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

I see everyday the importance of this venue and the community spirit behind the Newport Surf Club. I grew up in the western Suburb's and moved to Newport 25 years ago. My first connection to the Newport community was through the surf club and the Nippers program. My kids have now grown up and left home and the club had been the place where we continued to connect through patrol and competition with the community. Every Christmas Day, the family is together and we open the beach every year as a family, and we are joined by our extended Newport family at the club house at 8:30am. The community deserves a refreshed facility, the common areas are tired and we have outgrown the storage areas for vital equipment such as IRBs. The way we store the IRB is becoming in safe but we have resorted to stacking boats and hanging them from the ceiling to make do.

Please reconsider the decision to not proceed with the club house renovation, the location of the existing club provides way access to rescue equipment and the passive surveillance of the water I have experienced a number of times has saved lives.