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**Subject:** Land and Environment Court Proceedings No. 2023/109048 (DA2021/2173) – Written Submission Supporting Approval of Application for alterations and additions and coastal protection works to Newport Surf Life Saving Club

I support the latest layout amendments of the Newport SLSC's Club Renovations DA and support the Newport Surf Life Saving Club's proposed Clubhouse renovations for the following reasons:

- The changes to the Gear Shed access will provide additional protection to the original clubhouse in the event of a major storm and will still allow reasonable access for the club and pedestrians at the northern end of the building.
- The Newport SLSC is a vital emergency and community service for the area and, as such, need to be working from a building that is fit for purpose and which also maintains the essential heritage links (i.e. building) for any local community.
- Coastal engineer protection measures are required to protect the existing building and must be carried out as soon as possible to protect this heritage asset.
- The club house, as the centre of emergency service operations, must be maintained in the current location. Any relocation will cause major issues for emergency service provision, potentially resulting in loss of life.
- Public amenities must remain at the beachside location for safety of the public moving from beach to building.
- The plans ensure the clubhouse complies with current accessibility requirements and make for an equitable beach/building experience for all members of the community.
- The plans enable several activities/groups to be catered for at the same time, thus increasing the community use of the building.

Newport Surf Life Saving Club is not simply about patrolling the beach, it is a major community service provider and a massive 'family' on the northern beaches.

The club, its members and the public, deserve facilities that will enable that family to provide its core service of life saving, and all other activities, in the safest, most efficient and modern way possible.

With that in mind, I urge the Court to now approve the Club's DA proposal as a matter of priority.

Thank you,  
Catherine Perkins

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