

**Date:** Monday 14 April 2014  
**Time:** 12.30pm  
**Meeting Room:** Council Chamber  
**Venue:** Orewa Service Centre  
50 Centreway Road  
Orewa

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## **Rodney Local Board Swimming Pool Fencing Exemptions Committee**

### **OPEN MINUTE ITEM ATTACHMENTS**

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Exemption review:- Armstrong property at 67 Oak Lane RD3 Albany

The owners of the property Brian & Helen Armstrong since 1980 would appreciate the committee taking into consideration the following points when making the decision whether to extend the existing exemption:-

- 1 A significant part of the pool perimeter is bounded by the residential building, water tanks, high hedges and gardens enclosed by battened fencing. The doors & windows of the building are all child proof forming an impossible barrier.
- 2 Access to the pool by outside children is impossible as the property has an electric gate for the entrance and has both external and internal boundary fences with plantings.
- 3 Visitors are rare except family members which consist of 5 grandchildren ages ranging from 3-7 years old. Vigilant attention to children by the pool ,education & encouraging them to take swimming lessons appears successful in preventing any accident. The same formula was applied to our own twodaughters when they lived here before embarking on their own families.
- 4 While the district appears to have increased residential properties, it is still an area where the minimum site is 1ha and is essentially rural in nature. Neighbour distances & obstacles to our pool are significant.

With the above in mind, we firmly believe an extension to the exemption would not significantly increase the risk to young children .

B D & H C Armstrong 8/4/14