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Dear Dr Stevenson

Thank you for your correspondence of 26 March 2021 with regards to the new Batemans Bay Regional Aquatic, Arts and Leisure Centre (BBRAALC).

Council has been examining the option of the new centre being used as a refuge centre for some time (consideration started in June 2019). This was re-enforced after the terrible tragedies that befell Batemans Bay and the broader Shire in late 2019/early 2020.

The minor changes made to the design are supported by some of the lessons learned. The actual change was to modify the electrical switchboard design to allow a generator to be plugged in and provide power to the building in the absence of mains power.

It is also important to note that the inclusion of the new centre will be an adjunct to the existing facilities available at Mackay Park. It is not intended to become a total solution in its own right.

The funding for this design change was accommodated within the current project budget. No additional funding was required to support the change to the switchboard design.

I appreciate you taking the time to provide your questions on the project.

Yours sincerely



Dr Catherine Dale  
**General Manager**