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Dear Mayor Regan, Pittwater Ward Councillors and CEO,

I strongly oppose the application for the following reasons:

1. Robertson Road properties (four or five in total) should be amalgamated and developed as one, as proposed and clearly documented in the Newport Masterplan.
2. If this individual development proceeds as presently proposed, then the access will be directly onto Robertson Road – destroying a once in a lifetime opportunity to see Robertson Road developed into the plaza type “Heart of Newport”.
3. Newport Masterplan which clearly states that properties should be consolidated to share underground parking – this development does not.

Over the past year locals had been encouraged by Councils moves to close Robertson Road for community events – both of these events were successful despite poor weather for the first event and Covid and subsequent lack of marketing for the second event. That said the community could see the benefit of a pedestrian plaza at the “Heart of Newport”. I would ideally like council and councillor to be forward thinking and go a step further and consider the four or five properties on Robertson Road and the Council owned carpark on Foamcrest Avenue all being considered as a blank canvass to truly develop the “Heart of Newport”. A true champion of what is best for the community, might go a step further and include the land owned by Woolworths added to the overall scope of a redevelopment.

Thus I ask Council and Councillors to look at the big picture and a current blank canvas and determine how you can truly make a long-term and meaningful change to Newport by working with the community (and the owners of the aforementioned properties), rather than just ticking and flicking a small and insignificant DA which will result in a once in a lifetime opportunity lost.

Have courage and work with the community. In the past 4 – 6 weeks the community have started to truly mobilise “To Save Robertson Road” - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/409043120382225> close to 750 locals are now following and actively involved in this story. People aren't anti-development, in fact I would suggest they are pro-development, if the correct plan can be put together. Think big, be bold and bring forward something the whole community can be proud to say they made happen.

Kind regards,

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