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

I disagree with the SNPP's refusal of the Newport SLSC's Club Renovations DA and support the Newport Surf Life Saving Club's proposed Clubhouse renovations.

I am an active member of Newport Surf club in a volunteer capacity (vice captain of patrol 11) as well as a surf sports competition capacity (Australian Medalist in Open Championship Lifesaver and Patrol Competition events). I place huge value on the Newport SLSC building as an asset to support the local and wider community of beach users, the volunteer lifesavers who look after beach users, and the elite competitive branch of the club which is statistically unmatched in performance or athlete support by any other club in NSW.

To support all club users, and by extension all beachgoers, it is ESSENTIAL that the building has adequate space for facilities (such as first aid treatment spaces, and public toilets/showers, which are currently overwhelmed on busy days due to their small size) and storage (the surf craft of International Medalist surf lifesavers are currently being stored outside in the elements or in shipping containers due to lack of space, limiting the security and longevity of craft).

The bottom line:

- The proposed renovation greatly improves the usability of the building
- These improvements will benefit volunteer lifesavers, and all community members who use the beach or the building
- There is no reasoning adequate to justify blocking such an improvement, from which all directly affected parties will benefit