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8.3.15

Dear Sir,
Re: Ballina Shire Council's
application for a special rate
increase

I am opposed to Ballina Shire Council's request for a special rate increase for upgrading the Ballina and Alstonville Swimming pools because

- 1) These pools have existed for more than 25 years and Ballina Shire Council should have put aside monies over this time to renovate these pools. It should have been a known fact that the life span of these pools was limited and provision for their repairs should have been made.
- 2) I do not believe that Ballina needs a water theme park. We have a water park an hour & a

half north of here. Ballina also has lovely beaches and local residents generally have pools in their back yards if they wish. There is also a small water park just outside Alstonville.

3). I personally have no interest in using either pool. I resent the fact that the Council wishes to "tax" me for these facilities.

To me the main reason to have these pools is for competitive swimming & training, water polo, learn to swim and life saving training.

yours faithfully

P.S. Yoonellabah Sports and Aquatic Centre was supposed to be a great success but has proved to be otherwise. It runs at a substantial loss. Does Ballina want a similar scenario?
Please no