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RE: DA2021/1164 - 521 Barrenjoey Road BILGOLA BEACH NSW 2107

Dear Assessing Officer

Our family wishes to lodge our concern about the above development application. We recently moved from the Upper North Shore to the beaches, escaping over development, significant traffic impacts, environmental changes and congestion which has occurred there over the past 10 years through a combination of state housing quotas and poor council decisions for buildings of all types.

The apartments have had a particular impact and we were glad to see fewer such developments existed on the upper northern beaches. We simply did not want to experience the traffic, aggressive behaviour caused by too many people in a fixed area, over crowded schools and aesthetic qualities of an area decline so rapidly again.

The proposed development on the Bilgola bends area of Barrenjoey Road is of concern because -

- it is a multi unit dwelling perched in an unusual and difficult to access site
- while the building is designed to address the site and access views, it ignores the reality of any future residents and daily drivers on that stretch road - which is one of danger
- it is already a dangerous driving zone, with obscured vision in areas, no walking and limited room to stop or swerve suddenly without significant risk of accident on the cliff edge
- the trucks, cranes, bulldozers and work vehicles required to build it from the Barrenjoey Road side would have nowhere to park and would obstruct several thousand residents daily who pass up and down for school and work, as so buses, from Palm Beach to Mona Vale and beyond.
- the area is environmentally sensitive and probably should be protected headland, as more residents in that particular area is going to impact surrounding streets like traffic through The Serpentine.. itself a dangerous spot to turn in and out of

While progress and change can't be avoided in any major city, a multi unit or multi story proposal such as this is difficult to fathom from the Barrenjoey road side. If anything, building it from the access street on the other side would be the only feasible option if adjoining residents provide access - thereby keeping all heavy equipment and trade vehicles off the bends and out of harms way.

Thank you for considering these concerns.