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From:
Sent: Monday, 20 December 2021 4:38 PM
To: Planning Panels - Northern Beaches
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Subject: NBC ROBERTSON RD DA

Dear Mayor Regan and NBC Councillors,

It is of significant concern there is little or no fore-sight in the planning of Robertson Road Newport in approving a DA for 351 Barrenjoey Road.

As NBC council so well knows, the Newport Beach shopping zone is situated on the very busy Barrenjoey Road through-pass which greatly reduces a village atmosphere that suburbs like Mona Vale and Avalon enjoy. Therefore it is totally essential that the little bit of off-busy road, namely the Robertson Road precinct, be preserved as a community area.

The whole of Robertson Road and the adjacent council carpark plus the adjoining buildings especially 351 Barrenjoey Road and 349 Barrenjoey Road be considered as a collective and a "total" plan to enhance the whole area be adopted. NBC is suitably qualified and capable to a prepare a visionary Robertson Road "Village Plan" encompassing all these properties into one special community centre away from the bustle of Barrenjoey Road. This plan should encompass cafes, restaurants speciality shops and upper-level offices. Separate development by individual developers will never achieve anything that resembles good community planning.

With the greatest of respect, I urgently ask Councillors to show empathy to the Newport community in preventing ad-hoc development in this special oasis. Once the developers have moved in the opportunity to give the people of Newport Beach a place of sanity will be lost for ever. Please do not let the DA approval of 351 Barrenjoey Road proceed. It is not in accordance with the existing Newport Place Plan.

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cc MP Rob Stokes