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**Details /** I am very concerned with the increased unsupervised age to 14. This decision  
**Comments :** will inhibit my children's usage of the pool, we are a 2 parent working family and these restrictions will stop my children from using the pool during our hours of work which can vary as we work on a farm. I have always respected the age limit of 10 however increase it to 14 will inhibit my children's swimming when it come to swimming club and be able to practise their swimming outside of swimming clubs hours.

Why should my kids be restricted when they can swim better than me, why should they be restricted to using the pool only when I am there when a fully qualified lifeguard is in duty and can do a better job than me if they get into trouble.

Restricting to this age limit will lower the attendance rates at pools, encourage kids to swim in other places like dams and creeks, where it will be less safe and unsupervised and turn kids to wandering the streets when parents are at work.

My children will be directly effected if the council increases this age limit for the worse.

My decisions for my kids to join swimming club was based around the fact they could swim and be old enough to go to the pool by themselves, by increasing the age this could directly effect my children and many other children who attend swimming club due to parents working hours.

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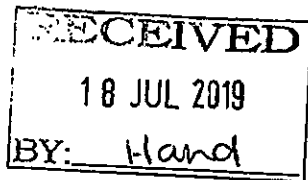
**Address :**

**Details /** I believe the age should increase to 12 and not 11 although not to 14. My  
**Comments :** children are competent swimmers and they are able to attend the pool without  
me.

Sometimes 3 years is not going to make any difference with non swimmers,

Either leave it at 11 years of age or change to 12 years. Do not support 14  
years of age.

[REDACTED]



**Binnaway Progress Association Inc**  
**PO Box 51 Binnaway**  
**NSW 2395 .**

Email: [binnawayprogress@bigpond.com](mailto:binnawayprogress@bigpond.com)

The General Manager,  
Roger Bailey  
Warrumbungle Shire Council  
PO Box 191  
Coonabarabran

Dear Roger,

The Binnaway Progress Association writes to make submission on the proposal to increase the age of unsupervised swimming for children in town swimming pools to 14 years of age and over.

We are very much against this proposal for the Binnaway Swimming Pool.

We have read the research and data available on the Royal Lifesaving website to try and understand why this change has been proposed.

Data is available online for the number of swimming pool fatal drowning of children 0-4 years over a 3 year average as being 25 children.

We acknowledge that even one small child fatally drowning is too many. However we also wish to point out that the current supervision requirements address the supervision of small children as being a parental responsibility.

Data for the numbers of fatal drowning of children 0-14 years is hard to find. The only reference we did find was that in the years 2014/15- 2016/17 the 3 year average for the number of fatal drowning per 100,000 populations was 0.79, that is less than 1 person on average from Australia wide data.

The great concern expressed in the literature of fatal drowning was for the magnitude in the number of fatalities of people born overseas.

We understand that in city based pools where the population is great, attendance numbers are great and there are new Australians who do not understand the dangers associated with water based activities, this may be a reasonable requirement.

However we feel that a "one size fits all" approach in this case is neither appropriate, nor necessary.

The small attendance numbers at Binnaway Pool allows the Lifeguard to supervise all swimmers closely.

We have grave concerns that if this new guideline is implemented , the children 10 years and over , who have become accustomed to using the pool without their parents, will find that they need to swim in the river. This is a much more dangerous activity.

With the increasing heat of summer, the opportunity to cool down in the pool after school and on the weekend is very welcome. Many parents work long hours, or odd hours thus limiting their opportunity to bring their children to the pool.

We thank you for the opportunity to express our views and are willing to discuss them further if so requested.

Yours Faithfully,



Marg Haley  
Secretary

Binnaway Progress Association Inc

**From:** info@warrumbungle.nsw.gov.au [mailto:info@warrumbungle.nsw.gov.au]

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**State :** Nsw

**Postcode :** 2943

**Home**

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**Phone :**

**Email**

**Address :** [REDACTED]

**Details /** You have got to be joking. If that is the case there should be no charge for  
**Comments :** parents or guardians to enter the pool to sit & watch their 14 year old children,  
whom I might add can probably swim better than them anyhow. I can see the  
swimming hole in the river will be rather popular if this crazy rule comes in.

Warrumbungle Shire Council  
John Street  
COONABRABRAN NSW



COOLAH NSW 2843

8<sup>th</sup> July 2019

Dear Roger,

I write to make a submission on the proposal to increase the age of unsupervised swimming for children in town swimming pools to 14 years of age and over.

I thoroughly disagree with this proposal for the unsupervised swimming age at the Coolah Swimming Pool.

While I understand the need for the Royal Lifesaving organisation to propose such policy for pools, I find that blanket policies such as this do not take into consideration the notable differences between city and rural communities or public pools with a high visitation and those with low patronage, or percentage of patrons who are strong swimmers or swimming club members and percentage of non-swimmers, and in this case I believe the policy does not fit our community.

As a parent of a 12 yo and 10 yo, both capable swimmers, should this policy be activated at our town pool, I know that as parents we will be asked to allow them to swim down the river with their friends. While our answer will be "no" to them swimming unsupervised in the river, it may not be the case for their friends. I believe, that there would be an increase in river swimming and that ultimately this new policy will actually increase the risk of drowning in our community, not decrease it.

