTED] strongly oppose this course of action and encourage this decision to be revisited based on a number of aspects.

There are multiple users of this facility including disability groups, swim schools and a feeder program for the [REDACTED]. It is an important facility for the migrant population which includes many young families.

The Australian Water Safety Council symposium held last week in Sydney highlighted multicultural communities are high risk population for drowning in Australia. There is empirical evidence that outlines significant benefit to ethnic communities through swimming and learn to swim including integration into the community, improving language skills, interaction and socialising between ethnic community groups, health improvements and increased cognitive learning for children.

While [REDACTED] do not want any pool closures, this pool is particularly important as it provides essential services to the local community which are unable to be adequately displaced in surrounding facilities.

It is a proven fact that people who don't have access to swimming pool facilities have an increased risk of drowning. They are likely to become a greater burden on society due to health and social issues. A swimming pool is much more than just a tank of water. It is a community hub which provides opportunities for learning, recreation, sport, social interactions, employment and fun.

Please reconsider your decision to close this facility.

Yours sincerely

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]



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12/12/2018

From: [REDACTED]  
Sent: Wednesday, December 12, 2018 9:32 AM  
To: DPC:Premier  
Cc: Education:Minister Gardner; DHS:Minister for Human Services; DTF:Treasurer  
Subject: Strathmont Pool

Dear Sir,

My [REDACTED] have attended lessons at the Strathmont pool for [REDACTED]. They have just completed their week of DECS swimming at the Woodside pool and my [REDACTED] far outshone every child in the pool. There were only a handful of children that could be considered safe in the deep water but nearly every child there said they could swim. There needs to be more opportunities to access swimming lessons on a regular ongoing basis, not less. My [REDACTED] has not been attending lessons as long and, at the [REDACTED] is well behind his [REDACTED] and I am now left wondering how I am going to continue his swimming and safety education, this is not normally an affordable option but [REDACTED] provides well priced lessons at accessible times for children and adults.

Please reverse the decision to close our pool. Yes, some people will find other pools and other opportunities but here will also be those that fall through the cracks and potentially be put at risk as a drowning statistic.

Thankyou for your time,

[REDACTED]

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12/12/2018  
From: [REDACTED]  
Sent: Wednesday, December 12, 2018 9:08 AM  
To: DPC:Premier  
Cc: Education:Minister Gardner; DHS:Minister for Human Services; DTF:Treasurer  
Subject: Closure of Strathmont Centre Pool

To the Premier Steven Marshall

I am writing to you as a concerned parent on your decision to close the Strathmont Centre swimming pool.

Learning to swim is a critical part of a child's education and development. All too often we hear about young children drowning in pools so it is very important that children have lessons from a very young age. My little [REDACTED] years of age and has been attending the [REDACTED]. He has become very confident and is now ready to move to the next level. If the pool is closed we would have to find an alternative pool to have his lessons at. Many of the swim classes are already fully booked so this would prove to be a challenge. If my [REDACTED] lessons do not continue he will go backwards and have to begin all over again. I have a pool at home so this is a huge concern.

Although my [REDACTED] is not autistic, many of the children that have lessons at the Strathmont Centre pool are or have another disability. Imagine the effect this would have on them, it takes a lot for them to build confidence and trust in someone. The instructors at [REDACTED] are an amazing group of people and I could not ask for better instructors for the children.

Therefore on behalf of all the concerned parents and children out there on your decision to close the pool, I ask that you PLEASE reverse your decision and keep the pool open so that the swimming lessons can continue. Nothing is more important than a child knowing how to swim enough to be able to save themselves should they fall into a pool or have trouble at the beach.

PLEASE keep the pool open

Regards

( very concerned parent  
[REDACTED]

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DTF:Treasurer

12/12/2018

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 12, 2018 7:11 AM  
**To:** DPC:Premier; Michelle.Lensink@parliament.sa.gov.au; Education:Minister Gardner; DTF:Treasurer; Torrens@parliament.sa.gov.au  
**Cc:** letters@mng.newsltd.com.au; swimsafeschool@bigpond.com  
**Subject:** Strathmont Pool Closure  
**Attachments:** PremierStevenMarshall [REDACTED] 11th Dec .docx

To all those attached.

My name is [REDACTED] and I have attached a letter that must be addressed in Parliament post haste. Time is running out for the little people and something must be done.

The issues must be made more than a consideration, they are penned with a need to stop any further action toward the immediate pool closure.

