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*Integrated Development Application (No: 444-09-2003) –  
The Ultimo Aquatic Centre – 460-492 Harris Street, Ultimo*

Dear Mr Garrick

As much as we welcomed Harry Seidler's rolling waveform for the building design of the proposed Ultimo Aquatic Centre, it was very disappointing to learn from a detailed study of the Development Application, as to where the City of Sydney is now planning to cut cost in UAC's functionality.

According to Council, the cost of pool hardware being provided was growing exponentially which has been their reason for a re-configuration of the pool.

However, lengthy community consultation process right from the first comments collected at the Customs House display trough to the Harry Seidler & Associates presentation to the Ultimo Precinct Committee made UAC's main function always clear. Our lucky country with 20,000 km coastline available to swimmers does not need yet another boring old lap pool of Olympic dimensions. Nor does it need yet another fitness centre or gymnasium.

What Sydney really needs, because there is none so far, is a decent Aquatic Centre for *leisure*, based around a relaxing European style sauna complex; that is a number of spas, recreational hot and cool pools, at least two wooden sauna chambers and one tiled steam room. In short, a place where one could leave one's swimsuit at home, instead bring a bathrobe and a couple of sauna towels to enjoy a half-day of healthy unwinding relaxation every week.

This was all part of the original proposal. In the Development Application now before me this all has disappeared. If this is due to a cost issue only, then cut the 50 metres pool. Leave the sauna complex in. Make sure you get it right to ensure patronage of residents, myself inclusive.

I trust you will consider this comment.

Yours Sincerely

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*[former UPC Chairman]*

cc: Councillor Lucy Turnbull, Lord Mayor  
Councillor Fabian Marsden  
Harry Seidler, Harry Seidler & Associates