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RE: DA2019/1157 - 353 Barrenjoey Road NEWPORT NSW 2106

Dear Madam,

I and my husband both wish to support, in the majority, the plans for a much needed revitalisation of this retail space.

Having read all the resident's submissions, I am dismayed to see so much negativity towards another new development which would actually bring more amenity, community benefit and improve the streetscapes.

In summarising the nature of several of the submissions:

- 2 concerned the street safety and access during the construction phase, not the final benefit of having the development.
- 2 came from St Michael's church, both regarding flood mitigation and groundwater concerns. Surely these can be dealt with, as they would be with any other residential development.
- 1 objected to a SINGLE tree being removed. REALLY?!
- 2 from the NRA, which, as usual, seem to want to shut down all initiatives and development that much of the (silent) majority actually approve of. eg the Woolworths development, which was sorely needed and desired by many locals. Instead, we now have an inadequate Coles supermarket which necessitates a car trip to Mona Vale, adding to road and parking congestion there. I and others, would have far rather patronised a full supermarket, as well as then the other rearail shops nearby. Not possible now!
- 1 objected to the extra shading of Robertson Rd. In my opinion, as a daily walker with my 3 companions, down to the Newport shops, in summer, there is a great demand for shade away from the beating sun, which would then be more available in Robertson Rd. If there were street closures for fairs, etc this shade would be most welcome.

My only objection is that the original plan for open seating in front of the new shops should definitely be retained! A row of glass frontages will not attract people to these new shops. Robertson Rd needs more such outdoor open seating, not shut away behind glass!

PLEASE, do not listen solely to the nimby nay sayers that seem to have too much say in these matters. Many of us do not take the time or trouble to examine every development brought up. But this does not mean that the NRA speaks for all of us. Nothing further from the truth, as all my friends in this area would attest!

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