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RE: DA2025/0266 - 116 Nareen Parade NORTH NARRABEEN NSW 2101

Dear Council,

I am writing to strongly oppose the proposed demolition of the Narrabeen RSL. While I understand the need for development, this application raises serious concerns regarding environmental impact, public health, and community disruption that must be properly addressed before any approval is considered.

1. Traffic Management & Safety Risks

The demolition process will significantly increase heavy vehicle movements in the area, leading to congestion, noise, and safety risks for pedestrians and drivers. Without a comprehensive traffic management plan, this project could create major disruptions for residents and local businesses. Proper measures need to be put in place to minimize these impacts.

2. Risk of Landslip & Ground Stability Issues

The site's natural landscape and soil conditions raise concerns about potential land destabilization during and after demolition. Any excavation work could increase the risk of landslips, which may threaten nearby properties and infrastructure. A thorough geotechnical report must be conducted before any approval is granted.

3. Safe Asbestos Removal Must Be Prioritized

Given the age of the building, asbestos and other hazardous materials are likely to be present. If not handled correctly, these materials pose a serious risk to public health. A strict asbestos management and disposal plan must be in place to protect workers, nearby residents, and the surrounding environment. Compliance with the highest safety standards is non-negotiable.

4. Protection of Local Waterways

Narrabeen Lagoon and other nearby waterways could be negatively impacted if demolition runoff is not properly managed. Contaminants such as construction debris, chemicals, and sediment could flow into the water system, harming marine life and water quality. Without a clear strategy to prevent water pollution, this demolition should not proceed.

5. Loss of Trees & Environmental Damage

The removal of mature trees from the site is another major concern. These trees provide shade, improve air quality, and support local biodiversity. Their removal would contribute to habitat loss, increased urban heat, and a decline in the area's natural character. A proper environmental assessment should be conducted to explore alternatives to tree removal.

Conclusion

The Narrabeen RSL has long been an important part of our community, and its demolition should not be approved without clear and enforceable measures to address these significant risks. I urge the Council to reject this application or require much stronger safeguards before considering any approval.

Thank you for taking the time to review my submission.

Best regards,
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