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Pool power: Claudia, 10, and Michael, 9, float their opposition to Oakleigh pool's closure.

Picture: Lucy Di Paolo

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