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As a long-time resident of Newport, and a life long resident of the Northern Beaches, I strongly oppose the application for the following reasons:

1. The design of the building is totally out of character with the ambience of Newport. It is not in keeping with the beachside location of Newport and would not contribute to its coastal village environment. The design contains none of the local Australian architectural vernacular which would tie it to the streetscape. The awnings are also too shallow /do not extend out far enough to provide shelter from the elements. It is a soulless and an unattractive building.
2. The garage entrance on Robertson Rd would disrupt and forever destroy the continuity of the shop frontage and the ambience of the street.
3. The development of this property in isolation is in direct contradiction of the recommendations made in the Newport Masterplan which clearly states that properties should be consolidated to share underground parking, and which has already been a requirement for recent developments in Newport. Masterplan Item 3.4.1 (Land Uses) (viii) Encourage consolidation of lots to provide for efficient underground parking
4. Furthermore, this development in isolation will forever destroy the opportunity to develop the 4 Robertson Rd properties together, with potentially one underground carpark and uninterrupted shop frontage on Barrenjoey Road, Robertson Road and Foamcrest Ave.
5. The disruption to the centre of the Newport village area from construction would be considerable in time and the effect on surrounding businesses.

In conclusion, the most important reason for opposing this development is that Newport needs a village heart, and Robertson Road is the only street off Barrenjoey Road which will fulfil this need. It should be sensitively and creatively developed with the considerable inclusion and cooperation of residents, developers and local and state governments. Allowing this development will have dire and long lasting effects on the financial and social future of Newport and its community, and will be an indictment on all concerned.

Yours faithfully
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