Please hear my cries, as they are not just my tears, but those of a downtrodden society. Prove to us you are worth your weight in salt and make things right.

Hoping for the best.

Kind regards

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]



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Premier of South Australia  
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Via Email: [premier@sa.gov.au](mailto:premier@sa.gov.au)

The Hon Michelle Lensink MLC  
Minister for Human Services  
Member of The Executive Council  
Parliament of South Australia  
Level 12, 1 King William Street  
ADELAIDE SA 5000

Via Email: [Michelle.Lensink@parliament.sa.gov.au](mailto:Michelle.Lensink@parliament.sa.gov.au)

11<sup>th</sup> December 2018

Dear Premier and Ms Lensink

I feel compelled to send you this letter, as I am in shock and disgust at the decision to close the pool.

I have been a customer of Swim Safe for over ten years and in the time I have only ever experienced highly skilled professionals delivering a quality service for my family, personally and for the community in general, as I see all the families, the kids having fun and learning to swim in a friendly environment.

If the pool closes for my family in the immediate future, will I have to look for another suitable provider in a location and time that is appropriate to my families changing needs and then there is the issue of availability. Do I stop the kids lessons because my needs cannot be fulfilled resulting in half finished skill sets, which might restrict their opportunities in the future and increase their risk in the water.

Then what about the greater community. How can you do this to someone who provides an essential service to the community. Does Swim Safe's dedication to her work and 20 years service to others count for nothing.

If the pool is closed the ripples will flow through the community, diminishing the opportunity or ability of future generations the fun and enjoyment of water sports, a cultural norm attached to life in Australia. I feel strongly about this issue, as do many others.

It was stated 'fitness for purpose' in Parliament last Wednesday. Surely that is a guise based on a crux. The pool fits the purpose of all its user's needs. Another statement was a safety issue. For 40 years it has serviced the community. How has the safety changed? I wonder if those who made those statements have actually engaged with the business, not just skimmed over it like a token gesture in 'the name of a higher authority.' Both claims are unsubstantiated and need to be stricken from the record. If you let this slip, our progressive inclusive culture will have been severely compromised by this 'cash for land' grab, with nothing to replace it, it will become apparent that it is another injustice to the community.

The end users are drowning and it seems those in power and making the decisions are holding their feet on our heads pushing us under. Without Swim Safe, we have no chance to rise to the surface, drowned by those who are supposed to have our best interests at heart. Shame on all of you who support the closure.

Nobody should ever get left behind!

Yours Sincerely



DTF:Treasurer

12/12/2018

From: [REDACTED]  
Sent: Tuesday, December 11, 2018 11:21 PM  
To: DPC:Premier  
Cc: DHS:Minister for Human Services; Education:Minister Gardner; DTF:Treasurer

Dear Mr Marshall

Closing the Strathmont Pool, please don't do it. We have a lot of children that we teach all year round. Now if you close this pool during summer that's a lot of children without a swimming program. With the amount of children we teach, not all will be able to find a pool. Some will miss out.

Swimming is a life saving skill, and by learning to swim, a child can survive in the water. That is my goal as an instructor to prevent people from drowning and to be safe in the water. You close this pool, that's a lot of children potentially at risk.

I see a lot a new faces each year that come to Strathmont. It's not just our regulars we teach. We get new students all the time. Most people are local, and the pool is at a convenient location, plus it's a big pool.

I sat in Parliament last Wednesday and I listened. I am still yet to hear a valid reason as to why the pool needs to be closed.

The building that houses the pool, is fine. I know, I work there and have worked there for nearly [REDACTED]. The building is safe for both customers and staff and the pool itself, is brilliant. Why not come and see for yourself.

The pool does not need to be upgraded, just maintained. Closing us down, in the middle of Summer, that's a bad idea, and one the community won't forget. Don't be the government that prevents a life saving skill from being learned in our community this Summer.

Save our pool.

[REDACTED]

DTF:Treasurer

12/12/2018

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 11, 2018 11:11 PM  
**To:** Education:Minister Gardner; DHS:Minister for Human Services; DTF:Treasurer;  
 DPC:Premier; letters@mng.newsltd.com.au  
**Cc:** torrens@parliament.sa.gov.au  
**Subject:** Strathmont Swim Safe Swim School

Dear Editor

My family have been associated with the Strathmont [REDACTED] for over 14 years. [REDACTED]  
 my children have learnt to swim at this wonderful facility. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] This has provided my children with confidence around water and also greater self confidence in their daily lives. Closing this facility will impact the young children in the area and their ability to obtain essential life skills that will help keep them safe around water. This is a great concern with the number of existing young families in the area along with the increasing housing developments near by.

