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To: Planning Panels Mailbox
Subject: 'Land and Environment Court Proceedings No. 2023/109048 (DA2021/2173) - Written Submission Supporting Approval of Application for alterations and additions and coastal protection works to Newport Surf Life Saving Club'

Dear Madam/Sir

Regarding the latest layout amendments of the Newport SLSC's Club renovations DA

I support the latest layout amendment and support the Newport SLSC's proposed Clubhouse renovations for a number of reasons:

1. The amended DA proposal incorporates necessary coastal engineering protection measures now agreed by the experts for the existing Clubhouse, which must be undertaken as a priority to avoid the potential of destruction of our Clubhouse due to a significant storm event. These coast 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.
2. I support Council's the ability to install coastal protection works in front of the existing heritage-listed Newport SLSC Clubhouse to prevent the ultimate potential destruction of the traditional home of the Newport Surf Club since the 1930s and the building is this vital community asset. The clubhouse has developed over the last 90 years without any overview plans but is used for a variety of community activities as well as the Club's Lifesaving needs. A developed clubhouse as per the amended plans would make the club more accessible to more functions and serve as a broader community hub in the North of Newport.
3. The renovations proposed will enable the Club to be fully compliant with the DDA and enable equitable access for the whole community. Linked to this, the amended plans will enable WHS issues associated with the current aged building be addressed in accordance with current requirements .
4. The proposed amendments to the Main Gear Shed access and eastern / northern concourse changes will not adversely impact NSLSC's operations and provide additional mitigation measures to protect the existing and new portions of the building in the event of a major future storm event.
5. Any proposal to relocate the building is frankly ridiculous. Being close to the beach as the Clubhouse is now, is the ideal location for a Surf Lifesaving Club, with public amenities and the ability to accurately surveil the beach being conducted such that emergency craft and actions can be rapidly undertaken from the beach side. Seconds of delay are potentially life threatening.
6. It is understood that the suggestion to relocate to reduce the carpark and parkland areas and other amenities is not based on any sound technical advice nor engineering facts.
7. 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, I support Council's right and responsibility to undertake urgently needed building upgrades and maintenance to the existing Clubhouse building as a critical emergency services facility and an important community asset.
8. I support Council's the ability to install coastal protection works in front of the existing heritage-listed Newport SLSC Clubhouse to prevent the ultimate potential destruction of this vital community asset and the traditional home of the Newport Surf Club since the 1930s.

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

I urge the Court to now approve the Club's DA proposal as a matter of priority.

Kind regards

Maxine Bronier