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Attachments: Objection Letter dated 2 May 2019.pdf;

ATTENTION: MR JORDAN DAVIES

Please find attached objection letter relating to the abovementioned matter.

The Original is being hand delivered to Council Chambers at Dee Why this morning.

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2 May 2019

Mr Jordan Davies Northern Beaches Council 725 Pittwater Road DEE WHY NSW 2099

BY HAND

Dear Sir.

RE: DA2019/0335 - 84 Hilma Street, Collaroy Plateau

1. INTRODUCTION

We are the owners of the following properties affected by the proposed development:

- 43 Idaline Street, Collaroy Plateau
- 45 Idaline Street, Collaroy Plateau
- 47 Idaline Street, Collaroy Plateau.

Please see attached letter by Mr Vince Squillace of Squillace Architects Interior Designers dated 1 May 2019, which forms part of this objection.

We object to the proposal, primarily on the grounds of the significant impact on views.

In order to establish the significance of the impact, the planning principles enunciated by the Land & Environment Court in *Tenacity Consulting v Warringah Council* (Tenacity) have been adopted as the basis for assessment. The assessment below enables the Council to comfortably conclude that the impacts are so significant as to warrant refusal of the application.

2. ASSESSMENT OF VIEW IMPACT: Tenacity principles

2.1 Step 1: Views affected

"The first step is the assessment of views to be affected. Water views are valued more highly than land views. Iconic views (for example of the Opera House, the Harbor Bridge or North Head) are valued more highly than views without icons. Whole views are valued more highly than partial views, for example a water view in which the interface between land and water is visible is more valuable than one in which it is obscured."

- The view affected is of water (Pacific Ocean) and Long Reef Point and Headland being important and highly valued natural landscape elements and iconic on the Northern Beaches peninsula;
- The view loss also includes the shoreline and water interface.

The diagram enclosed herewith provides an overlay (orange) of the proposal and highlights the portion which exceeds the height standard (red). Although we are confident based on the limit of baseline information of the reasonable accuracy for the purpose, in order for an accurate assessment to be undertaken by Council, height profiles should be erected and a professional independent montage prepared.

2.2 Step 2: Location of views

"The second step is to consider from what part of the property the views are obtained. For example, the protection of views across side boundaries is more difficult than the protection of views from front and rear boundaries. In addition, whether the view is enjoyed from a standing or sitting position may also be relevant. Sitting views are more difficult to protect than standing views.

The expectation to retain side views and sitting views is often unrealistic."

2.2.1 Comments

- Views affected are obtained from across the rear boundary as opposed to views across side boundaries which are conceded as difficult and often unrealistic to preserve.
- Views from a standing position are affected.

2.3 Step 3: extent of the impact

"The third step is to assess the extent of the impact. This should be done for the whole of the property, not just for the view that is affected. The impact on views from living areas is more significant than from bedrooms or service areas (though views from kitchen are highly valued because people spend so much tie in them). The impact may be assessed quantitatively, but in many cases this can be meaningless. For example, it is unhelpful to say that het view loss is 20 percent if it includes one of the sails of the consider from what part of the property the views are obtained. For example, the protection of views across side boundaries is more difficult than the protection of views from front and rear boundaries. In addition, whether the view is enjoyed from a standing or sitting position may also be relevant. Sitting views are more difficult to protect than standing views.

2.3.1 Comments

- Views lost are from primarily living areas which are located on level 1.
- Views from level 1 are the only predominant views from the site.
- Views lost from level 1 are severe.
- The nature of the views can be readily gauged from the photos above.

2.4 Step 4: Reasonableness of proposal

"The fourth step is to assess the reasonableness of the proposal that is causing the impact. A development that complies with all planning controls would be considered more reasonable than one that breaches them. Where an impact on views arises as a result of non-compliance with one or more planning controls, even a moderate impact may be considered unreasonable. With a complying proposal, the question should be asked whether a more skillful design could provide the applicant with the same development potential and amenity and reduce the impact on the views of neighbours. If the answer to that question is no, then the view impact of a complying development would probably be considered acceptable and the view sharing reasonable.

