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To the Planning Panel:

I write to you regarding the development application currently under review for the corner of Barrenjoey and Robertson Roads in Newport.

PLEASE listen to and support the residents of Newport, and stop this development from going ahead in its current design!

Newport is clearly suffering from the poor planning decisions of the last 2 decades, with over sized developments and store fronts so large and/or poorly designed that few businesses can afford to rent or use the spaces on offer.

Newport is not and cannot ever be a "town" like Mona Vale - it is a Village and it's future success as a vibrant village depends on small boutique businesses to draw people in. It must be designed and approved with this in mind.

With the sale to Woolworths of public land a decade ago, the only way Newport can have an off-main-Road "centre" is through the closure of Robertson Road and conversion to a pedestrian area, where community can gather for events, outdoor dining etc. Please do not prevent this potential by approving this development with car park access on Robertson Road.

As a Newport resident of 45 years, it is incredibly upsetting to see the main street be a derelict drive-through for the last decade. Considered design and development could resurrect it to the busy, thriving village that it once was.

Pittwater Councillors told us 10 years ago they knew better than the residents of Newport when they sold public land to Woollies and we would thank them for their vision 10 years later. I can assure you no one is thanking them!

I implore you to not make the same mistake, and consider the many voices of the residents of Newport.

Yours Sincerely

Nicholas Wilson