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RE: DA2022/0469 - 1102 Barrenjoey Road PALM BEACH NSW 2108

I want to add my voice to the many others that are against this DA proceeding in its current form.

Apart from numerous DCP and LEP breaches concerning height and scale, this DA must be refused in its current form due to its failure to harmonise with character of the built and natural environment in this historic precinct of Palm Beach. Governor Arthur Phillip came to Pittwater (and named it) in 1788 and recorded history has this area as the original hub of Palm Beach. In the 1860s a fish preserving business operated in Snapperman Beach (which gave it its name) opposite the proposed building and the first wharves were in the vicinity of the Public Wharf off Pittwater Park. Also, anchored in Pittwater, off from nearby Lucinda Park, senior statemen aboard the 'Lucinda' met to draft Australia's constitution.

Clearly, as it stands, the proposed building dominates and overwhelms Barrenjoey House which celebrates its centenary next year and is still recognisable today from historic photographs of the era.

Please, for the sake of Palm Beach's future, and the retention of its heritage, this building should only be allowed to proceed if it is considerably scaled back and uses a palette of materials more in keeping with the historic nature of this treasured precinct.