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Attention: Northern Beaches Council

To Whom it May Concern

I write in support of Manly Warringah Gymnastics Club's development application no DA2023/1708 for the development of a state-of-the-art gymnastics and multi-sport indoor facility at North Manly Reserve.

I have 4 children, all of whom have trained and enjoyed their gymnastics experience at MWGC. One of my daughters, Lucy, is now 18 and is a member of the Australian Women's Artistic Gymnastics Olympic squad, training towards possible selection for the Paris 2024 Olympic Games. Gymnastics is literally her life. She trains 27 hours a week, 6 days a week, and this new facility will provide much needed space and access to apparatus and equipment needed to be competitive at the highest level in women's gymnastics in Australia. Athletes in other states have access to purpose-built gymnastics facilities, some built by their local Councils with State and Federal Government support, and now it's time to not only catch up to the competition, but for MWGC to lead the way in delivering an incredible new facility that caters to people of all ages, but especially as far as my daughter is concerned, elite athletes.

I have been the Chair of the MWGC board of directors since 2015, and have worked alongside our CEO Ian Hardy and fellow directors, to prepare our submission to Council and subsequent development application. I am bursting at the seams with pride for MWGC and what we will be able to build at North Manly Reserve for the current and future generations of gymnasts.

I wholeheartedly support the development application and look forward to a sustained partnership with Council for the duration of the lease and beyond.

Regards,

Melinda Stewart

