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RE: REV2022/0024 - 394 Barrenjoey Road NEWPORT NSW 2106

I support the DA for the Newport SLSC as proposed to the SNPP.

I am an interested local resident and active member of the club. I believe the DA should be passed as it is the only sensible outcome to achieve the requirements of the club for the following reasons: NBC supports the club and DA, but cannot maintain this critical community asset in a fit state. The building is in poor repair with blocked drains, electrical faults, roof leaks, mismatching levels, corroded fittings, concrete spalling, render spalling, rising damp, rotting timber windows, poor functionality in design, lack of storage space including requiring shipping containers, lack of Disability Access including a lift which rarely works. The clubhouse has grown substantially over its history but hasn't been well designed in layout. A refurbishment would allow for a new layout and rationalisation to accommodate all the functions required by the club, as has been allowed in precedence for many Northern Beaches Surf Clubs in the past 10yrs;

The 1974 storms showed that the front of the clubhouse requires protection and the DA addresses this with works that do not show above normal sand levels. To call the works an Ugly Seawall is incorrect. The wall is not a straight vertical wall wave reflector as seen at other beaches. The coastal engineering protection measures should be undertaken as a priority to protect the heritage clubhouse asset and for public safety;

Relocation of the clubhouse is not practical as the wide uses of the park would be greatly limited, and further parking spaces would be lost, which are critical to the public and Surf Club use. Relocation would impede the ability of the club to provide its emergency services with surveillance, and response with emergency rescue craft, thus endangering the public further;

The DA design greatly enhances the amenity of the club to its provision and compliance for Disability members and guests, WHS issues would be resolved. Public Safety is enhanced through its functions as providing Emergency Services and Response as recognised by the government. Community Functions are better serviced with improved facilities and the clubs ability to continue to serve the local community is ensured and enhanced. All users would enjoy more equitable and better facilities with the redesign, particularly of the Female areas both public and members, training rooms, storage areas, First Aid Room, Patrol and Lifeguard Facilities and Competition Facilities.

Please ensure this vibrant club can continue to prosper.