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Attention: Nick Keeler

**RE: Objection to DA2020/1172 at 54 Bardo Road, Newport, 2106**

Please find attached our letter in pdf format objecting to the DA2020/1172.

Could you please load this on the council website - I wasn't able to attach it using the 'submission' process.

Also, could you please acknowledge receipt of the objection letter via email.

Thank you

Cameron Bryant

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On Sun, Nov 8, 2020 at 1:22 PM <[DASUB@northernbeaches.nsw.gov.au](mailto:DASUB@northernbeaches.nsw.gov.au)> wrote:  
08/11/2020

MR Cameron Bryant  
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**RE: DA2020/1172 - 54 Bardo Road NEWPORT NSW 2106**

Dear Sir/Madam,

Thank you for your submission in respect of the above-mentioned property. Please be reminded that under provision of the Government Information Public Access Act, all submissions will be posted on Council's Website against the application.

The matters that you have raised will be noted and taken into consideration in the assessment of the proposal process. However, please note as previously stated in the notification letter, Council will not enter into correspondence in respect of any submission due to the large number of submissions Council receives annually.

Should you wish to monitor the progress of this development application, please feel free to visit the Planning and Development section of Council's Website at [www.northernbeaches.nsw.gov.au](http://www.northernbeaches.nsw.gov.au) .

We thank you for your submission and should you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact Council on 1300 434 434.

Yours faithfully

Northern Beaches Council

For your reference please find below a copy of your submission:

Objection to DA2020/1172 at 54 Bardo Road, Newport, 2106

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To Nick Keeler

**RE: Objection to DA2020/1172 at 54 Bardo Road, Newport, 2106**

We are writing to council to object to the development of 54 Bardo Road as detailed in DA2020/1172 and request the council to reject the development from proceeding.

We have a long association with Bardo Road having purchased our house at 58 Bardo Road in 2002 and raised 3 children there. In addition, my sister and her family live at 43 Bardo Road and I attended Bardo Road kindergarten in the 1970's.

We have a number of concerns regarding the proposed development. Our main concerns are:

**1. Scale and density of the development**

The proposed development is not compatible with existing dwelling and streetscape. Most of the street is single dwelling residences, with a few unit blocks and over 55 developments – the streetscape is decidedly “green”, which is one of the reasons we purchased in the street. The proposed development breaches minimum Floor Space Ratio's (FSR) requirements of 0.50:1 on R2 low density residential land by proposing a FSR of 0.56.9:1 – this represents >13.8% non-compliance.

By this measure alone, the proposed development is too large and dense for Bardo Road and we request the council to refuse the DA application on these grounds.

**2. Loss of bush and scenery**

As you will be aware, concerns have been raised directly with council regarding possible tree vandalism at 54 Bardo Road in July of this year. Similar concerns were raised in submissions related to the DA proposal at 34-36 Bardo Road, which is owned by the same developer.

The property at 54 Bardo Road has already experienced significant loss of tree canopy since the property was acquired by the current owner in April 2020.

The below photo's provide an aerial view of the tree canopy at 54 Bardo Road on 1<sup>st</sup> February 2020 and 29<sup>th</sup> August 2020. As noted, the property was acquired by the current owner in April 2020. As is clear from the photos, the property has already experienced a significant reduction in tree canopy.



No. 54 Bardo Road, Newport with extensive tree canopy

**BEFORE** property sold

Source: Metro Map 1 Feb 2020



No. 54 Bardo Road, Newport

Extensive canopy removed

**AFTER** property sold

Source: Metro Map 29 August 2020

The proposed development plans for additional destruction and removal of significant canopy trees including (as noted in the plans):

- Tree 5: 16m high syncarpia glomulifera [turpentine]
- Tree 7: 16m high syncarpia glomulifera [turpentine]
- Tree 8: 22m high syncarpia glomulifera [turpentine]
- Tree 9: 16m high eucalyptus botryoides [southern mahogany]

We see no reason why any further trees should be permitted to be removed, other than those that the Arborist and Council considers unsafe.

We request Council to therefore refuse the DA due to the proposed removal of trees with high tree significance and rated high by the Arborist as a priority for retention.

### 3. Biodiversity

As noted by the Natural Environment Unit Officer response to DA 2020/0502 at 34-36 Bardo Road, *'the site is mapped as part of the high priority wildlife corridor'*.

Unfortunately, the destruction of tree canopy on Bardo Road, including at 54 Bardo Road and 34-36 Bardo Road, seems to have already had a negative impact on native wildlife.

The photo's below are of the Powerful Owl (*Nonox strenu*), the largest of the native owl species.



Source: Photo taken by Rebecca Bryant  
Newport 8 March 2018



Source: ABC.net.au accessed 20 July 2020

Although shy they have been seen and heard continuously over the years around and at 54 Bardo Road. Unfortunately they have not been seen or heard after the property was purchased and healthy trees there removed. These trees provided habitat for many species including the Powerful Owl. They were removed by the developer on the 10<sup>th</sup> of July 2020. Numerous neighbours on Irrubel Road and Bardo Road complained to Council but the damage had been done. They are gone and the Powerful Owl hasn't been seen or heard since.

In order to prevent further destruction of tree canopy and biodiversity, we request Council to refuse the DA application.

#### **4. Safety issues**

Traffic is already congested and dangerous on Bardo Road. Frequently cars are parked on both sides on the street for long stretches and the road is passable to single cars only in each direction, with other cars having to pull into driveways to allow passage. The fact that Bardo Road runs east/west makes running this single car gauntlet more dangerous during the busy early morning and late afternoon periods as the sun negatively impacts the ability to see oncoming traffic (particularly in the summer months).

We believe the proposed development will add to congestion on Bardo Road and make passage along the road needlessly more dangerous. For this reason, we request Council to refuse the DA application.

#### **5. Failure to comply with the Northern Beaches Community Participation Plan**

The Community Participation Plan (CPP) is designed to make participation in planning clearer for the community of the Northern Beaches and we believe a requirement of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979.

The CPP notification method includes the placement of a sign on the main frontage of the site for a minimum of 14 days. With a notification period for DA2020/1172 of 30/10/2020 to 13/11/2020, a sign should have been placed on the frontage of 54 Bardo Road on 30th October. However, no such signage was put in place until 3<sup>rd</sup> November.

Having failed to comply with the CPP, we request Council to refuse the DA application.

**In summary, we strongly object to the development of 54 Bardo Road as detailed in DA2020/1172 and request that council formally reject the development application.**

Yours sincerely

Cameron and Rebecca Bryant