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**RE: REV2022/0024 - 394 Barrenjoey Road NEWPORT NSW 2106**

I disagree with the SNPP's refusal of the Newport SLSC's Club Renovations DA and support the Newport Surf Life Saving Club's proposed Clubhouse renovations for the following reasons:

Northern Beaches Council (NBC), as the elected Council, has fully supported and sponsored the Newport SLSC's Club Renovations DA on behalf of the wider community and the surf club. As a local resident/community member and surf club member, I object to the SNPP hubris approach to the work that the NBC has undertaken as part of their responsibility to determine that the application is appropriate and ensuring critical community assets are maintained.

The decision to deny the NBC the ability to install coastal protection works in front of the existing heritage-listed Newport SLSC Clubhouse will result in the potential destruction of this vital community asset and the traditional home of the Newport Surf Club since the 1930s. The DA proposal incorporates necessary coastal engineering protection measures for the existing Clubhouse, which must be undertaken as a priority to avoid the potential for significant damage or the possible destruction of the Clubhouse due to a significant storm event. These coastal protection works are essential to maintain public safety and are required regardless of whether the Clubhouse is renovated and should be undertaken as soon as practically possible. I was bemused by SNPP's commentary during the public meeting held by teleconference on 5 October 2022 in relation to the quantum of storm events. The concern here was the look of the beach during and post a storm event and how long will the coastal protection works be exposed. The aesthetic of infrastructure that will be periodically be exposed that is designed to stop a building washing into the ocean is far less concerning than the environmental disaster on the later in my view.

The SNPP's proposition that the Clubhouse can be relocated to another location is comical, ill-founded and not based on sound technical or engineering facts. The role of the panel is to provide informed judgement, this lack of consideration of the detail appears, on the surface, to be more of a campaign against the proposal. The reports prepared by the Council's expert consultants as part of the DA review package clearly demonstrate that any such relocation of the Club's facilities cannot be accommodated due to a range of environmental and physical constraints.

Due to its age and haphazardly planned nature, several pedestrian and user conflicts have evolved, creating a range of work health & safety risks to the Club's members and the public. The proposed renovation and rationalisation of the Club's facilities create the opportunity to adequately address WHS issues associated with the ageing building and bring it into line with

current-day compliance and safety standards.

The existing clubhouse building is not Disability Discrimination Act (DDA) compliant. Many areas within the existing building are not accessible due to floor-level changes that prohibit equitable access. Additionally, the existing lift access to the building is very poorly located, and the Club/Council have had ongoing issues with the existing lift's operation and maintenance. The proposed renovation and rationalisation of the Club's facilities create the opportunity to adequately address non-compliant disabled and equitable access aspects of the existing Clubhouse and bring the building up to modern-day accessibility compliance standards.

The Newport Surf Life Saving Club undertakes an extremely valuable, mostly free, service to the local community. It deserves contemporary, safe, and compliant facilities commensurate with its contribution to and its standing within the local community.

The duration that this DA has been locked in a bureaucratic process is a disgrace. The money wasted is an atrocity. Simplisticly we need a safe, compliant surf club that is sympathetic to the heritage of the existing building that won't wash into the ocean.