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Northern Beaches Council

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Re: **DA2021/1612**

**1 Clarke Street Narrabeen & 1192 Pittwater Road Narrabeen & 1194 Pittwater Road Narrabeen & 1196 Pittwater Road Narrabeen & 1204 Pittwater Road Narrabeen
Construction of coastal protection works**

This submission is on behalf of all 230 members of North Narrabeen Boardriders Club

North Narrabeen Boardriders was established in 1964. NNBC has 230 current members ranging in age from 6 to 83. Our members surf at the North Narrabeen surf break 365 days a year surf conditions permitting.

North Narrabeen Boardriders Club is the most successful competitive boardriding club in Australia in both teams events and on an individual basis. Multiple club members hold State, Australian and World Surfing Titles.

The North Narrabeen surf break is world renowned as one of the best breaks in the world on its day, as such it has been recognised as a National Surfing reserve, one of 21 such reserves around Australia. The break has already been impacted in a negative way by the construction of the new vertical seawall. During previous large swells boulders were washed north into the surf break resulting to injuries to surfers. To date these have not been removed.

North Narrabeen Boardriders is strongly opposed to building additional vertical seawalls on the Narrabeen to Collaroy stretch of beach to increase the backyard size and protect a handful of properties. The massive size of the seawalls is unsightly and dangerous during large swells. During the last large swells waves were refracting off the seawall resulting in both the beach and surfbreak in front of the wall unusable and dangerous. This resulted in erosion on either side of the wall to be far worse than normal. The vertical seawall is making the erosion worse on other parts of the beach. Sand flow has changed along the beach which is attributable to the seawall.

The existing seawall is impacting the North Narrabeen Surf break, additional walls will magnify the problem.

North Narrabeen Boardriders requests no further vertical seawalls are constructed or extended on the North Narrabeen to Collaroy stretch of beach. Any future protection works should only be of a sloping revetment style, located on private property at property owners expense.

Kind regards,

Damien Hardman
President

