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Minister for Aged Care and Senior Australians

Minister for Youth and Sport

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The Hon Andrew Gee MP
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Dear Minister

Thank you for your representations of 25 July 2020 to the Minister for Health, the Hon Greg Hunt MP, on behalf of **s47F** concerning the allocation of grant funding to the North Sydney Pool Project. Your correspondence has been referred to me as the Minister for Youth and Sport with portfolio responsibility for this matter.

The Female Facilities and Water Safety Stream (FFWSS) grant program was announced in the 2019–20 Budget with funding of \$150 million over four years.

The Australian Government established the FFWSS grant program to improve opportunities for women and girls to play sport through removing barriers to participation in sport and increase access to community swimming facilities across Australia. The program is not specific to regional Australia.

Through election commitments, 12 organisations were announced as recipients of funding under the FFWSS for grants over \$2 million to:

- construct and/or upgrade facilities that are functional and include female change rooms and amenities
- reduce drownings through repair and/or construction of safety fences at swimming facilities
- increase access to learn to swim programs through the construction of new swimming facilities.

The North Sydney Pool Project aims to upgrade the current facility to increase accessibility within the community and aligns with the grant guidelines.

Thank you for raising **s47F** concerns.

Yours sincerely

Richard Colbeck

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