2.4.1. Comments

- A significant portion of the water view loss is caused by the non-compliance with the 8.5m LEP height limit at the front of the proposal;
- The water view loss is also affected by the breaches of the building envelope control as well as the height breach
- In addition the proposal also breaches the landscaped open space control.
- Even if the proposal did fit within the required height limits, the design would still cause a severe view loss, particularly of the iconic headland and the land/water interface.
- In our opinion a more skillful and sensitive design solution could provide reasonable accommodation whilst still allowing for reasonable retention of views.
- For example crude changes with significant reductions would include all of or a combination of the following:
 - Reduced ceiling heights;

- Redesign the roof so that the significant detrimental effect of the present "pitched design" is addressed. The present proposed upper level pitched roof form, is contributing to the view loss and height encroachment. An alternate flatter, skillion style roof (similar to what was approved and constructed on the adjoining property at No 86), would aid in attenuating this issue;
- Lowering of the ground floor level;
- Pulling the upper level of the building back to the west from the east and reducing the generous proportions of rooms; and
- Increasing the northern setback of the upper floor.

3. OTHER COMMENTS

3.1 New Building v alterations and additions

• The proposal is described as "alterations and additions". This would appear to be a convenient description aimed at aiding the justification to the variations to the height, building envelope and landscaped area controls. In assessing the proposal under the *Coorey v Hunters Hill Council* planning principle, the answers to both the qualitative and quantitative tests would in any reasonable person concluding that the proposal is for a new building.

59. Qualitative issues

- How is the appearance of the existing building to be hanged when viewed form public places?
- To what extent, if any, will existing landscaping be removed and how will that affect the setting of the building when viewed from public places?
- To what extent, if any, will the proposal impact on a heritage item, the curtilage of a heritage item or a heritage conservation area?
- What additional structures, if any, in the curtilage of the existing building will be demolished or altered if the proposal is approved?
- What is the extent, if any of any proposed change to the use of the building?
- To what extent, if any, will the proposed development result in any change to the streetscape in which the building is located?
- To what extent, if any, are the existing access arrangements for the building proposed to be altered?

- To what extent, if any, will the outlook form within the existing building be altered as a consequence of the proposed development?
- Is the proposed demolition so extensive to cause that which remains to lose the characteristics of the form of the existing structure?

60. Quantitative issues

- To what extent is the site coverage proposed to be changed?
- To what extent are any existing non-compliances with numerical controls wither increased or diminished by the proposal?
- To what extent is the building envelope proposed to be changed?
- To what extent are boundary setbacks proposed to be changed?
- To what extent will the present numerical degree of landscaping on the site be changed?
- To what extent will the existing floor space ratio be altered?
- To what extent will there be changes in the roof form?
- To what extent will there be alterations to car parking/garaging on the site and/or within the building?
- To what extent is the existing landform proposed to be changed by cut and/or fill to give effect to the proposed development?
- What relationship does the proportion of the retained building bear to the proposed new development?

The Northern and Southern elevation diagrams depict the comparison between the existing modest cottage and the finished building and confirms that it will be wholly subsumed within the new envelope. The floor plans and elevations also confirm that there will be little if any of the original fabric retained. In the circumstances, given the extensive works, it is highly inevitable that the tokenistic portion of building to be retained, will ultimately be demolished during construction as its retention will be either financially or structurally unviable.

3.2 Clause 4.6 Objection

The justification for the variation to the height standard prepared by Vaughan Milligan Development Consulting Pty Ltd is fundamentally flawed, deficient and does not address the fundamental tests and provisions of Clause 4.6 of the Warringah LEP. In particular it does not demonstrate that compliance is unnecessary and unreasonable (*Wehbe v Pittwater Council* [2007] NSWLEC827); it does not demonstrate that non-compliance would be in the public interest and that a better environmental outcome is produced.

Further the environmental planning grounds included in the written request, which are based on reliance on the steep topography and constraints of the existing garage and floor levels, is simply not the case. Moreover, the manner in which the Applicant has measured the height is incorrect (see Mr Squillace's Report herewith). The "existing ground line" should be measured from the underside of the existing garage floor level.

Council is therefore legally precluded from approving the Application.

