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**RE: DA2019/0085 - 57 Robertson Road SCOTLAND ISLAND NSW 2105**

Good morning Adam,

I have emailed the below comments along with supportig pictures to Councils mailbox. For sake of good order the comments are copied below for your consideration:

We are opposed to DA 2019/0085 - construction of a chicken coop of the foreshore of 55 Robertson Rd Scotland Island.

Chicken coops have never been permitted on the foreshore due to the impact of such structures on the character and environment. The proposed construction under this DA is within 5 meters of our house, which obviously does not meet the planning requirements. Furthermore, the proposed location is also directly adjacent to the most used and valuable areas of our waterfront property and primary entrance.

Specifically, the proposed location is adjacent to our primary waterfront balcony's and primary entrance. Therefore, if the construction was approved, we would not be able to sit on our balcony's or enter our property from the foreshore without being exposed to the smell, noise, pollution and visual impact of the structure and its occupants. The development application is quite absurd and is nothing more than an attempt to taunt surrounding neighbours and waste councils time; it is now a typical course of action by the owner and his apparent planning 'expert'.

Whilst a number of surrounding properties do have chicken coops on the Robertson Rd side of their properties (i.e. not the foreshore), these cause limited issues and are tolerated in the spirit of community living. Should the owner and his planning 'expert' be unable to come up with a suitable location for a chicken coop which is not on the foreshore then this is something they should have considered prior to purchasing the property.

Finally, and to ensure this application is considered in context, the owner of 55 Robertson Rd has already completed unauthorised construction of a chicken coop on the foreshore which he has been instructed to remove under an EPA order by council. The removal is being managed by Mr Share Blix, Council Compliance Officer. Pictures of the structure are attached and illustrate the complete disregard for planning considerations, animal welfare and community impacts. The structure comprises discarded pieces of construction material including, corrugated iron, wire, pvc piping, metal sheets and cladding. The structure is partially overgrown with weeds which is damaging the native flora and fauna whilst allowing animal by-products to run directly in to the waterway; it is an eyesore and environmental disgrace. The owner currently discards food scraps in to the structure, which coupled with the animal faeces, has created a substantial stench impacting all of the foreshore residents. Furthermore, should

the location be hit by strong winds as it is prone too, the structure creates a significant hazard with loose materials becoming potential 'missiles' which could quite easily injure members of the community and damage surrounding property.

Residents have been lobbying council for its removal since it construction more than 12 months ago and would expect council to ensure the structure is removed without further delay.

Regards,

Steve