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RE: REV2022/0024 - 394 Barrenjoey Road NEWPORT NSW 2106

It is extremely disappointing that the proposed renovations of the Newport Surf Lifesaving Club have been refused by the SNPP. I believe that the proposed renovations to the Club are essential for the safety and well-being of the community.

I have been a part of the Newport Surf Club for 17 years since I began Nippers at 6yrs old and am still a current patrolling member. Over the years, I have seen how the current Club house has been unable to facilitate the demands required by the patrolling members, council lifeguards, Nippers, competitors, beach goers and the wider Newport community.

The proposed renovations to the Clubhouse facilities will greatly improve the WH&S standards for our volunteer members. The improvements to the storage of lifesaving equipment ensures in an emergency the gear is accessible and operational. In addition, the proposition by the SNPP to move the Surf Club from its current location will severely impact the emergency services and rescue operations. The ability to survey the entire beach from the Clubhouse has been critical for saving many lives.

In addition, the proposed training facilities, disability access, hall and club room improvements and general facility improvements will greatly benefit the wider Newport community. The proposed renovations will create an inviting, safe, supportive and inclusive community facility that increases the sense of community, leading to improved mental health outcomes and well-being.