

Dear Sirs

In response to your queries regarding the status of the project my response follows.

I would like to state upfront that the Property Management Department views any decision that may be taken with regard to the proposed Newlands Swimming Pool upgrade as extremely important and highly sensitive.

For this reason our goal is to run a process that equitably balances the interests of Council, the community, as well as the future of the facility itself, while at the same time staying within the legislative boundaries.

Progress with respect to the following issues is therefore:

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

- The commenting period was closed on 31 August and we have received in excess of 350 comments.
- The applicant (SSA) will be provided with a period not exceeding 1 month, within which to respond to the comments received. The applicants' responses will be included in a report to Mayco.
- We have requested that Provincial and National Treasury submit comments (in terms of the applicable regulations). The comment from Provincial Treasury was only received on 29 October 2009.

The above-mentioned comments have important implications for the way forward and must be considered on their merits during the process going forward.

Please note that it is not our intention to respond to each of the (over 350) comments received individually.

REPORT SUBMISSION:

We will not be submitting a report to Mayco this year since we have already missed the closing date. It is envisaged that a report will be tabled in the New Year.

RESEARCH:

We have monitored the recent FINA/ARENA Swimming World Cup event held in Durban (during October) in order to better understand the impact an international event of this nature could have if held at Newlands.

WAY FORWARD:

A report is expected to be submitted to Mayco during early 2010.

This report will take careful consideration of the comments received from all stakeholders as well as the regulatory framework within we are working.

I trust that the information included in this mail clarifies where we stand and the way forward.

Kind regards

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