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## To whom it may concern,

The community has worked hard to demonstrate to council that we are keen to preserve Robertson Road as it is for the future. Currently there are several new stores and some older ones open in the street, bringing a lovely vibe as well as economic growth to the area. Store holders share the space and it is apparent that they get along well in the spirit of close community.

However, as feared, the DA for 351 Barrenjoey Road (Grocer) has been approved by the planners at Council, and now heads to the Planning Panel on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December for potentially final approval. This is not only a looming black cloud for the community but also, will see devastation for the blossoming small businesses and the local staff they employ. Additionally, we cringe at the thought of this ugly development which is completely undesirable and will irrevocably change the face of **our** village. This development seems to have mushroomed with minimal community consultation. If it goes ahead, it will lead to an adverse effect on the streetscape and amenity of Robertson Road permanently.

What the panel needs to understand is that this special and unique space is part of OUR community. The space where we *choose* to live, bring up our kids, eat out, shop and build relationships. WE like Newport as it is and are very much against this ugly and unnecessary development - please listen to US.

Please don't hesitate to contact me. I encourage you to listen to what the community says about this unwanted and unnecessary development.

All the best,

Nicola Elliott

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