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To: Council Northernbeaches Mailbox
Subject: TRIMMED: Objection to Proposed Development at 1/1 & 3 Careel Head Road, Avalon Beach DA2024/1091 Re: Proposed No Right Turn from Careel Head Road into Barrenjoey Road

I wish to formally lodge an objection to the proposal to prohibit right-hand turns from Careel Head Road onto Barrenjoey Road.

Implementing this restriction would result in significant additional traffic being diverted onto Whale Beach Road and Burrawong Road. These streets are not designed to accommodate increased traffic volumes, and such a diversion would create congestion and safety concerns for residents and pedestrians accessing the day care centre, bottle shop, and other local businesses.

Alternative Proposal

A more effective and safer solution would be the installation of traffic lights at the intersection of Careel Head Road and Barrenjoey Road, along with minor road widening to include a dedicated right-turn arrow from Careel Head Road onto Barrenjoey Road. This approach would:

- Reduce traffic congestion resulting from the proposed development,
- Provide a safer pedestrian crossing across Barrenjoey Road to the oval and bus stop, and
- Enhance overall traffic management in the area.

Traffic and Safety Concerns

Currently, turning right from Whale Beach Road onto Barrenjoey Road is already hazardous, as is crossing Barrenjoey Road. The proposed restriction on Careel Head Road will only exacerbate these risks due to increased traffic flow.

Burrawong Road, in particular, would be severely affected. This street lacks pedestrian footpaths, forcing many pedestrians to walk on the road itself. Parking on both sides of Burrawong Road already limits vehicle movement, and the 190X bus route, which operates during peak hours, would further amplify safety concerns with the additional traffic load.

As well as additional noise and general pollution, there would also be a severe impact on children who play in Burrawong Road, ride bikes, or play in front of their homes. This road currently has a 40 kph speed restriction, but the congestion from extra traffic—especially vehicles waiting to turn right into Whale Beach Road—would cause significant backups. Burrawong Road does not allow for two cars to pass easily when vehicles are parked on both sides of the street, further increasing the risk of accidents and endangering pedestrians.

Community Impact and Future Growth

The proposed development and traffic changes will have lasting implications for the Avalon Beach community. Restricting right-hand turns from Careel Head Road into Barrenjoey Road will not only inconvenience residents but will also push traffic into smaller residential streets

that were never intended to serve as major thoroughfares. With future population growth and increased demand on local infrastructure, it is essential that traffic solutions prioritise safety, accessibility, and minimal disruption to residential areas. Proper traffic management, such as installing traffic lights, would provide a sustainable solution that supports both current needs and future development.

Request for Consideration

I respectfully urge you to reconsider the proposed "no right turn" restriction and instead explore the installation of traffic lights at the Careel Head Road and Barrenjoey Road intersection. This solution would better address traffic flow and pedestrian safety while accommodating the expected increase in vehicles from the proposed development.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

kind regards

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