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As a lifelong northern beaches community member and rate payer, I would like to express my mine ,my families and many friends utter disappointment at the execution of the Collaroy seawall construction.

An absolute gross misinterpretation of the communities wants for this area and a complete ignorance of the science of seawalls.

In primary school we are all taught about long shore drift and erosion. A little googling will explain the basic science that vertical walls do not diminish the energy of the sea - it is refracted and sent back. THAT'S BASIC SCHOOL LEVEL GEOGRAHPY AND SCIENCE.

How did council engineers get it so wrong?

Northern beaches council have given this stretch of beach a death sentence in terms of public use ..... but houses were saved. Never mind the natural beauty that's been destroyed or the world class surf breaks of the Narrabeen beach stretch that now will dwindle to nothing over the next few years.

Ridiculous that our council cannot be trusted to implement changes that serve the wider community, rather than a few houses.

My children now have a learned experience from all the community chatter on the subject and their dislike of council is sad for the future.

All in all, the seawall represents a very narrow minded view of councils stance on sustainability - which is pushed on us all the time.

On top of this , how about cleaning up the mess as a starter?

Pull the seawall down, pull the houses down and make Narrabeen to Collaroy stretch a place of beauty for all- not just the rich few who chipped in for a big ,ugly ,useless and primarily environmentally damaging badly designed seawall.

I know where all my friends and families votes will be cast next election.

Regards

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