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Subject: DA 2021/1612 1 Clarke st Narrabeen

Dear Northern Beaches Council,

My letter is regarding DA2021/1612 1 Clarke st Narrabeen and the lack of sound judgement shown in hoping that a stone seawall structure can hold back the sea like Moses.

Whilst Council has a responsibility to protect assets, you also must apply reason regarding this project. Climate change is driving higher tides. Around the globe the seas are rising and someone is holding their breath wishing that this particular seawall will hold for how long? Climate change begets rising seas. It is folly and arrogance on the part of the Council and the affected homeowners to dream that this structure is the solution.

When you build on the water you are directly in the eye of nature; there are no guarantees other than you get to witness raw nature when it turns and watch the waves keep rolling in.

Council should do it's due diligence and plan for the future rather than apply bandaid structures for amenities and conditions that were compatible 50 years ago. Would the council allow a building to be built there now? No.

So why are the council allowing this construction there now?

The seawall structure is dangerous and should someone get injured (or worse) as a result of this project then the repercussions for council are dire.

Please understand that I am not opposed to people living / building on the beach at their own risk, however I am mindful of the power of the ocean and the effects of climate change on coastlines. Northern Beaches council has adopted a climate change policy yet it is ignoring its own objectives.

After having witnessed first hand the damage of rising seas on both the East and West coasts of the US, it is unconscionable to watch council disregard the science and discount the NSW Coastal Management Act

<https://legislation.nsw.gov.au/view/whole/html/inforce/current/act-2016-020>

Thank you.

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