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To whom it may concern,

I write in strong support of Manly Warringah Gymnastics Club's (MWGCs) development application DA2023/1708 for the development of a Centre of Excellence gymnastics and multi-sports facility at Nolan Reserve in North Manly. This project presents an incredible opportunity for our community, coaches, athletes and MWGC families.

I currently have two children who love gymnastics training at MWGC. One daughter trains 5 days per week and other trains 4 days per week in the Women's Artistic Gymnastics program. They have both gained confidence, incredible skills, strength, friendship, resilience and most importantly, they are part of a wonderful community organisation MWGC, which is like a family for them. I have another child that has enjoyed the holiday fun programs during the school holidays when my husband and I have been at work. He loved attending in the holidays with his sisters and friends to be active and have fun with the wonderful coaches at MWGC. My son currently plays rugby league and touch football at Nolan Reserve and we are excited at the prospect of expanding the current play areas into an activated community-based sporting hub. My daughter is especially excited about the proposed Centre of Excellence facility as she is planning to attend Stella Maris high school next year (along with several of her MWGC gym friends) and they would be able to walk to Nolan Reserve for training 5 days a week. Walking from school to sport is a wonderful opportunity for our community, rather than relying on cars for transport to and from sport.

I have been a non-executive director with MWGC for nearly 3 years and am very excited about this DA submission and investing in the future of MWGC and the health and well-being, connection and activation of our community. With the upcoming 2032 Brisbane Olympics, the increased focus on health, wellbeing and inclusivity and the increasing support of women's sport in Australia, the timing for building and investing in this Centre of Excellence facility could not be better for our community. I strongly support this development application and very much look forward to this partnership with Northern Beaches Council, to attract and cater for people of all ages and abilities in this Centre of Excellence facility for generations to come.

Regards,
Renu Steggles

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