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Mr. Frank Dixon,
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7th October, 2007

Dear Mr. Dixon,

QUESTIONS OF COUNCIL

Thank you for your letter of 1st October, which we received on Friday, 5th October. It is a disappointment to our members that such a reply took so long to be forthcoming and, in the end, does not provide more than a Council-sponsored document that could have been available much earlier to us had we known about it.

Your letter has been circulated within our membership and we are disturbed at your statement at the end of your second paragraph: *I continue to see information I have provided to your Association being misrepresented.*

This is a serious allegation and one which we strongly deny. By alleging misrepresentation you are saying that statements of facts you have given us, or facts that are on the public record, have been altered, deliberately and maliciously so. Such is not the case.

The Association would ask, therefore:

- which information you have provided has been misrepresented?
- when was such information you have provided been misrepresented?
- in what medium and by what method was such information you have provided been misrepresented?
- by whom was such information you have provided been misrepresented?

If any of these matters we raised with Council, in the press, on our website (www.launcestonratepayers.intas.net.au) or in media releases have contained assumptions which are incorrect or alleged misrepresentations, then you have had ample opportunity to actively repudiate them when and where such false assumptions or alleged misrepresentations occurred - not now, well after the alleged event, as a blanket statement without specific and supporting evidence.

If the allegation of misrepresentation concerns our view as to the operating costs of the regional Aquatic Centre, then I would remind you that this is our opinion, and the

opinion of our advisers, as to the likely costs. We do not, and will not, accept your opinion and that of your advisers in this regard. That is our prerogative. To disagree and present alternative costings is not misrepresentation.

The Association looks forward to your prompt reply.

Yours sincerely,

John Henshaw

For and on behalf of the Launceston Municipal Ratepayers' and Residents' Association Inc.
Senior Vice-President