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

Ref: DA2021/1612

Objection to the development in its current form (and in general)

In addition to objecting to a seawall at Collaroy/ Narrabeen beach, I also specifically object to its current design.

Council is in possession of various reports and studies over the years that have shown that vertical seawalls are significantly more damaging to the beach and the ecological environment than revetments.

If coastal protection work is granted, then the design needs to minimize the visual impact (vertical seawalls are too massive and brutish and destroy the aesthetic quality of the beach environment), the ecological impact, and the negative impact on the beach amenity. If the DA is allowed to progress, any impact on the beach needs to be minimized.

All construction needs to be within the property boundaries to minimize the impact on the beach. The coastal protection work should be a revetment and should not exceed a height that ensures at the majority of times (> 95%) the revetment will be covered by and hidden under the sand and dune environment.

The current design is unacceptable.

And there is no valid reason to claim that the removal of illegally placed boulders in return for a vertical concrete wall will be a net benefit to the community. These boulders and current illegal protection works do not exist in a legal sense because there is no development consent. The council is legally required to ensure that those are removed. They do not exist and therefore cannot be traded.