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Dear Northern Beaches Council,

I wish to add my voice to the objections already raised against the proposed development of a four-level private dwelling at 2A Allen Avenue, Bilgola Beach.

By way of connection, I am the owner of 47 Argyle Street, Bilgola Plateau, where I have resided with my family since 2008. I swim at Bilgola Beach most mornings, grab a coffee at Billy's, then walk with my dog along Bilgola Avenue, Allen Avenue, and up the public stairway to The Serpentine. I am familiar with the subject property, and its immediate neighbours, as well as the neighbouring properties on The Serpentine.

There are many things that could be said against the proposed development, however, because many objectors before me have done an excellent job detailing its long and egregious list of transgressions, I won't repeat most of them here. Particularly relevant are the objections raised by the Osborns who will find themselves with what amounts to an in-your-face, 3-storey block of units, complete with 24-hour rooftop water park, bbq area and stadium lighting, positioned on their doorstep, depriving them of the pleasure of their wide and long-range view of the beach and surrounding streetscape, Similarly, Margaret Morgan at 2 Allen Avenue, whose entire northern boundary is currently an open, verdant sun trap, faces losing much of it to a protracted Ground Zero excavation, followed by the construction of an aptly described 'Berlin Wall', with the only green offset to be a shadowing and messy row of Kentia palms, after 30+ years of community living in Allen Avenue.

In their supporting 'Statement of Environmental Effects' report Boston Blyth Fleming describe the application as '...a new contemporary dwelling house which will meet the reasonable floor space needs of a contemporary family whilst respecting the historical value of the place through the retention of the existing tennis court.' Given the extreme bulk and scale of the house, relative to its environment, and the compromised provenance of the tennis court around which the entire development is staged, I urge council to see it as an audacious folly that has no place in Bilgola Beach and to reject it on any one of the available grounds.

Yours sincerely,
Julie Gillmeister

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