The [REDACTED] is not the only occupant of the Strathmont centre as other programs are run at the pool. These facilities provide an opportunity for young children to learn the necessary skills to remain safe at the beach, in the river and in backyard pools.

Please consider these points when deciding on the future of the Strathmont [REDACTED]

Regards

[REDACTED]

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12/12/2018

DTF:Treasurer

**From:** [redacted]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 11, 2018 11:00 PM  
**To:** DPC:Premier  
**Cc:** Education;Minister Gardner; DHS:Minister for Human Services; DTF:Treasurer;  
torrens@parliament.sa.gov.au  
**Subject:** Strathmont Pool closure  
**Attachments:** Strathmont pool closure, [redacted]

Dear Mr Marshall,

Please find attached a letter re our concern for the impending closure of the Strathmont Pool.

Regards,

[redacted]  
[redacted]

[REDACTED]

11.12.18

The Hon. Steven Marshall  
SA Premier

C/O premier@sa.gov.au

Dear Mr Marshall,

**RE: Closure of Strathmont Swimming Pool.**

We are writing regarding our extreme disappointment in your government's intended closure of the Strathmont Swimming Pool from January 2019.

We've both grown up in this area, and have chosen to stay in this great community to raise our family. Our [REDACTED] have been attending the [REDACTED] at the Strathmont pool from about the [REDACTED] where under the expert teaching of the school staff have excelled at learning the basic skills required in order to go on to become strong, competent swimmers.

Whilst they have mastered the basics, they still have a long way to go, and we were looking forward to their continued education at this excellent school when we were given the devastating news that the school would have to soon cease due to your intended closure of its 'home'.

You may or may not be aware, the school operates both Saturday and Sundays for most of the year providing working families with plenty of opportunity to attend at a time that suits them. This is not an affluent area, and the current arrangement allows the school to deliver quality swimming lessons, in all weather and heated facilities at a price that is accessible for all. The area is home to many migrants from countries that do not have a culture of water based leisure activities, and having accessible, affordable swimming lessons is very important.

Furthermore, continuing in the tradition the facility was created for; the pool caters for about 400 children with special needs. Closing the facility will greatly reduce their options for lessons, and many will now no longer be able to attend.

As we understand it, if the school were forced to move to another facility it would not be able to provide lessons at the current price, or in such close proximity to the community thereby making lessons a luxury they cannot afford. There are no other swim schools in the area, and we understand those that are a little further away have no places. I'm sure you'd agree, in Australia swimming lessons are a necessity, not a luxury.

Finally, we'd like to note what a wonderful business the [REDACTED] has grown into. The owner's and staff tirelessly work with limited resources to provide lessons to a huge number of children every week. The instructor's are professional and dedicated, and go to every length to ensure their student's needs are



catered for. As you might imagine, having put many years of hard work into building this business into a north east success story they are devastated that almost overnight the business could be destroyed. We are told they've had to stop taking new students and in anticipation some parents have already enrolled elsewhere to ensure to secure the limited places. We recall one of your election promises was to provide jobs and remove government 'red tape'. Forcing this school into a situation where they need to close its doors, is neither.

Mr. Marshall, your time in government is precious. Don't make your legacy cuts and closures.

Yours sincerely



Cc

The Hon. John Gardener– Minister for Education [minister.gardner@sa.gov.au](mailto:minister.gardner@sa.gov.au)

The Hon. Michelle Lensink– Minister for Human Services [dhsministerforhumanservices@sa.gov.au](mailto:dhsministerforhumanservices@sa.gov.au)

The Hon. Rob Lucas MLC- Treasurer [treasurer.dtf@sa.gov.au](mailto:treasurer.dtf@sa.gov.au)

Ms Dana Wortley MP- [torrens@parliament.sa.gov.au](mailto:torrens@parliament.sa.gov.au)

DTF:Treasurer

12/12/2018

From: [REDACTED]  
Sent: Tuesday, December 11, 2018 10:00 PM  
To: DPC:Premier  
Cc: Education:Minister Gardner; DHS:Minister for Human Services; DTF:Treasurer  
Subject: Strathmont Pool

Dear Steven,

[REDACTED] started swimming lessons at the [REDACTED] at Strathmont Pool in [REDACTED]. We had previously attended a different swim school and have been blown away by the quality of the [REDACTED] teachers.

