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Upon a public consultation on the release of Urban Growth's first development plans for North Parramatta Urban Renewal I noticed that there was development plans overlapping the existing pool. I was informed by reps from Urban Growth that the proposal included retail outlets in the area but no comment on the removal of the pool.

Community discussions proceeded after the release of the development plans however we could not believe that our council would remove the only public pool in Sydney's second city, Parramatta. A city earmarked for exponential growth but no access to swim lessons, diving pools and general relief from sweltering summers in Western Sydney.

A submission was made by me to Urban Growth questioning the closure of a public pool but nothing substantial eventuated.

After hearing our local MP mention he didn't foresee the closure of a public pool the pool was closed and my child no longer had access to swimming lessons since all nearby locations filled fast and other options were too far eg Olympic Park aquatic centre.

Disheartened by the state MPs lack of representation of the community and the council's lack of planning for a replacement pool I am now writing this submission in hopes that the community will finally be heard.

Where is our pool?? Did the community need a new stadium more than a pool? Simple answer, no.