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**Subject:** Against 4-sided fencing.

**Importance:** High

Dear Council Members,

I am writing to you as a citizen of Hamilton. I understand council will be voting on a new bylaw to mandate 4-sided fencing for pools. I have a personal interest in that we are building a pool and have concerns around this bylaw.

- 1) Drowning can occur even with 4-sided fencing, children can climb fences and it also give the parent's a false sense of security.
- 2) This bylaw only impacts new pools. Which means the vast majority of pools will remain below the new standards, so any impact, if any, will not be realized for many years.
- 3) Nothing replaces proper pool safety education. Pool safety education should be emphasized and supported rather than creating new bylaws.
- 4) Other safety measures should be reviewed and/or allowed including child safe pool covers. These covers, which can be locked, are a much safer option than 4-sided pool fencing.
- 5) 4 sided fencing should be encouraged but NOT mandated.
- 6) This will add cost to the pool build for Hamiltonians.
- 7) This could have a negative impact on pool business for our Hamilton pool companies.
- 8) The 4-sided fencing is unsightly.

I hope you take these points into considerations for your upcoming council meeting. Please give thoughts to other safety options including child safe automated covers and making 4-sided pool fencing optional.

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