3.3 Statement of Environmental effects

The design has been clearly driven by the Applicant's sole desires without any consideration to a proper site analysis and consideration to the potential impact on neighbours. This is clearly evidenced in the Statement of Environmental Effects which makes the following incorrect, unfounded and misleading comments:

- It is considered that the proposed design respects the desired character objectives of the DCP in that it reinforces the existing residential character of the area and is compatible with the existing uses in the vicinity.
- The development respects the streetscape character objectives of the DCP and will prove a cohesive and sympathetic addition to the site which will make a positive contribution to the area.
- It is considered that the proposed design respects the desired character objectives of the DCP in that it reinforces the existing residential character of the area and will provide a cohesive and sympathetic addition to the site and which will make a positive contribution to the area.
- It is considered that the proposal, which seeks consent for the construction of alterations and additions to an existing dwelling including new swimming pool and driveway, which have been located and designed to appropriately minimize impacts on the amenity of adjoining properties and are compatible with and will complement the character of the area.
- The proposal is considered to be well designed having regard for the relevant provisions of the SEPP, Council's LEP and DCP.

- The site is considered suitable for the proposed development.
- It is suggested that the proposal will not have a detrimental impact on the amenity of the adjoining properties or any impact on the streetscape.
- The proposal will not impact upon the environment or the character of the locality and the considered location of habitable room windows and decks will mitigate any unreasonable visual impacts on the amenity of adjoining properties and is therefore considered to be within the public interest.
- The proposal provides for the proposed construction of alterations and additions to an existing dwelling including new swimming pool and driveway, which will not have a detrimental impact on the adjoining properties or the locality.
- "D7-Views" on page 17- the comments are just wrong.

How such assertions/comments can be made in the Report, when the Author of the Report has not even been into any of our Properties to make any assessment is astounding.

4. CONCLUSION

Having regard to the above, it is clear that the Applicant has undertaken the design without any due regard to the potential impacts on adjoining properties. The assessment under the Tenacity Principles, confirms that the proposal will have a significant impact on highly valued views. Therefore, as reasonable opportunities exist to mitigate or at least substantially reduce the impacts to an acceptable degree, the proposal fails and should be refused.

This is reinforced by the fact that the impacts arise from non compliances with the height and building envelope control, and approval would necessitate upholding a Clause 4.6 objection which is as highlighted above, clearly invalid and would be unlawful.

We would appreciate being given the opportunity to address the relevant determining body and invite the Applicant to contact us to discuss an alternate new application which addresses the concerns expressed in this submission.

Yours faithfully,

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01 May 2019

Jordan Davies Northern Beaches Council Civic Centre 725 Pittwater Road Dee Why NSW 2099

RE: 84 HILMA ST, COLLAROY PLATEAU

OBJECTION TO APPLICATION No. DA2019/0335

Dear Jordan.

We are writing on behalf of our client, Luigi Pasquale Marasco of 45 Idaline Street, Collaroy Plateau, to register an objection to the Development Application lodged for a first floor addition to the property at 84 Hilma St, Collaroy Plateau (Application No. DA2019/0335)

As per the Statement of Environmental Effects accompanying the submission, the proposal is seeking a clause 4.6 variation to breach the 8.5m height plane at the eastern ridge by 402mm via a proposed first floor addition (please see submitted elevations, drawings $181201-N2 \ \theta \ 181201-N3$).

We strongly object to this height encroachment but more importantly we advise that the existing height plane has been incorrectly documented in the applicant's submission. The 8.5m height plane appears to be generated from the extrapolated natural ground line at the boundary prior to any development of the site, not the existing ground plane. The Warringah Local Environmental Plan 2011 defines the existing ground level as "the existing level of a site at any point" and as established by case law is taken from the underside of the slab of the lowest floor level of an existing building when measuring building height. The submission completely ignores the exiting lower ground level when defining the 8.5m height plane, significantly diminishing the impact of the breach.

In actuality, the height plane breach occurs along the first floor ridge for more than half of the top storey envelope, representing an encroachment of almost 700mm over approximately 12 metres of ridgeline – please see a mark-up of the submitted elevations at appendix A for further clarification.

We object to the submission on the basis of the proposed height breach which, when correctly defined as noted above, is incongruent with the development standard objectives and not justifiable under a clause 4.6 variation given the severity of the breach.