A community swimming pool is just that, it is not just the lifeguard keeping watch at our community swimming pool. Parents, friends and fellow swimmers all actively watch those who are in the pool. There are rules to be followed and it is not only the lifeguard which remind swimmers and children of this. Parents and older swimmers all actively remind children of the no running, no bombing and no silly behaviour rules.

Coolah Swimming Club is a strong club that a large portion of Coolah children belong to, many children between the age of 10 and 14 are swimming 20-50 laps daily. They are not only capable swimmers, but they are fit, capable swimmers. To only allow them recreational swimming when their parents aren't at work, would not allow them much time for fun swimming at all.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit feedback on this proposal and look forward to a positive outcome for Coolah.

Yours Sincerely,



**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 2 July 2019 7:49 AM  
**To:** Records Officer  
**Subject:** swimming pool public submission

Swimming pool public submission

Coolah Swimming Club and schools have wonderful programmes for Learn to Swim from very young ages – 3 and up.

I believe that Coolah Central School Infants has 100% water confidence and safety and competence and has Infants competing in school swimming carnival.

It would be a huge imposition on parents, particularly out of towners if the supervision age was raised to 14. Bus children would be precluded from after school swimming if the parents had to be there full time.

The Lifeguard, other parents, other children all watch out for others. There is no skylarking allowed, no bombing, no running.

Supervision is required for all children in infants pool – the non swimmers or not confident swimmers.

The parents of Coolah are very responsible, very dedicated to learn to swim for their children and there is no way that a parent or responsible person would not be there for a child who is not fully competent.

If there are restrictions put on entry for up to 14 year olds, there is a fear that these young persons would go down to the river where there is no supervision, and other hazards.

Yours sincerely

[REDACTED]

Coolah

From: [REDACTED]  
Sent: Thursday, 27 June 2019 1:12 PM  
To: Records Officer  
Subject: Supervision at Council Pools

The General Manager  
Warrumbungle Shire Council

Dear Mr Bailey

I am sending this email in response to the document re the supervision of children at council pools. I do agree that children up to the age of 10, particularly those who are weak swimmers need to be supervised by an extra set of eyes other than those of the pool lifeguard on duty.

My concern comes to when our children turn 11 and older, especially our teenagers, children who have began High School. These children are not going to want their parent or their friend's parent attending the swimming pool with them when they are going on a social outing, which is why most of our children do go to the pool during opening hours. I know many children in Coolah look forward to the coming of age where they can ride their bike to the pool and go with their mates without having Mum or Dad have to tag along. They start to feel a little grown up and feel a sense of responsibility. Do we want to be or have "helicopter" parents all of our children's lives? When do they start to take responsibility for their actions And behaviours?

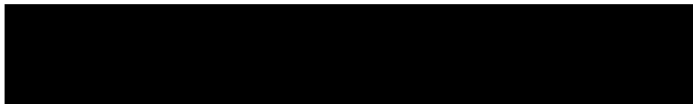
The parents of these children are often working or otherwise occupied that they do not have the time to be going to the pool when their children would really like to go. There are also many parents or carers who could not even be bothered to go to the pool because their child would like to swim. The biggest concern I have in regard to this suggestion is that if these young people have this demand placed on they choose to not go to the pool and go down to the creek. I know where I would prefer to see the young people swim. The creek, the Coolaburragundy, has been flooded recently and it would be difficult to say what is under the dirty water into which the children would dive or jump off the rope into. I am sure Council would prefer to see young people using safe, supervised environments as opposed to one that could cause serious injuries to one or more of our young people.

In conclusion I feel that Council needs to take a good look at this recommendation from RLSSA, noting it is only a recommendation, and think is this the best option for our shire to take in trying to develop young people in our shire to become responsible, confident and mature young members of our community.

Regards

[REDACTED]  
Sent from my iPhone





Warrumbungle Shire Council

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Re Coon Town Pool.

I go to the pool most days in the hottest months.

I am a 56 yo single woman with physical impairment.

My thoughts/opinions are:

- the children to be parent/adult supervised age should not be lowered. That will mean too many children will lose their access to the pool.

All the children behave well & the town pool is a lovely place to be.

I believe the paid Life Guard/Attendant hours should not be reduced.

With sincere thanks.

Signature	[Redacted]	Date	19/7/2019
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**Details /** Dear Sir/Madam

**Comments :**

I am writing in response to the proposed unsupervised age increase to 14 years for public swimming pools.

I disagree to any increase of age.

Because of our distance to public pools I am usually present while my children swim. While I'm there I see a lot of town children swimming without parental supervision. Some of these children would have no parental supervision no matter where they were and of course that opens up the possibility of unsavoury behaviour and actions.

While they are at the pools, especially during summer holidays, they are safe, held in check, getting exercise and burning off testosterone or excess energy.

These are all things we (and the government) have been aiming towards for our children.

If these children weren't able to go to the pools on their own, a lot of them just wouldn't get.

Regards

[REDACTED]