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

I strongly support the development of the club as proposed. It's a community facility, utilised to keep the public safe, and our local youth engaged in worthwhile activities. The planning panel's rejection of the prior submission doesn't meet the common sense rule and Rob Stokes said it best when he said "Surf club design must recognise and respond to the ambulatory nature of the foreshore, and new seawalls must be avoided wherever possible because they create problems elsewhere along the beach. At Newport, there is already a buried and poorly designed ad hoc seawall. This proposal would bury a properly designed seawall directly beneath the sand landward of the existing wall. Without the project, if a severe storm occurred, the existing building would collapse and the existing rock seawall would be exposed, leaving debris across the beach and causing the very risks that the panel used as a justification to refuse the application. This is a preposterous situation. I commend the council for seeking a redetermination of the proposal, and I will urge the Minister for Planning to take whatever action is necessary to ensure that Newport can finally complete its surf club for the benefit of everyone in New South Wales."