



**To:** Minister Colbeck  
**cc:** Minister Hunt

**Subject:** Female Facilities and Water Safety Stream election commitment – change of location in the electorate of Petrie

**Critical date:** N/A

<b>Recommendation/s:</b>			
1. <b>Agree</b> to commit \$2 million in funding for construction of a pool at The Lakes College, North Lakes, Queensland;		1. <b>Agree/Please discuss</b>	
2. <b>Sign</b> the letter to the Hon Luke Howarth MP confirming funding of \$2 million to The Lakes College, North Lakes, Queensland (Attachment A)		2. <b>Signed/Not signed/Please discuss</b>	
Signature .....		Date:     /     /	
Media Release required? <b>YES/ NO</b>			
Comments:			
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**Issues:**

1. The Hon Luke Howarth MP wrote to you on 19 November 2019 (Attachment B) requesting your agreement to change location from Mango Hill State Secondary College (a state school), to The Lakes College (an independent private school) in North Lakes, Queensland under the Female Facilities and Water Safety Stream (FFWSS) Program.

2. On 4 December 2019, the Prime Minister agreed to delegate responsibility of the FFWSS Program to you (MC19-075361 refers) and this administrative change falls within the bounds of his letter.
3. The new pool location is consistent with the intent of the FFWSS Program and the original election announcement. Accordingly, we would recommend you support redirecting the funds to the new location. As a matter of due diligence, the Department of Health will seek further details from The Lakes College of the proposal and project plan prior to finalising a grant agreement. Should there be any issues of concern, we will advise you.
4. Should you agree to this, a letter to the Hon Luke Howarth MP is attached confirming your agreement to fund the construction of a pool at The Lakes College, North Lakes, Queensland.

**Background:**

On 29 August 2019, the Queensland Department of Education rejected the Government's commitment of \$2 million for the construction of a pool at Mango Hill State Secondary College, Mango Hill, Queensland (Attachment C). The Queensland Government advised construction of a pool would leave the school without the capacity to expand in the future.

The Hon Luke Howarth MP is seeking your agreement to commit the \$2 million previously allocated to Mango Hill State Secondary College, Mango Hill to The Lakes College, North Lakes. The funding allocation and the project, construction of a 50m swimming pool, remains consistent with the program objectives of the FFWSS Program.

**Relevance to Election Commitments / Budget Measures:**

The FFWSS Program was a 2019-20 Budget Measure. The projects were announced as election commitments.

**Attachments:**

- A: Letter to the Hon Luke Howarth MP
- B: Letter of 19 November 2019 from the Hon Luke Howarth MP
- C: MC19-075361 Letter of 4 December from the Prime Minister
- D: Mango Hill Media Article 30 August 2019

**Consultations:**

<b>PDR No:</b>	<b>MS19-900326</b>
<b>Subject:</b>	Female Facilities and Water Safety Stream election commitment – change of location in the electorate of Petrie
<b>Division</b>	<b>Health Grants and Network</b>
<b>MO Action Date</b>	<b>N/a</b>

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**SENATOR THE HON RICHARD COLBECK**

Minister for Aged Care and Senior Australians

Minister for Youth and Sport

Ref No: MS19-900326

The Hon Luke Howarth MP  
Member for Petrie  
Assistant Minister for Community  
Housing, Homelessness and Community Services  
40 Hornibrook Esplanade  
CLONTARF QLD 4019

Dear Assistant Minister

Thank you for your letter of 19 November 2019 seeking a change of project details for construction of a pool in your electorate as part of the 2019 election, valued at \$2 million. You requested that the location change from Mango Hill State Secondary College to The Lakes College.

I agree to this location change as this remains consistent with the intention of the Female Facilities and Water Safety Stream Program.

The Department of Health will write to Mr Simon Armstrong, the Principal of The Lakes College, to confirm the details of this project and timeframe for construction of the pool.

Yours sincerely

Richard Colbeck

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<b>Minister</b>	<b>Minister Colbeck</b>
<b>PDR Number</b>	<b>MS19-900272</b>
<b>Subject</b>	Agreement to changes to FFWSS <sup>s 22</sup> and delegation of authority
<b>Initiator</b>	<b>Minister Colbeck</b>
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**Adviser/DLO Comments:**

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## LUKE HOWARTH MP

Federal Member for **Petrie**

19 November 2019

Dear Senator Colbeck

Thank you for your letter regarding the 2019 election commitment for the delivery of one project valued at 2 million dollars in the Petrie Electorate.

As per discussion with your office, I am writing to request a change in project details as Minister Grace Grace, Queensland Minister for Education has advised that Mango Hill State Secondary College has no capacity for an installation of a pool.

I recently met with Mr Simon Armstrong, Principal of The Lakes College to discuss an alternative site. Mr Armstrong advised that the addition of a pool was in the school master plan and that The Lakes College School Board is interested in the project being delivered at the school.

