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To: [Planning Panels - Northern Beaches](#)
Subject: Application DA number 2020/1756. 351 Barrenjoey Road Submission Opposing this development
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To the Planning Committee of Northern Beaches Council,

I am extremely angry that Northern Beaches Council Planning has approved the development at 351 Barrenjoey Road, Newport.

It is a completely undesirable development which destroy the lovely streetscape which exists now, with the greenery, trees, umbrellas and cafe tables.

The garage in the new building will permanently destroy the use of Robertson Road as a meeting point, a community 'centre' for festivals, community events and a future pedestrian plaza.

What are you all thinking? The building design is plain ugly, with the garage well into Robertson Road. Rob Stokes has just announced his new planning principles which state, 1) A strategic and inclusive planning system for the COMMUNITY AND THE ENVIRONMENT

2) Design and Place. Delivering well designed places that enhance quality of life, the environment and the economy

The development at 351 Barrenjoey Road does NOT meet any of these criteria. It does NOT enhance quality of life for Newport people, but will detract greatly from their quality of life. It does not deliver a building that contributes to community and the environment!

It is an absolute disgrace that there was no community consultation with the people of Newport and the council planners. All the submissions and surveys done by Newport people have been completely ignored by council. Countless hours were spent by so many of Newport residents to contribute to the surveys and write submissions opposing this development. Yet you chose not to discuss these and in fact completely ignored them. Councils are supposed to be there to look after the people and listen to their wishes particularly with regards to their local environments. You have ignored the people of Newport, the Newport Progress Association, the countless letters and submissions that all requested that Robertson Road be kept as a 'community area' that could be blocked off from all traffic for community events, and become a pedestrian plaza.

IS THERE A SINISTER REASON THE DEVELOPER'S NEEDS HAVE BEEN PUT AHEAD OF THE COMMUNITY'S INTERESTS WITHOUT ANY CONSULTATION?

Time the council agreed to sensitive development so that Robertson Road stays the heart of Newport.

Robertson Road is the only road in Newport shopping area to be able to become a pedestrian plaza and a community gathering site for markets, festivals etc.

IT IS NOT TOO LATE FOR COUNCIL TO DO THE RIGHT THING AND DECLINE THIS DEVELOPMENT !

LISTEN TO WHAT THE PEOPLE WANT FOR NEWPORT !

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Sent from my iPad