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

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We wish to strongly object to the proposed construction at 521 Barrenjoey Road Bilgola Beach. Whilst we acknowledge the right of a ratepayer to build a home on land that he or she owns , surely such a construction must be in compliance with relevant regulations and in keeping with the character of the area ?

There appear to be many problematic technical issues involved , including drainage patterns and soil stability - but we will leave comment on these to those better qualified.

However we do object to the desecration of the wonderful natural buffer of flora and coastal beauty that we presently enjoy between Newport and Avalon .

Just as the Opera House provides a focus to Sydney Harbour , the appearance of an imposing 7 level building will provide a new focus to " the Bends "- an unpleasant focus that does not integrate with the landscape and has scant , if any , architectural merit .

To approve the construction of such a monolithic development would result in a totally different atmosphere for traffic entering Avalon and destroy the ambiance of the area . It would also provide a worrying precedent towards a Newport / Avalon conurbation at great loss to the lifestyle of residents of both communities.

This proposed development might be considered to be close to environmental vandalism and we thank you for this opportunity to lodge our objection to it .

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