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

I disagree with SNPP's refusal of the Newport Surf Clubs renovation DA, and support the proposed renovations for the following reasons:

- the coastal engineer engaged by council provided detailed design drawings based on the relevant standards and projections, and in a Panel meeting when questioned by a SNPP member for justification, the coastal engineer provided it, but the refusal by the SNPP was primarily based on coastal issues and not believing a subject matter expert. How is that logical?
- If the club was relocated to the other side of the car park, we would not be able to perform surveillance of the full 1KM+ stretch of beach from its existing high vantage point.
- The current WHS issues at the club, to both members and the public are a huge risk to council (and therefore rate payers) in terms of cost of litigation. It is impractical to fix all of these individually without a cohesive plan as per the proposed DA.
- Storage of rescue and patrol equipment is a real exercise in tetris skills. The areas are no longer fit for purpose with our modern rescue assets and it means that the gear is not stored in a way to prolong the longevity of the item, which leads to unnecessary costs to the club.
- The proposed DA allows for multiple groups or concurrent community and club group events. The current club layout limits this and does compromise operational requirements.