Both [REDACTED] have made significant progress since [REDACTED] and we are very disappointed to hear that the pool may close. While I can imagine that the current site at Strathmont is not viable in the long-term, it would be detrimental to close the school without ensuring that an alternative venue has been secured first.

Water safety is so important in Australian society. It would be a disservice to the children currently attending the school and all the wonderful staff employed there, to close it without securing another venue to enable continuity of lessons and also employment of staff.

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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12/12/2018

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 11, 2018 8:29 PM  
**To:** DPC:Premier  
**Cc:** Education:Minister Gardner; DHS:Minister for Human Services; DTF:Treasurer  
**Subject:** Strathmont Pool

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[REDACTED]

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12/12/2018  
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From: [REDACTED]  
Sent: Tuesday, December 11, 2018 9:39 PM  
To: dhministerforhumanservices@sa.gov.au; Education:Minister Gardner; DTF:Treasurer;  
DPC:Premier; Letters@mng.newsltd.com.au; torrens@parliament.sa.gov.au;  
onair@fiveaa.com.au  
Subject: Save Strathmont Pool- What it Means to My Family

To:  
The Premier of SA, The Hon. Steven Marshall  
The Hon. Michelle Lensink, MP, Minister for Human Services  
The Hon. John Gardner, MP, Minister for Education  
The Hon. Rob Lucas MLC, Treasurer  
The Hon. Peter Malinauskas, MP, leader of the Labor Party  
The Hon. Dana Wortley, MP, Torrens

Also To:  
The Editor, News Limited  
Mr. Leon Byner, 5AA Radio

I wish for the Honourable Members of Parliament, South Australia to hear and understand what the closure of Strathmont Pool would mean for my family- with particular reference to [REDACTED]

Background Information- Health and Disability Needs

[REDACTED]

What Water Safety Is To [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] does not just attend weekly swimming at Strathmont. As a child with [REDACTED] has a strong fascination and affinity with water. Therefore, [REDACTED] needs to be safe in the water. [REDACTED] needs to be able to know how to do basic strokes, tread water, get to the edge, listen to the instructor, get out if [REDACTED] needs to.

The wonderful swimming instructors at Strathmont have taught [REDACTED] these skills and the confidence to appreciate the water in an appropriate manner.

[REDACTED] favourite time of the week is Swimming. [REDACTED] gets so excited when [REDACTED] rash vest and board shorts come out! [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] class mates travel via Mini bus to the pool. The mini-bus is funded by all of the parents at a significant cost each (\$150 each term each swimmer) for a short journey.

Why the Strathmont Pool?

Strathmont is a Hydrotherapy pool. Its temperature is consistently regulated throughout the year. This means that my [REDACTED] can swim even in the Winter months. One of the side-effects of [REDACTED] Medication is

that he cannot control his body temperature when he becomes cold. Therefore swims at any other centre cannot last for the full 45 minute session.

Strathmont's pool also has a double filtration system. As it was built by Health Care Authorities, this filtration is perhaps one of the best in SA. My children rarely experience side-effects such as stinging eyes from high doses of chlorine or ear infections from dirty water.

Strathmont has equipment for people with physical disabilities such as a winch to lower people in and out of the water, rails and change tables.

#### Why not another Pool?

██████████ would not cope at another pool. Before ██████████ school moved to Strathmont, they attended a private pool in Modbury North. We were often asked to not attend as they would get a whole-school booking that netted them more profit. The water was colder, more chlorine and noisier. ██████████ didn't cope. ██████████ would simply cry and hold onto the instructor. At Strathmont, ██████████ has found the confidence to become the best swimmer he can be.

Going to another Hydrotherapy pool is also not the answer. Other pools such as the nearby Hampstead Pool is very shallow. Here ██████████ cannot use a deep end to practise critical water safety and immersion in the water- this is also part of ██████████ sensory profile.

All other Hydrotherapy pools are fully booked, the same as Strathmont. To close Strathmont means that someone has to be displaced. It was my understanding that Sport and Recreation SA had made a recommendation of more Hydrotherapy Pools, not less.

A suggestion made to me from a Minister's Office was for ██████████ to attend the Repat Hospital at Daw Park. This is over an Hour away. ██████████ cannot travel on a bus for over an hour. If ██████████ gets stuck in traffic on a bus, and the sun is coming through the window, he is at risk of having a seizure for over-heating. Due to Medication side-effects, ██████████ is also photo-sensitive to light and burns easily.

