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

I have been a user of Collaroy/Narrabeen beach since the 1960s and am greatly concerned about the detrimental effects this proposed seawall will have on the public beach. Though no doubt providing some protection to these oceanfront properties possible damage to the environment and loss of public amenity are unacceptable.

* Vertical seawalls such as this simply reflect wave energy. History has shown that this is far more damaging to beach because of increased scouring of sand during storm events. Rock revetment walls on the other hand cause much of the wave energy to be dissipated resulting in less damage to the beach. Are the land owners liable for the costs of the probably required sand nourishment?

* Documents accompanying the DA appear to be incomplete in that they fail to specify what type of wall proposed for the area in front of South Narrabeen SLSC. This and associated DAs should be paused until the full plan is publically disclosed.

* A review of the Statement of Environmental Effects notes that "vegetation is unlikely to establish seaward of the proposed seawall over significant lengths of the subject properties" and helpfully provides some artists impressions showing a bland beige wall which only a grafiti artist would find attractive.