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Subject: DA2021/1612 - 1 Clarke Street NARRABEEN NSW 2101

Regarding: Submission re DA2021/1612

As a former councillor of Warringah (2008-2012), resident at Collaroy and regular beach user, I would like to state my opposition to the proposed development.

Warringah council had a clear resolution that 'no public moneys be spent on the protection of private properties built in or close to the beach erosion zone'. The Warringah coastal committee and council had clearly stated the public amenity - the beach - takes precedent over private property.

These policies were overturned by an unelected government administrator, who did not represent the needs and opinions of the majority of our population, but instead sacrificed public amenity to underwrite the investment risks that property investors along Collaroy and Narrabeen had taken, despite being fully aware of the risks, which are listed on the section 149 certificate.

This DA is representative of this abomination where profits are privatised and losses - here the loss of beach amenity - are socialised.

The DA - if approved - will require ongoing sand nourishment in perpetuity if we want to have a beach at that section. The coastal erosion management act has a provision in regards to this issue, requiring that those erecting the seawall be made responsible to cover the cost of ongoing beach remediation. Council has a duty of care and responsibility to the wider community to ensure that if this DA cannot be stopped, that there be a legal requirement on those responsible to the seawall to cover the cost of beach remediation.

The preference in the first instance would be to avoid this dreadful development.

Here are just some of the key issues that should result in the DA being refused:

- vertical concrete seawalls have been proven to be far more damaging to beach processes than alternative coastal armouring methods such as rock revetment walls (ie. sloping walls);
- there will be an adverse impact on overshadowing, visual amenity and safe access along the beach;
- the DA is incomplete in that it does not specify what type of wall proposed for the area in front of South Narrabeen SLSC. Therefore it should be rejected until the full plan is disclosed;
- the proposed vertical seawall is ugly in appearance and will be a blight on the beachfront;
- there is potential for the seawall to have a detrimental effect on the quality of the surf breaks along the Collaroy /Narrabeen stretch of beach;
- there has been inadequate consultation from Council and the broader community during the development of this seawall proposal

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