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The General Manager,
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Dear Sir,

In July 2003 the NSW Branch of the Australian National Sportsfishing Association (ANSA) made a collaborative request to Manly, Warringah and Pittwater Councils for the proposed installation of what is termed 'angel rings' on selected rock platforms along Sydney's Northern Beaches. The locations proposed by ANSA that come under the jurisdiction of Pittwater Council are: Avalon, The Ovens, North Whale Beach and Turimetta Headland.

Our group would like to know the status of this request by ANSA, and where Pittwater Council stands. Specifically, we would like the following questions answered:

- Has Pittwater Council made a decision on ANSA's request for the installation of life saving devices on the nominated rock platforms? If so, then what is the decision? If not, then why the delay in the decision, what are the areas that the Council has under consideration?
- If the decision is not to support the proposal, then what made the Council arrive at this decision? Is the Council aware that angel rings elsewhere have saved 17 lives and have been installed in 61 locations and has the support of NSW Fisheries, NSW Health, Dept of Sport and Recreation, Waterways, National Parks and Wildlife plus the Safe waters Taskforce and what has prompted the Council not to support a proposal that has the approval of many other coastal Councils and Governmental Departments?

- If the Council has decided to approve and support the request, is it an unconditional approval and support? If not, what are the conditions imposed and why?
- Has ANSA been notified of any decision or concern regarding the proposal?

Yours Sincerely

Phillip Ingram
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