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Subject: 'Land and Environment Court Proceedings No. 2023/109048 (DA2021/2173) – Written Submission Supporting Approval of Application for alterations and additions and coastal protection works to Newport Surf Life Saving Club'

I am writing to express my full support for the Newport Surf Life Saving Club's proposed Clubhouse renovations as outlined in the latest layout amendments of the Development Application (DA).

The proposed changes are well-considered, ensuring introduce crucial mitigation measures to safeguard both the existing and new portions of the building from potential major storm events. Council and NSLSC Representatives have collaborated with the Council's Coastal Engineering experts to develop an effective solution to mitigate future coastal and wave inundation risks.

Council's support of the Newport SLSC's Club Renovations DA on behalf of the wider community and the surf club is highly appreciated and would continue the work carried out at other surf clubs in the area as part of essential maintenance and upgrades.

As local residents, community members, nipper parent and volunteer life saver, I endorse the Council's right and responsibility to undertake these urgently needed building upgrades and maintenance. The existing Clubhouse is a critical emergency services facility and an invaluable community asset; hence, installing coastal protection works in front of the heritage-listed Clubhouse is essential to prevent its potential destruction.

The proposed coastal engineering protection measures have been well considered and developed to protect the future longevity of an upgraded asset, noting that the existing heritage listed building which has already been in its current location for more than 100 years.

Furthermore, the Newport Surf Life Saving Club, classified as an Essential Service Facility, has consistently demonstrated its value through numerous rescues and preventative actions over its life in the current location. Any proposal to relocate the Clubhouse is ill-founded, lacking sound technical and engineering basis, and would severely hinder the Club's emergency services operations. Additionally, the proposed renovation and rationalisation of the Club's facilities offer an opportunity to address Work Health and Safety (WHS) issues, ensure Disability Discrimination Act (DDA) compliance, and bring the building up to modern accessibility standards. The practicality of running surf club activities for young children and the location of supporting infrastructure is critical for safety and community participation.

The Newport Surf Life Saving Club provides an invaluable service to the local community and deserves contemporary, safe, and compliant facilities commensurate with its significant contribution and standing within the community without any further delays to a process which has been underway for protracted period of time.

Regards
Cotterill Family