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RE: DA2020/1756 - 353 Barrenjoey Road NEWPORT NSW 2106

Please find attached brief submission in support of the NRA recent submission as well as raising points regarding the key factors contributing to the livability of Robertson Road (between Barrenjoey Road and Foamcrest Avenue).

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The Chief Executive Officer
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Dear Sir,

Re Submission re DA 2020/1756 351 & 353 Barrenjoey Rd Newport

I refer to the above DA for redevelopment on the corner of Barrenjoey & Robertson Roads Newport. This is the second DA (previously DA2019.1157) for this site.

I fully support the arguments made in the submission by the Newport Residents Association in this regard.

I would like to also contribute the following general points below, which I see as underpinning the high level of liveability in Robertson Road (between Barrenjoey Road and Foamcrest Avenue) which the proposed development will remove.

I have lived in Foamcrest avenue for almost to 12 months. The two the key factors which I see as providing the high level of liveability in the immediate area in Robertson Road (Between Barrenjoey Road and Foamcrest Avenue) are the following:

- The lack of vehicle traffic and movements in the street.

The street is currently very quiet in terms of cars driving through and parking (at nearly all times of the day and night) and this encourages community interaction along the street and inside and outside the existing retail shops and restaurants and cafes, all through the day and also in the evenings. The lack of vehicles also means that it is pleasant to sit outside to eat.

With Newport village being dissected by a main thoroughfare such as Barrenjoey Road, it is the side streets, such as Robertson Road, being quieter, that makes them conducive to people stopping to talk, walk their dogs etc. This adds to the community spirit in the suburb which should now be built upon by new developments - rather than being eroded.

- The sun in the street

It is no surprise that having the sun in the street, particularly morning sun, is what encourages people to come out and have breakfast, brunch and lunch at the cafes in Robertson road. Hearing people outside enjoying the mornings like this creates a wonderful community feel for people walking past.

I was impressed when the Council recently closed Robertson Road for a weekend to see the community response. I filled in the survey sheets that were being handed out that day very positively. There were children playing in the street that weekend even in the evenings as their families had dinner out at the restaurants in the street. Dogs could walk down the middle of the road and there was a great buzz and vibe for locals to get together and celebrate being part of the Newport community.

I hope that Northern Beaches Council can put the interests of Newport residents ahead of developer's interests in this case, and will continue to implement its Masterplan and build on the wonderful enhancements Newport Village has seen in recent times and in doing so, continue to encourage greater community involvement and spirit.

This will have huge positive impacts for the businesses in Newport as well, both now and into the future.

Yours sincerely

Sasha Carrel
5/3/21