

TIMARU DISTRICT COUNCIL
Aquatic Centre Project – Stage III
Response Form Summary
For Council review: 24 February 2009

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Summary of five-week newspaper information and feedback programme comprising:

- Two weeks written information and plans published seeking questions requiring further explanation
- One week. Extensive commentary and answers to questions.
- Two weeks of questionnaire, seeking responses.

This programme was the first time that financial issues were put in front of the public. The results of the questionnaire were:

	Number	Percentage of responses
Oppose proposal	2198	68.9%
Support proposal	298	9.3%
Support proposal with no fitness centre	656	20.6%
Oppose Aquatic Centre but support fitness centre	34	1.1%
Invalid	3	0.1%
Totals	3189	100.00%

The questionnaire also included an opportunity for responders to make comments.

The comments have been scheduled and have previously been circulated. An analysis of the comments shows that there are several themes evident; viz

- Please just get on with it.
- We cannot afford it.
- The Global Financial Crisis is a major issue for the viability of the project.
- There are insufficient components, especially for youth.
- There is no need for a Leisure/Gym Centre.

There is such a wide range of comments that it would be possible to draw any number of conclusions from the comments. The consultation is not a numbers game but rather a method of gauging the current view of the Timaru District Community.