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RE: DA2020/0442 - 231 Whale Beach Road WHALE BEACH NSW 2107

As long term residents of this area over several generations, we object in the strongest possible terms to this development. We accept that the site needs improvement but object to this DA on the basis that it presents significant non-compliance in many of the NBC current DA requirements & its main aim seems to be to maximise the level of development across the entire site. The bulk & scale is excessive (an understatement!) and in no way reflects the desired character of Whale Beach per the Pittwater current LEP ("sea-side village feel"). We feel the proposal is a massive over development, particularly when looking at the inadequate space for landscaping within the design or ability to plant any significant canopy trees on site and especially when looking at the proposal in relation to neighbouring houses which have approx 60% landscaped areas (per NBC requirements) as opposed to this DA which has about 8.5%! This building will completely dominate the streetscape (both looking west from below in Surf Rd/The Strand, and looking east from Whale Beach Road) and is non-compliant across several areas of height and setback. Parking and driving in the surrounding narrow streets is currently a nightmare esp. on Whale Beach Road (& even worse in the summer months!) & this development will compound all the existing parking/driving problems due to the excessive number of apartments & shops planned, & a building schedule with accompanying trucks/deliveries etc of 3 years! We fear this DA will also set an appalling precedent and may encourage further extreme developments like this along the whole Whale Beach foreshore in the future. This DA is 'Noosa on steroids' in our opinion and will spoil the low key village amenity of Whale Beach for residents and visitors alike. We would like to see the bulk & scale significantly reduced (ie perhaps 3 storeys NOT 5) importantly including significant increases in setbacks across all boundaries - esp. height, including the space & soil depth to plant several canopy trees & include much larger landscaped areas. This current plan is overkill on a massive scale and we feel there are many convincing reasons for NBC to reject this DA in its current form.