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To: Northern Beaches Council General Manager  
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I was born and bred on the Northern Beaches and have watched with interest the changing landscape from Palm Beach to Manly.

Driving from Newport to various locations for sport and school over the years, we've seen other suburbs turn into concrete jungles and over development. It seems every time you go to Warriewood, there is another set of 40 townhouses popped up, all without personality.

Living now at Newport for 15years with 3 kids aged 21, 17 and 15, we're all concerned about the proposal for Robertson Rd.

Newport struggles in it's very nature with the highway running across it's heart and no clear place for people to congregate or a central hub. This is the perfect opportunity to create a lively and engaging community focus, great boutiques and outdoor spaces. Somewhere for young parents and families to dine, along with people of all ages and family dynamics to feel safe and part of our wonderful Newport neighbourhood. A place for visitors to know that there's a great place to visit - perhaps an entertainment spot for live music, more alfresco dining, somewhere to make connections and feel welcomed.

If this last year has proven one thing it is that community participation and connection are at the heart of good mental health. The disconnect that will come from more soul-less and bland development of roller doors and car spots is not what is needed right now.

Robertson Rd is already our favourite place to walk to for a quick meal, with the lovely fairy lights on the trees, simply lifting your spirits!

Imagine what an even greater space that could be built: a vibrant intimate Newport village, the pulse of the Northern Beaches.

Please reject this current proposal and engage with the community for their input to create a space that we can all be proud of.

Kind regards,  
Glenda and Adam Hanks