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RE: DA2021/1164 - 521 Barrenjoey Road BILGOLA BEACH NSW 2107

I wholeheartedly object to this development and am saddened to see the total lack of consideration shown for community amenity and values in the application. The design brings a hilltop fortress to mind. Designed for residents who wish to hide behind high walls and entrance tunnels and who show little interest in joining the community beyond its gates. This is sad for both sides.

The excavations and structures are a massive overdevelopment on a regionally sensitive site.

The Bends are the iconic entry to Avalon, Whale Beach and Palm Beach. They provide a physical and environmental barrier between a more suburban development character to the south and Avalon's relaxed coastal village with houses amongst the trees. Travelling through the Bends is an important emotional pause for many residents living to the north. The remnant bushland is symbolic of the transition to a part of the peninsular that is unique due to the fact that it's residents have chosen to coexist with nature, preserving what we can of the area's natural beauty and environmental values. To scar this headland with a massive development is not just an environmental and aesthetical travesty, it will also scar the psyche of the community to the north.

I object to the removal of remnant bushland and significant trees which should be retained to protect the environmental values of the site and it's aesthetical and cultural value to residents and visitors.

I object to the scale of the development. It is inconsistent with community values and a poor fit for the desired character of the area. I am concerned that it contravenes the LEP limits on building height and the ratios of landscaping to built form and it does not respect setbacks.

The traffic management report is like a media release on the vaccine roll out from the Federal Government. Short on any detail, full of platitudes and clearly not related to any reality that we know.

85 trucks quoted as being required to carry out an excavation and build of this scale is laughable and seriously underestimated. The implications of this little white lie for the community north of the development is not funny at all. There have been many minor breakdowns and accidents for us to know that even a small car stopped on the Bends can lead to traffic backed up beyond Newport for hours at a time as the road is not wide enough for cars to pass a vehicle on the verge. Waiting trucks or utes will cause major disruption. If indeed trucks are able to turn in site, the traffic will need to be stopped in both directions for trucks entering, turning and leaving. This will cause a backlog across Kamikazee Corner and into Avalon as well as to the south, which will continue every day that the site is operational - at

least 64 weeks if by some miracle the developer is able to keep to the very optimistic schedule.

The disruption caused on the ONLY major road into Avalon and beyond is unacceptable. I note that the builder intends to inform all affected residents when major works are being undertaken that will cause inconvenience. I hope they have every address north of the Bends on their notification maildrop. The works and associated traffic disruption are a health hazard as there will be many times when emergency vehicles are stopped for extended periods from entering or leaving the area.

This development should be refused and Council should consider how this and other vacant blocks on this headland can be returned to community ownership so they can be retained just as they are.