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Dear Council,

As a resident of Palm Beach I would like to object to this development to maintain the heritage of the building and for the protection of the environment.

The developers say the building cannot be renovated so it must be demolished.

There are a lot of options between these two extremes.

I believe it is the councils responsibility to insist that the developers explore these options.

The objective being to retain the unique character of the original building externally without encroaching

any further than necessary onto the beach and foreshore.

This boathouse and wharf represents one of the few surviving examples of our past architecture on the peninsular and its loss would take away one of the truly uniquely Australian experiences of the Barrenjoey Headland tourist precinct.

This location is currently accessible to all members of the public as are most of our beaches.

This development will reduce access to the foreshore, and by its nature, service a more privileged section of the community.

The additional traffic, both road and pedestrian, which will be generated by the scope of this development will put pressure on the fragile environment along the foreshore.

It concerns me that very few people have been made aware of this development

However, those who I have spoken to agree with my sentiments, so I think there will be a groundswell of resentment when the plans become well known.

Don't get me wrong, it is great to enjoy the relaxed charm of an old boathouse over a glass of wine overlooking Pittwater.

The secret to the Boathouse success has been its authenticity and the appropriateness of its presence.

It is the council's responsibility to ensure this is maintained.

Regards,

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