



13 May 2026

Mayor Cameron McDonald and Mrs Jane Stroud
The Council of the Municipality of Kiama
PO Box 75
KIAMA NSW 2533
Via email: council@kiama.nsw.gov.au

Dear Cameron and Jane

Re: Ongoing delay in the provision of Lease to Gerringong SLSC

I have been advised by the Executive of the Gerringong Surf Life Saving Club that the ongoing matter of the provision of an agreed occupancy lease to Gerringong SLSC has still yet to be completed. This is after the members of Gerringong SLSC and myself have committed to extensive and lengthy discussions, meetings and consultation. The finalisation of issuing a lease to Gerringong SLSC is now one of the longest lease negotiations we can recall for any SLSC.

I understand that a key point of contention that has held up this lease is council requirements to allow members of the public to use the members change rooms and showers. It was my understanding that this matter had been resolved in previous meetings I had attended.

As stated in previous meetings, Surf Life Saving NSW does not support providing access to members of the community (non SLSC members) into any surf club facility changeroom as this compromises and places at direct risk our child safe policies and safeguards for our junior members. We have no ability to monitor access of unauthorised persons, nor ensure children (nipper) safety.

I understand that the design and construction elements of the Gerringong SLSC replicate what was initially discussed and agreed to by Council in the planning phases of the design and construction of the building. I also understand that the Gerringong SSC, at costs borne directly by the club, constructed additional and upgraded publicly accessible toilet facilities and external publicly accessible showers that now also benefit the community.

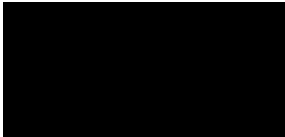
To address this outstanding lease matter as this is now impacting volunteers time, mental health due to compounding stress and anxiety, and the members of Gerringong SLSC confidence in local government, can you please provide confirmation as to when a lease shall be issued, as Surf Life Saving NSW will need to brief relevant NSW Government Ministers on the matter.

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Respectfully Yours



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