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Dear Mayor Williams

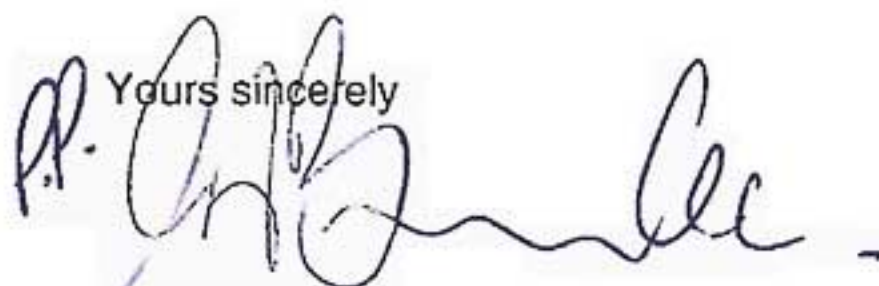
I am writing to you further to my correspondence of 11 May 2010 concerning the Government's support for the National Ocean Water Sports Centre at Takapuna, and my correspondence of 1 June 2010 concerning the Government's support for an Aquatic Centre development at the Millennium Institute on the North Shore.

In that correspondence I outlined the importance of these developments. They will place the North Shore in the centre of the Government's plans for high performance sport and will provide the community with access to world-class water sports facilities. They will also enable significant international events to be attracted to the region with the associated growth and tourism opportunities this brings.

I am happy to confirm what I stated in my speech at the launch of the Government's High Performance Sport Strategy on 11 June at the Millennium Institute, that the Government regards these as key local government projects. Cabinet, by granting funding for a national sailing centre at Takapuna and development at the Millennium Institute as part of the High Performance Sport Strategy, has confirmed that Government support.

I am pleased that your council has also recognised the significance of these projects and committed funding to both, subject to ATA approval.

Thank you once again for your leadership and support for these projects of both local and national significance.

Yours sincerely


Hon Murray McCully
Minister for Sport and Recreation