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**Subject:** Proposed Development DA2019/1522: 41 & 43 Beach Road Collaroy / consideration of road crossings

Attention: Anne-Marie Young, Principal Planner

Dear Ms Young

We are the long term owners of 38 Beach Road Collaroy and we are writing, not in reference to the proposed development at 41 and 43 Beach Road, but regarding a proposal from the Sargood Centre that has recently been brought to our attention.

The proposal has been lodged requesting new arrangements for traffic and pedestrian flow in conjunction with a request for consideration of two zebra pedestrian crossings and a footpath on the Western side of Beach Road. At no point were we consulted on this proposal.

We strongly object to this proposal for a number of reasons. Constructing two zebra pedestrian crossings, one in Brissenden Avenue and one further south in Beach Road, will create more congestion and an increase in traffic issues that clients of the Sargood Centre will have to negotiate. The existing wheelchair and pram ramps on Brissenden Avenue and Beach Road and the current footpath on the Eastern side of Beach Road work well and are safely used. It would be better suited aesthetically and financially to construct one zebra pedestrian crossing at this location. Also, a Stop Sign at the end of Brissenden Avenue at the intersection of Beach Road would be advantageous and contribute to the safety factor.

Construction traffic in relation to the proposed development at 41 and 43 Beach Road should not be a consideration because building requirements would dictate that utmost care and safety should be for all who live in and visit this area, not just for the clients of the Sargood Centre.

As you are aware, the Northern Beaches Council support the green spaces in character within the Collaroy Basin area and subsequently residents maintain grassed verges on Beach Road. Another footpath would not be in keeping with the original intent and is not necessary as the footpath on the Eastern side of Beach Road is more than adequate. Interestingly, Cliff Road which carries substantially more traffic than Beach Road does not have any footpaths.

On our nature strip, there is currently a fire hydrant, and an NBN and telecommunications pit servicing many homes in Beach Road. Construction of a footpath would entail relocation of these amenities, if at all possible, and would come at a substantial cost. Neighbouring properties have trees on the nature strip which would also need to be removed with the construction of a permanent footpath.

In our view, the proposal to construct two zebra pedestrian crossings and a footpath on the Western side of Beach Road is excessive and would ruin the unique amenity of the Basin area.

Thank you for your consideration of our concerns.

Yours sincerely  
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