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PLC Pymble
AQUATIC CENTRE MASTERPLAN
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We refer to the above proposed redevelopment of the swimming pool and associated works including the Molly Dye Field in relation to the landscape proposal.

The fundamental landscape design approach for the redevelopment of the swimming pool is consistent with the holistic approach to the environment for the school grounds that integrates the proposed redevelopment into the existing open space network of the school. The landscape environment of the school has been markedly improved over the last 20 years with professional landscape architectural involvement in the developing of both cultural and natural landscape values on the site. The result is that the biodiversity and massing of vegetation communities across the site had increased in both size and diversity with substantial increases in the Blue Gum High Forest to the western portion of the site along Avon Road and important supplementary planting across the school site.

The present development integrates these design principles with the replacement of a variety of introduced and native trees through the site with a comprehensive proposal of further planting of appropriate species increasing the value and biodiversity across the site and reinforcing the transition communities of Blue Gum High Forest, Turpentine and Ironbark forest communities to the west of the Molly Dye Field as identified by Rain Tree Consulting. This will continue the regeneration and species diversity of the site.

Bush fire management is integral to the overall concept with this aspect integrated into the overall concept with specific recommendations as per the Bushfire specialist.

The landscape plan for the proposal reinforces the environmental and amenity values of the site consistent with the design principles for the school environs. The plan recognises the many layered environment that provides positive benefits for both the use and enjoyment of the school grounds for the school and broader community while providing much needed upgrading of facilities consistent with the Educational and Community aims of the school.

The plan recognises the value of the landscape to the school community including the physiological association with the area and relationship to natural and cultural environment of the North Shore and particularly the Pymble local area.

Yours faithfully,

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