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Dear Mr Georgalis

**Community update on when the Phillip Pool will open**

The Phillip Pool has not opened for the last two summer seasons, so we are seeking an update on your plans to open the pool.

For September to November, the Bureau of Meteorology is forecasting that most of Australia is at least twice as likely to experience unusually high maximum temperatures. Should this continue through the summer months, it is essential that the local community has access to its public pool to cool down and have fun. As you are aware, social and physical activity has preventative health benefits and is good for our physical and mental health.

Recreation facilities need to be convenient to access. The Woden Town Centre is the major social and economic hub in Canberra's south that is accessible by public transport from across the region, particularly Canberra's south. Recreation facilities draw people to the centre, which generates activity that flows to local businesses including retail, cafes and restaurants. This adds to life in the streets, making the centre more attractive to the broader community.

The lease and both the current and draft Territory Plans require the pool to open. Would you please provide us with assurance that the pool will open and continue to operate with reasonable operating hours and admission charges.

We would appreciate the opportunity to meet with you, and to invite you to our 4 October 2023 public meeting to discuss your plans for the Phillip Pool site and its contribution to the social and economic development of our town centre for the growing community that is using this major hub.

Yours sincerely



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Woden Valley Community Council  
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