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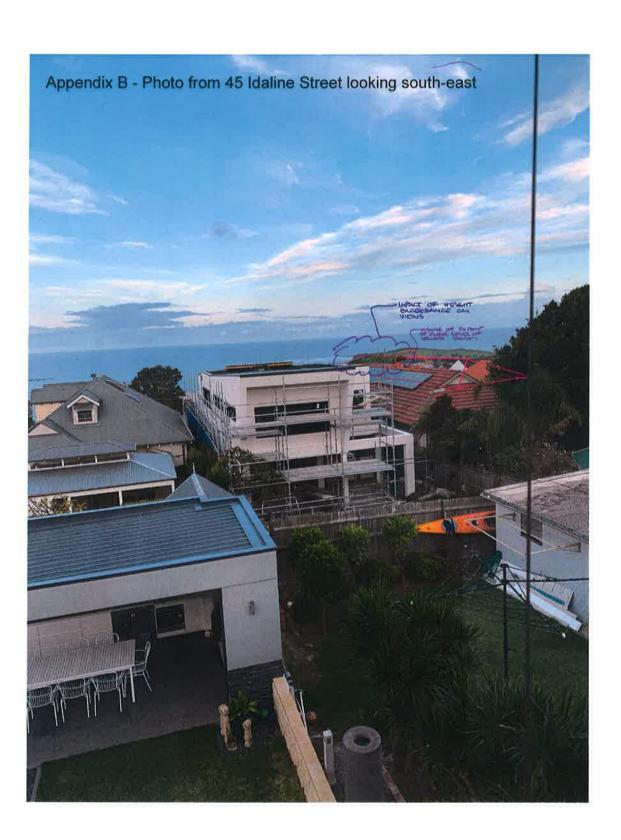
Furthermore the proposed first floor addition will have a significant and detrimental impact to our client's property, primarily, but not limited to, the impact on their views to the Long Reef Golf Course and Headland. Please see attached photograph with a mark-up of the view impact at Appendix B.

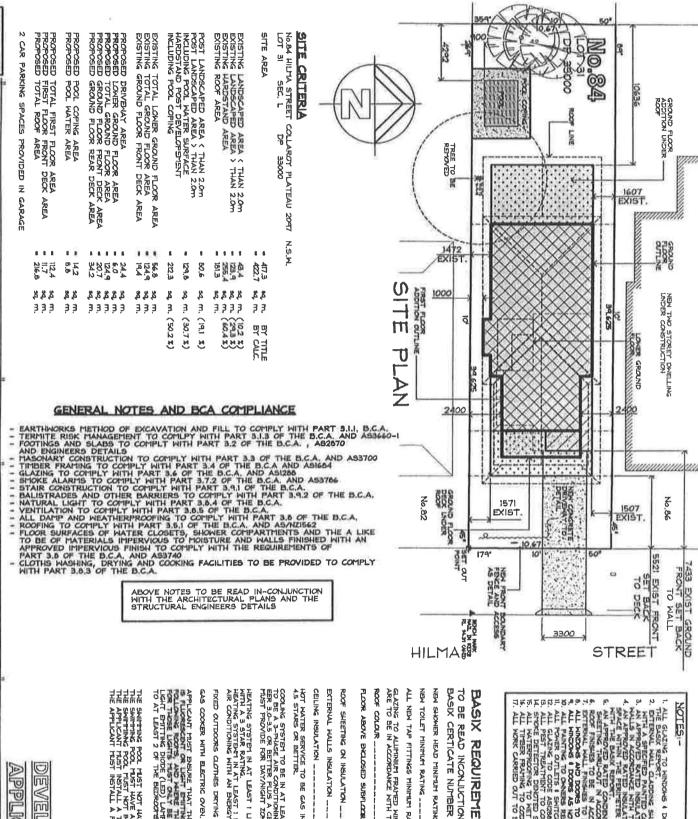
The approval of the submission will result in the unacceptable view loss of iconic headland views of Long Reef to the south-east across the rear boundary of our client's property, in conflict with the view sharing principles established in Tenacity Consulting vs. Warringah Council determination.

We would also flag that the proposal presents further items for objection, such as dissonant street character, excessive bulk, privacy and overshadowing impacts however given the voracity of the height breach and view impact we have solely focused our comments on height and views for clarity.

Yours sincerely.

Vince Squillace Director





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