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To: Council Northernbeaches Mailbox
Subject: Comments on DA2021/1612 (Sea wall)

To whom it may concern,

I would like to submit my approval for DA2021/1612 and the building of a seawall along the Collaroy / Narrabeen beachfront.

Living on the Northern Beaches for 50+ years, I have seen first hand the effects global warming has had on our local environment. I remember clearly the ferocity of the June 2016 storm and the damage it caused to Surf Club amenities, businesses and people's homes. I remember sea water flooding across Pittwater Road at Collaroy and the volume of debris that had washed up on the beach.

With scientists predicting an increase in storm frequency, coupled with rising sea levels, I can't see an alternative but to build a sea wall that will protect, not only resident's homes, but important public infrastructure (roads, electricity, telecommunication equipment, etc).

I ask, would people expect residents living in a bushfire or flood prone area not to take measure to protect themselves, their property and business interests? I don't think so! Why is the beachfront any different to the bush or riverfront?

It makes sense that DAs be approved now when the majority of the sea wall cost is being paid for by the beachfront property owners. This will save Northern Beaches ratepayers costs associated with emergency repairs and infrastructure replacement in the event of future storms.

We need to stop having a short-term mentality and start being realistic about long term solutions.

Thank you,

Rebecca Mitchell.

