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RE: DA2025/0266 - 116 Nareen Parade NORTH NARRABEEN NSW 2101

Dear Assessment Team,

I am writing to formally object to the proposed demolition of the Narrabeen RSL. While I acknowledge the need for responsible development, I have significant concerns regarding the environmental and community impacts of this demolition.

1. Removal of Trees & Environmental Impact

The proposed demolition will result in the removal of established trees that provide essential habitat for local wildlife and contribute to the area's biodiversity. These trees also play a critical role in reducing heat, managing stormwater runoff, and enhancing the overall character of Narrabeen. Their loss will have long-term environmental consequences that must be carefully considered.

2. Waterway Contamination Risks

Narrabeen RSL is situated near sensitive waterways, including Narrabeen Lagoon. Without stringent environmental protections in place, demolition activities could result in runoff carrying sediment, chemicals, and debris into these waterways. This poses a risk to water quality, marine life, and the broader ecosystem. Detailed mitigation plans should be required to ensure that local water systems are not compromised.

3. Asbestos Removal & Public Health Concerns

Given the age of the building, there is a high likelihood of asbestos and other hazardous materials being present. A comprehensive asbestos removal and disposal plan must be in place to ensure the safety of workers, residents, and the surrounding environment. Improper handling could lead to airborne contamination, putting public health at risk. The DA must outline strict compliance with Work Health & Safety (WHS) and environmental regulations.

4. Risk of Landslip & Structural Stability

The demolition process could destabilize the land, particularly if excavation is required. Given the location's natural topography and soil composition, there is a potential risk of landslip or erosion, which could impact nearby properties and infrastructure. A thorough geotechnical assessment should be conducted before any approval is granted.

5. Traffic Management & Safety Issues

Demolition work will require significant truck movements for debris removal, potentially disrupting local traffic and pedestrian safety. Increased heavy vehicle activity on surrounding streets may cause congestion, noise pollution, and road safety hazards. A well-defined traffic management plan should be in place to minimize disruption to residents, businesses, and visitors.

Conclusion

For these reasons, I urge the Council to reject the current DA for demolition or require additional environmental and safety assessments to address these concerns comprehensively. The Narrabeen RSL has long been an important part of our community, and any changes to its future must be approached with careful planning and transparency.

Thank you for considering my submission. I look forward to your response.

Regards,
Talei Lewis