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RE: DA2023/1289 - 1112 - 1116 Barrenjoey Road PALM BEACH NSW 2108

*Updated Submission;
DA 2023/1289 1112-1116 Barrenjoey Road, Palm Beach (Renotification) Traffic - amended

I am the owner of 1122-1124 Barrenjoey Road Palm Beach. I wish object in the strongest possible terms to to the developers application to relocate the existing bus stop from its current location in the middle of the Palm Beach village. The current bus stop is ideally positioned in the centre of the village for commuters to easily access the commercial/retail shops and the restaurant at Barrenjoey House. The noise associated with early morning commuters and late night bus movement is far more appropriate to be located outside ground level retail and commercial properties than residential homes.

The proposal to move the bus stop and bus shelter to a more northerly position in front of five residential homes is an accident waiting to happen. This is the most dangerous stretch of road in Palm Beach, already trying to cope with a driveway into the public car park, a pedestrian crossing, a driveway to access the ferry wharf and Western shore parking plus a north bound bus stop, all with a distance of 100 metres. A bus stop right opposite on the south bound side would only add to the chaos and the danger of a serious accident.

We have witnessed an ever increasing volume of passengers who race from the ferry across to the pedestrian crossing to make their bus connection. The repositioning of the bus stop across the road from the Ferry Wharf will only encourage ferry passenger to jaywalk or 'jay run' across the road to catch the idling bus, these include many school children as well as the elderly and Mums and Dads with small children. It does not make sense to ask ferry commuters from Ettalong, Patonga, Coasters Retreat and Mackerel Beach to head south from the ferry wharf to get to the pedestrian crossing and then head north again to get to the bus. They simply won't do it! They will take the short cut across the road. We have already witnessed some heart stopping incidents.

Whilst NSW road rules states that a vehicle must not stop within 20 metres before a pedestrian crossing and for 10 metres after, a bus stop in the newly proposed position would severely impact many pedestrians trying to access a clear vision of the crest of the hill to the north on Barrenjoey Road. This road is designated a 40kph zone, however this speed is ignored by many, especially those coming down the hill from north with some doing 50-60kph or more, including the buses. The crossing is well used by many school children and drivers will not be aware of them waiting at the crossing until the last minute.

This new proposal will only exacerbate this situation and impact five residential driveways with owners already struggling to reverse out of their homes to access the road. There is no valid reason to move the bus stop from its current position, only the bus shelter needs to be moved. This is in line with The Engineers report, 10th January 2024 which states "the relocated bus shelter should be sited as near as possible to the existing location potentially just north of the proposed driveway but it shall remain on the frontage of the development site"

The existing bus stop location only impacts one potential driveway whereas, the new proposal seriously impacts five existing residential properties.

*Please note;

The information provided in the submission by the traffic consultant's 'Varga Traffic Planning Pty Ltd' is incorrect. They state "retaining of 1 x on-street parking space, outside No. 1122 Barrenjoey Road, between the relocated Bus Stop and the existing pedestrian crossing"

The parking outside No 1122-1124 Barrenjoey Road is signposted 'No Stopping' and is not unrestricted parking as they stated. This error has also been repeated two projected montages in their report.

I urge the council to reject this application for what is potentially an extremely dangerous relocation.

Thank you,
Vicki Jones