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Sent: Tuesday, 10 December 2024 7:38 AM
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 Panel Secretariat,

I support the latest layout amendments of the Newport SLSC's Club Renovations DA and support the Newport SLSC's proposed Clubhouse renovations for the following reasons:

- The proposed amendments to the Main Gear Shed access and eastern / northern concourse changes will not adversely impact NSLSC's operations and provides additional mitigation measures to protect the existing and new portions of the building in the event of a major future storm event.
- I understand that NBC Council and NSLSC Representatives have worked closely with the Council's Coastal Engineering experts to develop a functional and effective solution to mitigate potential future coastal and wave inundation risks identified to the existing Heritage Clubhouse building and the proposed new renovated portions of the building.
- 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 and community member, 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.
- I support the Council's 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.
- Any proposal to relocate the Clubhouse to another location is ill-founded and not based on sound technical or engineering facts. The amended reports prepared by the Council's expert consultants as part of the current proceedings demonstrate that any such relocation of the Club's facilities cannot be accommodated due to a range of environmental and physical constraints, not to mention the potential loss of public parkland or parking resulting from a relocated building footprint.
- The proposed renovation and rationalisation of the Club's facilities creates the opportunity to adequately address WHS issues associated with the ageing building and bring it into line with current-day compliance and safety standards which protects the Club's volunteer Members and the general beachgoing public using the clubhouse building.

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.

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

Thank you for your consideration.

Regards,

Jeremy Paul