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

The Newport SLSC is in desperate need of refurbishment. The club is the centrepiece of many community activities as well as the beach safety services its volunteering members provide.

Both these community activities and safety services provided are at risk because of the drastically inadequate state of the existing structure. This is an opportunity to fix this for the betterment of the community long term. In addition, the proposal will address the pre existing concerns of planning requirements. As stated by State Member Rob Stokes in parliament on 11th October 2022 -

"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."

The revised proposal addresses the concerns raised and will deliver a refurbished and revitalised SLSC that will be the meeting point of local community for generations to come. These members will then volunteer their time to provide safety services to visitors of our local beach that will save many lives.

Lets stop dragging the chain on this. We have addressed the seawall concerns with a far better facility than what currently exists. We have a design that is in balance with the existing facade but with the improved facilities that are so desperately needed. Please approve this now.