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As a Seaforth resident who lives a block away from the above proposed development, and had grown up in Seaforth and has raised a family in Seaforth, I strenuously object to the above development on the following grounds:

- It sets a non compliance precedent of potentially changing the character of Seaforth's low density single residential dwellings to invite and encourage more medium density housing which is not in keeping with the existing neighbourhood streetscape. It will send a message that any developer in search of a fast profit with complete disregard for the existing residents and codes and regulations will be accommodated by Council.
- The scope and size of the project with 7 of the 9 apartments being 3+ bedroom in size (the substantially sized 'media' room is another potential bedroom) do not represent downsized living space for 1-2 seniors or retirees but are more in keeping with up to 4 possibly 5 adult people who hold drivers licenses potentially inhabiting at least 4 of these larger 3+ apartments. This area is characterised by single residential dwellings on single blocks, not cramming 9 residences on 2 blocks of land with complete disregard to the existing adjacent houses.
- Ponsonby Parade (COVID times excluded) and now Panorama Parade is becoming completely parked out during weekdays by commuters so there is already a lack of on street parking for visitors to the existing residents without the added extra burden of this overdevelopment plus their visitors and extra inhabitants.
- Local public transport is limited and has suffered further recent severe cutbacks by reducing bus services to a Manly bound 144 bus which passes by in Ponsonby Parade. Buses coming from Wakehurst Parkway have also been compromised. If one wants to get to the city via public transport, it involves a hike towards Balgowlah Boys or down the Gallipoli steps and across the other side of the Spit Bridge to catch a bus and then still having to reconnect. There are no direct routes to the city at all nor are there direct routes back from Manly or Warringah Mall to their doorstep west of the Seaforth roundabout.
- There is no such thing as simply driving eastward out of the roundabout at Seaforth without a regular banked up queue of cars during the day funnelling through Ponsonby Pde and Ross Street. This development is going to add potentially 20+ cars all adding to the traffic already in the area.

I ask that Council put their existing residents first and enforce compliance and adherence to all the regulations and rules as we do not want Seaforth turning into another overdeveloped Dee Why nor Chatswood as this is an area we cherish of single residential dwelling houses with gardens on single blocks of land and not multi apartment blocks in our streets.

Yours sincerely Suzanne Walcott