

Submission on Development of 1102 Barrenjoey Road Palm Beach

The new amendment to the original DA for 1102 Barrenjoey Road is quite inappropriate to its location. It is next to the iconic Barrenjoey House but its bulk and scale overwhelms it and the style of the building is reminiscent of totally modern seaside developments not an original seaside village.

This is the historic centre of Palm Beach loved by residents and visitors alike whether they come by bus, ferry or car. It is the start of the walkway to Governor Phillip Park, a gathering place adjacent to Pittwater Park and containing the historic ferry wharf. It acts like a village square, open and inviting, and it is vital that the connection remains between the built landscape and the natural beauty of Pittwater and its shores. This is the very essence of overdevelopment in that it is out of scale, it dominates its surroundings and fills its block losing the cushion of green which surrounds all other buildings around it. It is higher than the original approved development and will be a block obscuring the view from the houses built into the hillside behind it.

This is a precious and unique area, one of very few original beachside suburbs left within the Sydney metropolitan area, and if this development is allowed we will be destroying the essence of Palm Beach which so many visitors treasure and travel a long way to see. This development should not be permitted. Importantly, it will set a precedent for developments to follow.

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