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RE: REV2022/0024 - 394 Barrenjoey Road NEWPORT NSW 2106

I disagree with the SNPP's refusal of the Newport SLSC's Club Renovations DA and support the Newport Surf Life Saving Club's proposed Clubhouse renovations for the following reasons:

Any relocation of the existing Clubhouse (even if feasible) would severely hinder the Newport Surf Club's ability to undertake its emergency services operations. Beach safety surveillance and the Club's ability to rapidly deploy emergency rescue craft during a rescue event would be dangerously compromised.

The existing clubhouse building is not Disability Discrimination Act (DDA) compliant. Many areas within the existing building are not accessible due to floor-level changes that prohibit equitable access. Additionally, the existing lift access to the building is very poorly located, and the Club/Council have had ongoing issues with the existing lift's operation and maintenance. The proposed renovation and rationalisation of the Club's facilities create the opportunity to adequately address non-compliant disabled and equitable access aspects of the existing Clubhouse and bring the building up to modern-day accessibility compliance standards. 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.

The existing clubhouse is used for a variety of community and broader SLS Branch uses in addition to servicing the Club's Life Saving needs. The inability of the existing building to cater for several different activities at any one time severely restricts the operations of the Club and other community/SLS Branch groups wishing to utilise the Clubhouse.