

From: DYPXCPWEB@northernbeaches.nsw.gov.au
To: [DA Submission Mailbox](#)
Subject: TRIMMED: Online Submission
Date: Monday, 2 September 2024 7:54:53 AM

02/09/2024

MRS ROWAN SARAH HANLEY
9 - Bilgola The Serpentine ST
BILGOLA BEACH NSW 2107
[REDACTED]

RE: DA2021/2173 - 394 Barrenjoey Road NEWPORT NSW 2106

SUBMISSION: LEC No 2023/1090048 (DA2021/2173)

Application for alterations and additions and coastal protection works to Newport Surf Life Saving Club.

To whom it may concern,

Regarding the surf club renovations, what are you going to protect - the building or the beach? You can't save both with these plans.

I have read over the amended Newport SLSC plans, and whilst I note that some of the brutalist aesthetic concerns have been tweaked to make the renovation additions more palatable, the main issue of the beach destroying 100 meter secant seawall remains the primary concern.

Hard seawalls steal beaches, increase erosion and diminish the beach's ability to repair itself by locking up the movement of sand. The construction of the proposed seawall will over time, ruin the public amenity of the beach and thus the community's enjoyment of it.

When visitors go to Newport Beach, their primary motivation is to go to enjoy the beach NOT go to the Newport SLSC building. Whilst the 90 year old building is much loved, it has regrettably been built on the foredune of the beach and alarmingly close to the tide line at a time when the science of coastal processes and climate change mitigation were little understood. We know better now, and Northern Beaches Council should know better and act accordingly.

The renovation additions still diminish the heritage character of the club building that the community wants preserved, whilst the secant seawall will cause significant erosion and create legacy issues of cost for sand nourishment for future generations. The project is an unsuccessful, selfish and expensive folly.

I understand that the Newport SLSC need to expand and upgrade its facilities, but any new design and building must retreat westward and adhere to the objects of the Coastal Management Act 2016 - that is to "protect and enhance the natural coastal processes and coastal environmental values including natural character, scenic value, biological diversity and ecosystem integrity and resilience."

Northern Beaches Council must do better in guiding the community and in this case Newport SLSC, in understanding coastal processes and management along our precious beaches. Not cave in to the club's entitled desires of having a bar with a view and storage facilities as close as possible to the shoreline for convenience.

I object to the amended plans and ask that development consent not be granted.

Yours sincerely,

Rowan Hanley