
Sent: 17/06/2021 12:42:29 PM

Subject: Att: Officer JORDAN DAVIES. Re: Proposed 'Modification' of existing dwelling and shops at 1102 Barrenjoey Road, Palm Beach. Mod2021/0203

Dear Mr Davies

I have only this last evening become aware of the proposed 'modification' of 1102 Barrenjoey Road, Palm Beach.

I am aware that Council is normally good on following procedure, but am left wondering why the existence of such a large development proposal as this would appear to have not been more widely publicised. I regret that it was not brought to my notice in time for me to make a Submission to Council opposing the 'modification'.

My family and I would have certainly wished to have made one.

My initial reaction to such a large and grotesque development as this, should Council see fit to grant its approval, was that this surely must be a joke.

But asking around among my neighbours and the community in general this morning, I find that is clearly not the case. Many of them had also not been made aware of the 'modification'.

I have been a resident, and a volunteer to many local causes, of Palm Beach since the early 1980s and have seen some classic examples of overreach in building proposals. But this takes one the cake.

No amount of greenery spilling over balconies in the illustration provided as part of the submitted Proposal can soften the ugliness of its design or the complete lack of any sensitivity of the Modern Brutalist style building shown to the location and the historical context of placement on the Pittwater waterfront. Barrenjoey House even appears, in the illustration, to be hunched up in trepidation at the thought of such a 'modification'.

I would appeal to you, Mr Davies, to encourage Council to refuse this proposed development if it is your position to have any influence over a decision to be made upon the fate of 1102 Barrenjoey Road.

Thank you

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