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Dear Councillors

Attached please find a PDF document containing our brief submission for DA2021/1522

Sincerely

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DON MORRIS AO

Northern Beaches Council
Via email
31st January 2022

DA2021/1522 - 189 Riverview Road, Avalon Beach Submission

After moving permanently to Clareville in 2008, we have found endless joy in living in this spectacularly beautiful natural environment and its uniquely caring community. We share Council's and the community's common desire to fiercely protect our largely unspoilt green and clean environment from inappropriate development.

We have known Jamie Durie, his parents and whole extended family well for over 25 years, and have always admired his great skill in Landscape architecture and design, not just horticulture (gardening) which is a common, very narrow public misperception of Jamie's real-world design talents.

He has the unique distinction of being the first Australian to win the world's most prestigious landscaping award, the gold medal at the Royal Horticultural Society's Chelsea Flower show in 2008. His beautifully designed hard landscaping elements (curved timber and stone) were complemented with his soft landscaping of solely Australian native plants, including multiple century old grass trees and Queensland bottle trees.

The Queen and Prince Philip presented Jamie with his gold medal.

It is this marriage of hard landscaping with massive quantities of soft landscaping (ie plants) which is Jamie's true intrinsic skill, and it is beyond question that the appearance of his proposed own home will be anything other than a green visual delight. There will be no in-your-face bulky areas of concrete and naked walls to greet the eye, such as the nearby massive house at 173 Riverview Road.

While we were pleased to see that the scale of the house has been reduced (allowing even more greenery) we have absolutely no objection to the Development Application being approved.

For the sake of the record, I am a former director of the Sydney Royal Botanic Gardens and we won the NSW Landscape contractors award for Sydney's best new garden, as well as Port Douglas Shire's inaugural best garden award in 2004.

Yours sincerely



Don Morris AO & Verity Morris