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To the Planning Panel and our local member:

Please, please refuse this DA. If passed, it will forever destroy Newport.

I am so, so angry that this DA has even got to this stage which indicates a total breakdown of the processes that successive councils and the State Gov't have put in place to allow residents a reasonable say in the decisions that have major effects on their local environments.

The former Pittwater Council and the current Northern Beaches Council have processes in place to allow community consultation on all DAs. Those processes are fair but they are pointless if the results of that consultation are ignored. Approval of this DA will have that effect. It will make a complete mockery of all the work, all the effort that councils and gov't have put into community consultation. It will send a clear message to all residents of the Northern Beaches that it is pointless to believe any of the efforts of our 2nd and 3rd levels of Gov't to consult. It will tell everyone that these efforts are a sham. Approval of this DA will undo so much of the work done by Council management and staff over so many years to engage with local communities to ensure planning decisions reflect their wishes about protecting their local areas.

If you approve this DA, you will drive a huge wedge between Council and the community.

The section of Robertson Rd between Barrenjoey Rd and Foamcrest Ave is the only feasible site in Newport for a real community hub, a place to come together for special events such as the annual Newport Festival, Christmas celebrations and other community events. On these occasions, that section of road needs to be closed to all traffic. This has been the practice for many years. This ongoing use of this part of Robertson Rd is 100% consistent with the Northern Beaches Community Strategic Plan 2018-2028. This DA is 100% INCONSISTENT with that plan. Approval of this DA will make all the work that went into that plan ineffective. It will be a huge insult to everyone who contributed so much work, effort and passion towards the formulation of that plan.

Any DA that allows an entrance/exit to/from a parking area servicing home units will quite clearly kill Robertson Rd as a community hub. For this reason alone, this DA MUST be refused.

I note that our NSW Planning Minister, our local member, is very keen on promoting the liveability of our suburbs. This DA, if passed, will have a hugely deleterious effect on the liveability of Newport. So Minister, what are you doing to ensure this DA is refused?

Regards...

Rob Charlton