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To whom it may concern

As a resident of the Northern Beaches for more than 25 years, as a beach user, as an Australian and as a human being concerned about the custodianship of our planet, I lodge my profound objection to both the existing Collaroy seawall and the proposed extension thereof. This approach is a breathtakingly disastrous outcome to the problem confronted by affected residents, the local community and government authorities.

The area of concern is a stretch of coastline exposed to the full energy potential of the South Pacific Ocean. In the first place, the foredune should never have been sold to private citizens and zoned for residential accommodation. Secondly, the residential zoning should have severely constrained what could be built and where. In this regard, it is worth noting that not only substantial freestanding homes have been permitted, but also large unit blocks, the latter constituting both an eyesore in themselves and a significant environmental hazard. Lastly, we are forced to deal with the threat to both private and public property posed by natural coastal dynamics, dynamics which are likely to intensify in the coming decades due to climate change.

With all this in mind, the response to the problem caused by the original myopia is to confound the issue with further breathtaking myopia, ignorance and foolishness. The construction of the present sea wall stands as a laughably arrogant testament to human stupidity. It fails on every count: environmental science, community amenity, coastal aesthetics and lawful and administrative process. It reflects the triumph of the influence of the wealthy few over sound principles of coastal environmental engineering and management and the interests of the public, both present and future.

This seawall is a blight on the landscape—there is nothing to recommend this abomination or any proposed extension thereof. I had come to expect more of our Australian society at every level: local residents, the affected community, Northern Beaches Council and the relevant NSW Government department(s). But this whole debacle evidences how decision-making at all levels of our institutional structures has sunk to a new and disgraceful nadir.

Kind regards,

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