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To the assessing officer,

I wish to make a submission in objection to application DA/2021/1612 for Alterations and Additions - Construction of coastal protection works (sea wall) on the following basis:

- The proposed design acknowledges that it will reflect wave energy and cause further erosion of the beach. There is no way this known adverse outcome can be justified.
- The fact that this approach has regrettably already been endorsed by Council for other parts of the beach cannot be used as a justification given the known outcome for erosion of a public asset by a private development.
- The proposal acknowledges that beach nourishment will be required to maintain the public asset -yet is silent on the issue as to how this is to occur. The erosion will be caused by the beach, yet it appears that the costs will lie with the public in terms of remedying the defects. This cannot be justified.
- If the wall is continued along the whole of Narrabeen beach then eventually there will be no beach left at all. A world class environmental asset will be destroyed for the benefit of maintaining private backyards in what should be a dynamic coastal system.
- The design of any defense system must include dissipation of the wave energy rather than reflection.
- If the northern beaches area is to maintain any credibility in terms of environmental credentials, then the decision needs to be based on scientific merit, not upon precedents of other poor planning decisions.
- Further approvals of coastal walls will create a continued precedent for other such ill conceived schemes that result in adverse environmental impacts to public assets.

The application should be refused.

Regards,

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