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RE: DA2020/0442 - 231 Whale Beach Road WHALE BEACH NSW 2107

Submission regarding DA2020/0442 - 231 Whale Beach Rd, Whale Beach NSW 2107

There is an opportunity on this site to truly build a "Neighbourhood Centre". However, it seems that the development proposed is primarily an apartment complex - with retail added. The proposal also relies on multiple non-compliances of planning controls, that cannot be justified.

One issue not yet highlighted by others is the inappropriate choice of facade materials. Pittwater DCP21 specifies that "Building colours and materials will harmonise with the natural environment". The design does not comply with this in any way - exposed masonry and white perforated brick screening can hardly be described as being in harmony with the natural environment. Use of timber in the facades would have gone a long way to softening the impact of the proposal.

Also, because of the extensive area of excavation of the site and the large footprint of the building (including overhanging balconies and awnings) there is no opportunity for canopy tree planting - which also would have softened the built form of the proposal.

The opportunity afforded by this special site, in the very special locality that is Whale Beach should not be wasted, and in its current form the proposal should be refused by Council.