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**RE: DA2021/1612 - 1 Clarke Street NARRABEEN NSW 2101**

Dear madam/sir,

I am vehemently opposed to the construction of the Collaroy/Narabeen seawall. As a former- and soon to be returning - resident of the Northern Beaches, I have always been struck by the natural beauty of the area and the foolishness of construction on the fore-dunes of the beaches.

A seawall will affect the natural workings of the beach sand and dunes and in effect ruin the beach. Any interventions to replenish the sand manually will be expensive, unnatural and at cost to the environment (use of machinery, fossil fuels, noise etc). High school geography kind of stuff... which leads me to my next point.

Any construction on a fore-dune is inherently risky. That is something that the home owners were either of or should have been aware of prior to their purchase of their properties. If not - it's a case of 'buyer beware'. Whilst I'm empathetic to their loss of property and the trauma they may suffer as a result, I feel that their poor choice of property location should not be something that the greater community should be in effect punished for, either as financial compensation ( as in the costs of construction), or the inevitable negative effect on the beach environment that their homes have already created, and that a seawall will unquestioningly exacerbate.

May I offer an alternative? A government buy-back scheme that will gradually demolish the homes and restore a natural ecosystem that the rest of the local residents and visitors to the area can and enjoy. Something of a blessing in these times of congestion where locals and visitors look for respite in the natural environment.

With kind regards,  
Richard Cabala