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**RE: DA2021/1522 - 189 Riverview Road AVALON BEACH NSW 2107**

As long-standing Avalon residents, we object to this DA on the following grounds:

- The tree loss resulting from this DA is unacceptable. This land is part of the Pittwater Wagstaffe EEC and has a forest of inter-connected spotted gums & other canopy natives contained within its boundaries and neighbouring land. Being on such a steep block, these trees are holding the soil together and are a canopy corridor & habitat for wildlife. These trees are endangered - as the EEC listing states, and to submit a DA in this E4 zone that removes almost every tree from the block, in addition to negatively impacting trees on neighbouring blocks, is obscene and disrespectful of the land. It removes the very thing that the community values about this area and street - the tree canopy. The owner of the block should - and does - know better! The hypocrisy is unbelievable!
- Bulk, height and scale are excessive. The overall size of the build is extreme, and greatly exceeds the allowed 40% of the block. Far greater curtilage is required. The setbacks are not sufficient. E4 zoning states that the residence should be 'low impact' It contravenes every objective of the E4 zoning controls. No one needs a house this big, particularly in this environmentally important and sensitive area. It is greed and entitlement that is pushing through over-development of sites in the Pittwater area, and is a worrying trend that must not be supported by NBC. Council must insist on absolute compliance with the zoning controls.
- This DA is not in the public interest. It will only benefit the developer/owner. The amenity of the neighbours and the public, who travel along this scenic road or look at it from Pittwater, will be negatively impacted.
- This DA is non compliant across multiple controls and must be rejected by Council.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.