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RE: DA2020/1453 - 4 Collaroy Street COLLAROY NSW 2097

As a resident of the northern beaches for over 25 years with my family I have witnessed Collaroy's once unique and beautiful village atmosphere progressively lose its vibrancy, its village feel. It is also losing its appeal as a first choice destination, a reason to visit - as compared to other comparatively more vibrant villages along the beaches - Freshwater, Newport, etc.

Despite Collaroy Beach being world class, the lack of readily available parking and constantly congested side-streets is a massive factor impacting Collaroy's noted decline as a first-choice destination, which results in many people choosing an easier and more reliable parking option and going to another suburb instead. This directly impacts trade for Collaroy's local restaurants, coffee shops, the picture theatre, club, pub, etc.

For far too long short-term planning and bad development have adversely impacted Collaroy Village and the wider community along the beaches. High turnover of commercial/retail space in the town is the result, with many once vibrant shops displaying "For Lease" signs along the strip. Many businesses have gone broke and will never return, simply due to a lack of foot traffic. Things need to change.

Like the wider community, I would like to see actionable and positive steps taken to assist Collaroy Village to return to its former glory days. Having heard good things about this development, I viewed the lodged plans and reports.

My feeling is that this is the type of investment and quality development that Collaroy and the community is craving for.

It replaces old and rundown buildings, gets rid of the troublesome backpackers; activates what is currently non-activated streetscape; removes a 37 car parking shortfall from the existing site and delivers 93 car parking spots for the development's future residents, businesses and patrons. This is the type of positive investment that Collaroy so badly needs, which will assist in increasing foot traffic around the village.

The plans and architectural design of the two buildings are appealing - delivering good planning and a high quality beach themed design. The built form is also complimentary to its surrounds and is in line with a desired, refreshed, future character of Collaroy.

This development has my full support and delivers significant community benefits - bring it on.