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RE: REV2022/0024 - 394 Barrenjoey Road NEWPORT NSW 2106

I write to SUPPORT the DA for Newport SLSC's Club Renovations and strongly disagree with the SNPP's refusal to approve these works.

I am a current patrolling member of Newport SLSC and am in my 17th year of service.

The reasons this DA should be APPROVED are many and include the below:

* The Newport Surfclub is a particularly important community asset. The Northern Beaches Council (NBC), representing the local community, recognise this significance and have fully supported and encouraged the DA to protect and adapt this asset for the community in the future.

*The SNPP's refusal to allow an appropriately designed sea wall, utilising prevailing engineering knowledge, to protect the clubhouse will risk the destruction of this community asset. The burying of a properly designed seawall, as documented in the DA, is the most appropriate solution to the ad hoc sea wall that currently exists. The suggestion, by other parties, that the clubhouse will become a "headland" overlooks both the existence of the current ad hoc sea wall and the storm water drain to the south of the development.

* The proposal by the SNPP that a new clubhouse could be established at an alternate site is not supported by current technical or engineering advice and is therefore unsound. Relocation can not be achieved due to flood zones and drainage and would have implications for the safety of beachgoers and accessibility to parklands. Beach safety surveillance and the Club's ability to rapidly deploy emergency rescue craft during a rescue event would be dangerously compromised. I have taken part in many rescues after patrol hours that have been spotted from the deck of the clubhouse, one being a major spinal injury. Only last week we spotted two swimmers requiring help in a rip for which we could quickly depoly rescue equipment.

* The proposed renovation and rationalisation of the Club's facilities create the opportunity to adequately address WHS issues associated with the ageing building and bring it into line with current-day compliance and safety standards. This also includes compliance with the Disability Discrimination Act (DDA).

The Newport Surf Life Saving Club provides a highly valued service to the local community. It deserves contemporary, safe, and compliant facilities commensurate with its contribution to, and its standing within, the local community. The proposed DA will provide appropriate storage for rescue and training equipment, upgraded and compliant clubhouse facilities for community use, and protection for this vital community asset for many years to come.