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Dear Adam,

I am writing to oppose the DA2021/2173 for alterations and additions and coastal protection works to the Newport Surf Life Saving Club.

When the original DA for the Newport SLSC was put on display for public comment, I strongly objected on aesthetic grounds due to the ugly brutalist design of the extension. Now that I am informed as to the likely outcomes for our Newport beach amenity as a result of the construction of a secant seawall, I am now even more vehemently opposed.

Coastal science tells us that in time Newport beach will retreat landward and oceanic over wash/flooding will increase.

The proposed seawall will not prevent the club from flooding. It's construction will increase beach erosion, diminish club access when recession takes place, and the locking up of sand behind the wall will have negative repercussions for both Newport and Bilgola beaches. The proposal is also at odds with the 2016 Coastal Mgt Act. Long Reef, Bungan, Freshwater and Nth Narrabeen have all faced similar challenges when needing to upgrade their clubs, and after considering the future potential damage and costs adopted a "managed retreat" approach. Newport SLSC should too.

A solution could be to spend some \$\$ to repair & paint the existing club and enjoy it until it is inevitably claimed by the sea. Go back to the drawing board and design a beautiful new club that is fit for purpose with a sympathetic coastal design landward in the carpark. There is plenty of room for it north of the playground. I do not agree with the claims of "terrestrial flooding" considerations for the car park area.

I hope the Sydney North Planning Panel do their job once more and reject this review.

Yours sincerely,

Rowan Hanley

