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**RE: DA2021/1164 - 521 Barrenjoey Road BILGOLA BEACH NSW 2107**

1. According to the ARBORICULTURAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT REPORT there are fifty three (53) trees on site which have been assessed; forty three (43) trees are considered to have a high retention value and ten (10) trees are considered to have a moderate retention value.

The proposed development involves the removal of twenty eight (28) trees. Of these trees to be removed, eight (8) trees are located on the council road reserve and twenty (20) trees are located within the site. The identified trees for removal are protected species that hold ecological significance.

Once these trees have been removed, they are obviously gone forever and so begins the denuding of biodiversity and the coastal ecology which is inherent to Pittwater.

I thought our council was there to protect our indigenous flora and fauna and not obliterate it through inappropriate and environmentally damaging development.

It is likely that this build will set a precedent for future development of the adjoining steep and narrow blocks. Council should consider buying these vacant blocks facing Barrenjoey Road to preserve and protect this ecologically significant landscape while it can.

2. The residence itself is not designed to be built sensitively or lightly on the land. It is a bulky and brutal takeover of a narrow and steep block in a delicate, coastal environment. For example, there is extensive excavation with tonnes of concrete needed for the shoring up against landslip.

3. There will be ongoing traffic issues with ingress and egress from the planned driveway as it is on the major peninsula road; in proximity to the roundabout and in a blind spot. It is also very common for the traffic to bank up during the summer months on the Bends, so this ingress and egress issue for 521 Barrenjoey Road will then be exacerbated and just shows how inappropriate a build at that address is.

OR will the owners next ask for traffic lights so they can safely exit or return to their house - particularly for the right hand turn if they are heading south from Avalon?

4. Regarding the proposed traffic management during the 64 week/ 1.25 years build of this property, has any consultant from Solution1 Traffic Engineers actually been to the address?

In their Construction Management Plan under the Public Car Parking section it states:  
"The impact on local traffic will be kept to a minimum. The following will be implemented to achieve this:

- Trucks and delivery vehicles will park to load/unload within the site.
- Workers will park in the surrounding streets.
- Where possible, labourers will car pool."

If they had attended the site, they would see that the "surrounding streets" are actually busy local narrow roads (Plateau Road; The Serpentine; Barrenjoey Road and Old Barrenjoey Road) with double white lines and limited parking as it is. There is nowhere for the myriad of workers' vehicles to park.

It is a generic and glib statement that has been used in the plan when the suggested workers' parking is just not possible. It is obvious to anyone who visits or lives on these surrounding roads that parking is extremely limited and difficult. It is certainly not available to accommodate the volume of workers' vehicles that such a complex and vast build would require.

If this development goes ahead in any way, shape or form please request specific and realistic details about workers' parking from Solution1 Traffic Engineers.

Aside from the parking issue caused by an influx of a high number of workers' vehicles associated with such a long and complex build, there will obviously be a substantial increase in traffic congestion along the main peninsula road, particularly during school and am/pm peak hours and the warmer months. This planned build, as it is outlined, is going to cause continual and regular road and traffic disruptions for many, many months.

In particular, as I understand it from the timing plans, the initial excavation on a difficult and steep site like this will absolutely cause the aforementioned significant road closures and traffic disruption.