Therefore, I request that the project location be changed from Mango Hill State Secondary College to The Lakes College, 2 College St, North Lakes QLD 4509.

I have attached the correspondence between Minister Grace Grace and myself, along with correspondence from Mr Simon Armstrong for your perusal.

Yours sincerely

Luke Howarth MP  
FEDERAL MEMBER FOR PETRIE





PRIME MINISTER

Reference: MC19-075361

04 DEC 2019

Senator the Hon Richard Colbeck  
Minister for Youth and Sport  
Parliament House  
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Minister

Thank you for your letter dated 5 November 2019 regarding changes to sports infrastructure projects being delivered through the Health portfolio.

I agree to the changes as outlined in your letter. However, I ask that the projects being transferred from the Female Facilities and Water Safety Stream (FFWSS) program to the Community Development Grants (CDG) projects delivered through the Health portfolio be funded using unallocated CDG funds. This ensures the \$150 million FFWSS program is not reduced. s22  
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I also agree to delegate to you responsibility for the ongoing management of the FFWSS program and confirm your responsibility for CDG sports infrastructure projects now being delivered through the Health portfolio. I ask that you consult with my Office before agreeing new projects or using unallocated funding in these programs.

I have copied this letter to the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Infrastructure, Transport and Regional Development, the Hon Michael McCormack MP, the Treasurer, the Hon Josh Frydenberg MP, the Minister for Finance, Senator the Hon Mathias Cormann, and the Minister for Health, the Hon Greg Hunt MP.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Scott Morrison'.

SCOTT MORRISON

# Mango Hill students will miss out on getting a new pool after the state rejects federal promise

**Political tensions rise over a campaign promise for a pool at a new high school north of Brisbane.**

David Alexander, Pine Rivers Press

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August 30, 2019 12:51pm

STUDENTS at a high school north of Brisbane will miss out on having a 50m swimming pool on campus after the State Government rejected funds for the project.

The LNP during the federal election campaign promised to give \$2 million to the state to build a pool at the new Mango Hill high school.

Education Minister Grace Grace yesterday turned down the offer, leaving Federal Member for Petrie Luke Howarth furious, claiming the state was playing politics with people's lives.



Construction at Mango Hill State Secondary College on August 29. Picture: David Alexander

Education Minister Grace Grace, however, said building a pool on the site would leave the new school without any capacity to expand in the future, after an assessment by education officials.

HIGH SCHOOL TIMELINE:



- [High school promised but no site determined yet](#)
- [Mango Hill couple have to vacate their home of 40 years for a new high school](#)
- [Construction begins at new high school](#)
- [Principal appointed for much anticipated school](#)

She said the school would welcome up to 350 year 7 and 8 students next year and eventually accommodate up to 2000 students in years 7-12.

“The ability to accommodate student growth has to come first,” she said in a statement that came via Member for Murrumbidgee Steven Miles’ office.



A view of the high school site on July 5. (AAP Image/Renae Droop)

Ms Grace invited the federal government to contribute to the school in some other way.

Mr Howarth responded saying the money was no longer on the table, saying Mr Miles had influenced Ms Grace’s decision on the project.

“If they (State Government) don’t want a pool and want to play politics with it, then they won’t have the money,” Mr Howarth said.

“This man (Steven Miles) is all about politics and not about people.



Mango Hill State High School sod turning on May 8. Picture: David Alexander

“No other state Labor MP in my electorate behaves in this manner. These projects in Murrumbidgee are the only ones I have problems with.

“The people of Mango Hill will now miss out on a pool which is a real shame.”

Premier Annastacia Palaszczuk visited the high school site yesterday to announce to official name of the new high school — Mango Hill State Secondary College (MHSSC).



Construction at Mango Hill State Secondary College. Murrumbidgee MP Steven Miles, Premier Annastacia Palaszczuk and Bancroft MP Chris Whiting at the site on August 29. Picture: David Alexander

The name was endorsed after a vote of parents and students.

“MHSSC will be a world class place of learning for one of Queensland’s fastest growing regions,” Ms Palaszczuk said.

Work at the site has progressed significantly over the past couple of months as the school gets ready for its 2020 opening.

Michael Rogers has been appointed as the foundation principal for the new school, bringing a decade of education leadership to the role.



Construction at Mango Hill State Secondary College, August 29. Picture: David Alexander

“I am really looking forward to day one in 2020 when we have that first school assembly; that is going to be something really exciting,” Mr Rogers said.

“I know it is going to be a challenge but I am up for it. You have to build everything from the ground up.”

Member for Murrumbidgee Steven Miles said the school was one of his proudest achievements.

“People in Mango Hill voted for me to deliver this school, and now we can see it coming together.

“I just can’t wait to see young people arriving there in their uniforms at the start of next year.

“It’s taken a lot of work from a lot of people but the result will be worth it.”