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Northern Beaches Council,

I am expressing my strong support for the proposed development of the MWGC Centre of Excellence. This project holds significant potential for my family and the broader Northern Beaches community. As a resident and parent, my daughter's progress as a gymnast is a testament to the exceptional coaching and opportunities provided by the club. Her achievements have already brought considerable pride and recognition at just nine years old because of the nurturing and encouraging environment MWGC creates. Fostering talent like my daughter's will nurture future champions and encourage broader participation in healthy, active lifestyles. Approval and development of this location for MWGC is vital to the community for many reasons.

Establishing a world-class gymnastics facility would elevate the Northern Beaches' reputation nationally and internationally. This recognition would attract other attention and investment, enhancing our region's prestige and appeal. Hosting national and international events at the Centre of Excellence would significantly increase foot traffic, benefiting local businesses and services around North Manly.

The Centre of Excellence will be a part of social and economic growth within our community. Projections show that visitation to the Centre will exceed 300,000 each year, and the influx of visitors from outside of the Northern Beaches for events and competitions would also stimulate local businesses, enhancing a vibrant, economically robust community. In studies of global sporting locations that draw crowds at this level, research has shown that around \$90,000,000 is added annually to the local economy through increased jobs and expenditure (Sports NSW "Quantifying the Economic Impact of Sport and Active Recreation"). Aside from the economic benefits, the study notes creating inclusive sporting opportunities beyond the traditional has improved mental outcomes for children under 18.

There are clear benefits to the community in North Manly that few other sporting venues of this investment level can provide.

The new facility is crucial for the ongoing financial viability of MWGC. Without it, their future hangs in the balance. With the current location becoming unsustainable, this development is essential for the club's continued operation and growth. The Centre of Excellence would set a precedent for developing other world-class sporting and leisure facilities in the area, attracting further investment and enhancing the region's appeal as a hub for elite sports and recreation. Without this new facility, we will lose what we have at Cromer, casting a double blow to various sports on the Northern Beaches.

This project also aligns with the Council's commitment to inclusivity, providing accessible facilities for athletes of all abilities. It will be a space where everyone can participate and excel regardless of their background or physical capabilities. Plans to incorporate solar panning and other sustainable practices underscore our commitment to environmental stewardship, aligning with the Council's strategic vision for a greener, more sustainable community. The Centre's sizeable indoor facility will benefit gymnastics and provide a versatile space for various sports and community events.

In conclusion, the MWGC Centre of Excellence represents a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to significantly enhance the Northern Beaches in multiple aspects - socially, economically, physically, mentally and environmentally. It aligns perfectly with our Council's strategic goals and vision, promising a brighter, more vibrant future for all residents.

Thank you for considering my submission. I eagerly await your positive response and the exciting developments this project promises for our community

Sincerely,

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