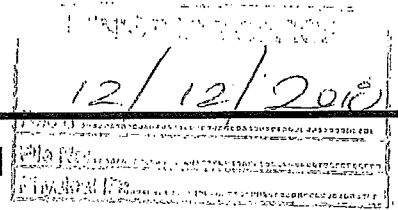
We live in ██████████. Strathmont is our local pool both for ██████████ and ██████████ whom swims every Saturday with ██████████. The instructors are wonderful. The cost is much more competitive than the other competitors.

Please consider the impact on the closure of Strathmont. Without a replacement pool, this service will be lost to my son, daughter and 1500 other children.

Kind regards



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From: [REDACTED]  
 Sent: Tuesday, December 11, 2018 9:26 PM  
 To: DPC:Premier  
 Cc: DTF:Treasurer; DHS:Minister for Human Services; Education:Minister Gardner  
 Subject: Strathmont pool closure

Dear Premier,

I wish to express my great concern regarding the proposed closure of the Strathmont pool at Oakden. This facility (the location, type of pool) allows the local and wider community to participate in important education and rehabilitation services. The closure of the pool would mean that we would need to travel further to allow our [REDACTED] to take swimming lessons, something which is vital in Australia, and this further travel would impact upon our lives. It may be you are considering relocating rehabilitation services (which I certainly hope will not just be lost) but where can families be relocated in order to teach children as young as four months water safety and water confidence without placing burden on these existing locations? What, also, is your plan for those people who will lose jobs over the site closure?

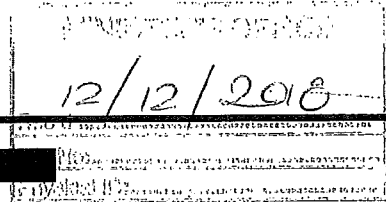
Premier, please do not close this significantly important site. Please think of the community and the lives you will negatively impact should you go ahead with your plan.

Regards,  
 [REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone



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From: [REDACTED]  
 Sent: Tuesday, December 11, 2018 8:32 PM  
 To: DPC:Premier  
 Cc: Education:Minister Gardner; DHS:Minister for Human Services; DTF:Treasurer  
 Subject: Strathmont Centre Pool Closure

Dear Premier Steven Marshall,

I write to you as a concerned parent of [REDACTED], regarding the proposed closure of the Strathmont Centre Pool, where we have been attending the [REDACTED] School since 2016.

My [REDACTED] attend swimming classes once a week at the pool, all year round. The pool and swim school currently provide an excellent service and location to meet my children's needs in terms water safety and learning to swim.

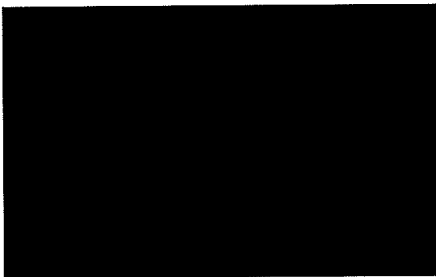
If closed, we along with our local community will be forced to travel further to access a pool. With the growing housing development and subsequent population growth in the immediate area the need for local facilities, including swimming pools, is only going to increase.

In addition, [REDACTED]. As such, swimming is one of the few sports that [REDACTED] can participate in safely. Swimming is important for [REDACTED] fitness, joint and muscle health and social participation.

Losing such an excellent facility in such close proximity to our home would be a great disadvantage to our family and our community.

I hope you reconsider the proposed closure of the Strathmont Centre pool.

Your sincerely,



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12/12/2018

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 11, 2018 7:52 PM  
**To:** DPC:Premier; Education:Minister Gardner; DHS:Minister for Human Services;  
DTF:Treasurer  
**Subject:** proposed closure of Strathmont swimming pool  
**Attachments:** Strathmont swimming pool letter Nov 11 2018.pdf

Dear Mr Marshall, Ms Lensink, Mr Gardner and Mr Lucas

I am writing to you hoping the proposed closure of the Strathmont pool can be postponed. As a resident of the [REDACTED] and as the father of [REDACTED] who have used the Strathmont pool for the [REDACTED], I recognise this government asset will eventually be sold off. I would question the information provided by the government (as reported in the Messenger press last week) about the need to spend \$300,000 on renovations for the pool. Given the pool will ultimately be closed when the land will be sold off sometime in the future, full scale renovation is surely not needed? However, it may be expedient when trying to argue about closing an asset you see no value in to claim the cost of keeping the pool open is higher than necessary? However, it is my understanding (which was not reported last week) that the DECD will need to pay a private pool operator so there are some extra costs to the taxpayers of South Australia in closing the pool even though it will still be there. There is the extra cost of disability clients and the extra travel and the higher fees for families who currently use [REDACTED] school that currently operates at Strathmont.

