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I would like to comment on the latest **Application DA2021/2173 for alterations and additions and coastal protection works to Newport Surf Life Saving 394 Barrenjoey Road, Newport.**

**Application Number: REV2022/0024**

I strongly object to the amended plans & upgrades. The latest plans are not improvements of the last plans which were submitted. The plans still show tacked on additions at the back of the surf club, which are out of character to the present Newport Surf Life Saving Club. The diagrams of this proposal show that there is a tacked-on storage space at the back which does NOT enhance the original Club in any way what so ever! The proposed alterations are not only out of character of the existing Club House Building, it is an eyesore! The present building does have heritage significance, which these plans obviously do NOT take into consideration. This Newport surf club building was opened in 1933 and therefore this special building demonstrates a building of that era. The additions are totally out of character with this surf club.

I also object to the Engineering Referral Report and the officer comment "The Applicant seeks approval for alterations and additions to Newport Surf Life Saving Club, including: partial demolition of the existing Newport SLSC building and part of the existing carpark; construction of a new two-storey northern wing including new storage facilities on the ground floor which extend into the existing beach carpark area." Any suggestion of demolition of the present/existing Newport SLSC building will definitely lead to destruction of the character of the present building which was built in the 1930s.

Furthermore, I disagree with the proposal of having a seawall, in that there is no evidence that a sea wall will prevent damage to either the beach or the existing Newport Club House. There needs to be more observation and research into the effects of a sea wall and whether it would actually prevent erosion or for that matter have an effect on the rising sea levels? The beach and sand needs to be preserved and I do not think that a sea wall can prevent erosion or loss of sand from the beach! I think that this present DA should NOT be approved, as it does not either compliment or enhance the present building.

Rosalyn Gooding

Below is my previous submission. Please also take this submission into consideration as I consider it being relevant to this present DA.

RE: DA2021/2173 -394

Barrenjoey Road NEWPORT NSW 2106 Firstly, I would like to point out that the alterations are very much different & not in keeping with the original built surf club. Surely the proposed extension could/should have some considerations & respect to the original style of the way this Newport Surf Club was built in the early 1900s. I read one submission that stated that in the ladies toilets & change room, there will be no natural light & only one entrance as opposed to the present construction which has plenty of natural light & very convenient two door/way entry from the beach & also from the opposite side (which has worked well with the public & regular beach goers).

It appears that this compromise is a step backwards as far as planning is concerned! I am wondering what other compromises there are concerning the layout & design which the public will have to go along with to make way for the surf club's storage plans. After viewing the plans, & looking at the photos from all angles, I can honestly say, I am somewhat astonished that such extensions are being contemplated, let alone that it is being considered as a viable alternative to the present, current storage arrangement.

This building was built in 1933, & people are wondering how come it is not Heritage Listed. The Surf Club needs to be preserved as is & not altered. These plans of the Surf Club would be a drastic alteration, so much so, as one can only spot a few small recognisable parts of its former present glory!! (In these diagram plan concepts). The only thing worse than making these radically, extreme alterations is demolishing it! Indeed, there has been past respect for this Surf Club, if one looks at what happened in the recent past, when there was a Heritage Open day in 2018. Below is what happened in 2018. Open Day - Heritage Listed Surf Club Houses • Saturday, 5 May 2018 • 10:00 am - 2:00 pm Take a guided tour of three heritage listed surf club houses and see historical displays as part of the Australian Heritage Festival. There is also a photo which was part of the "Australian Heritage Festival" of the Newport Surf Club as seen below. 2021/867442 With the caption "Newport SLSC will be hosting an open bar and refreshments. All ages welcome - Free Entry".

The side view photo in the draft concept plans is quite unrecognisable from the present building. It may be modern, however the character of a building & the characteristics of a building built & designed in that era needs to be preserved,, not altered to this extent. Surely, there is a better solution for storage, rather than extending the building.

There needs to be far more consideration of the present Surf Club Building, that is the way it was built & when it was built. Surely, people can come up with creative solutions, rather than this poorly, unsatisfactorily, design concept plan. It is rather disappointing that the needs of the Surf Club, has resulted in designing & planning which would destroy the look of this iconic 1933 Surf Club.

The back view of the Surf Club looks like is really jutting out, which would not enhance the present Surf Club in any way, what so ever. This design should be scrapped & a far more creative solution for storage etc. needs to be found.

This futuristic design is not in any way appealing! In fact, it would probably could deter visitors coming to the beach!!! This design should be scrapped & a far more creative solution for storage etc. needs to be found.

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