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

Proposed new dwelling at 521 Barrenjoey Road C and S Thomson submission.
We object to the current DA for 521 Barrenjoey Road as the height and scale of the development is non-compliant with building and E4 zoning regulations. The height of 10 meters exceeds the maximum height allowed and entry to the property extends beyond property boundaries.

The size and positioning of the garage is noncompliant as it extends onto RMS land and will make entry and exit difficult and contribute to more accidents along this busy and dangerous stretch of road which has had numerous deaths, the most recent being two weeks ago. Current analysis of traffic volume is inaccurate as traffic flow has been temporarily reduced significantly as a result of Covid restrictions. The biggest issue is of pedestrian access for visitors, tradespersons, deliveries and construction workers. A permanent footpath needs to be built before any construction takes place as there is no safe way to park a car and walk to the property. I have had to attend to two fatalities on this stretch of road caused by the blind nature of the corners.

The geotechnical report details the extensive and continuing retaining works needed throughout the excavation and construction process. Any omissions or short cuts will be disastrous and result in a landslip that will potentially block Barrenjoey Road and cause a large-scale destabilisation of the strata. The report made no mention of the significant history of landslip along this stretch of road and surrounding areas.¹

The scope of works will adversely affect the daily commute for thousands of residents who live north of the bends, the many visitors who flock to the area during weekends and holiday periods, buses and numerous service trucks including B Doubles. There is no parking option onsite for excavation machinery as it is a near vertical rock face. The traffic report details trucks and workers vehicles will be parked in neighbouring streets. This will restrict movement for the massive volume of traffic that will need to be diverted from the Bilgola Bends.

The block is a known and documented habitat for one of the last local breeding pairs of endangered powerful owls, glider possums, ring tail possums and pygmy possums. Removal of the trees will not only destabilise the land but also destroy the habitat for native wildlife.

Yours sincerely
C. Thomson.

1. Of note 1974 collapse of front yard blocking bends at 517 Barrenjoey Road, in the last five years- rock fall just before the roundabout (still there) and landslip which blocked bends adjacent to 507 and 509 Barrenjoey Road. Nearby houses have been totally destroyed as a result of strata destabilisation at Hillside Road, Paradise Avenue, Grandview drive, Goodwin Terrace and further away, but same strata, in recent times at Frazer St. Collaroy and Narrabeen.