I have attached a letter which outlines my concern. Services for ordinary South Australians, particularly those who cannot afford the rates of swimming lessons that some private operators charge is very important as is the fact that the pool closure will no doubt lead to an increase in fees for the [REDACTED] school that currently operates at Strathmont. I know you felt the previous Labor government was out of touch with ordinary South Australians before you were elected. I hope you can show more compassion and common sense in extending the life of this pool until the buildings are bulldozed and the land subdivided.

Kind regards

[REDACTED]



The Hon Steven Marshall MP  
Premier of South Australia  
State Administration Centre  
200 Victoria Square  
ADELAIDE SA 5000

Via Email: [premier@sa.gov.au](mailto:premier@sa.gov.au)

The Hon Michelle Lensink MLC  
Minister for Human Services  
Member of The Executive Council  
Parliament of South Australia  
Level 12, 1 King William Street  
ADELAIDE SA 5000

Via Email: [Michelle.Lensink@parliament.sa.gov.au](mailto:Michelle.Lensink@parliament.sa.gov.au)

11<sup>th</sup> December 2018

Dear Premier and Ms Lensink

My name is [REDACTED] and for over [REDACTED] my family of [REDACTED] children have attended [REDACTED] swimming lessons at Strathmont. This is a location which is convenient for my family and where the price of tuition is not a barrier to ordinary families – this includes discount for multiple children. In fact, my sense of the range of other families who utilize this service is that there are many varied backgrounds and a number of families who make sacrifices or choices about the value of their child being able to become confident swimmers.

My own family background is that when I was [REDACTED] This is something that had a profound effect on me as well as my parents and siblings. Some time ago now I was having a conversation with another sister of mine who has a large family. [REDACTED] said she could not afford swimming lessons. It was one of those instinctive moments when I replied from my gut and put to [REDACTED]. It was a remark which spoke of the value of children being able to learn to swim so they can be water safe. It is with regret that I have read of two recent arrival families having experienced the tragedy of having a child drown as they did not know how to swim in the last two years.

I feel passionately that every family from those who struggle to those who are more comfortable should be able to access affordable swimming lessons in their local area. Thus it has been wonderful that a state government facility at Strathmont has leased the swimming pool to [REDACTED] as well as making this facility available for people with a disability and the Education Department.

It seems extraordinary that a decision has been made to close the pool so that it will be still there but not available to any of the patrons who currently use it. What will be the effect here? I imagine a small amount of money will be saved (I suggest small in the context of the State Government budget and the outlays made for others causes). However, it is likely that [REDACTED] at Strathmont will not have the same access to an alternative pool and will probably need to raise its charges. This in turn will make swimming lessons for children, particularly poorer families, less accessible. No doubt if the Education Department wants to continue the services it conducts at Strathmont there will be considerable expense to do so as would be the case for anybody with a disability who currently uses Strathmont.

I note with interest that recently there have been some questions about VacSwim and the State Government has guaranteed this will continue. I would request there be a reconsideration of closing the Strathmont pool so that families who currently use it are not deprived of this opportunity for their children to learn to swim or to become more confident swimmers. This is an important safety issue and a matter of people being able to more fully participate in society without fear. It is important the Government made decisions that support a range of activities which add value and help out the ordinary person who may not be able to access such services otherwise.

Yours sincerely

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12/12/2010

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 11, 2010 7:05 PM  
**To:** DPC:Premier  
**Cc:** Education:Minister Gardner; DHS:Minister for Human Services; DTF:Treasurer;  
 letters@mng.newsltd.com.au  
**Subject:** Strathmont pool- do not close

> Dear All,

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> I am disappointed to hear that you have decided to close Strathmont pool, Adelaide.

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> My children have been attending for the last [REDACTED] and due to the dedication of Jo and her Team of instructors and staff and comfortable environment, they are becoming competent swimmers, a life saving skill. I hope you empathy as parents, this is an critical skill to have.

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> Not only will my children will be upset but parents will disabilities must be devastated at this decision.

Also have you considered we are not guaranteed a space in an alternation pool due to 1 less pool in the area and near to max capacity.

Please can you reconsider your decision as the pool is an asset to the community. We are not wanting any improvements we just want use of the pool for our children to continue to learn to swim.

Regards

[REDACTED]