



**Protest Submission to Northern Beaches Council  
Waterbrook / Bayview Golf Club DA2017/1274. 11 OCT 2018**

**I protest strongly against the Waterbrook / Bayview Golf Club DA2017/1274.**  
It does not and cannot comply with all ecology and development standards in SEPP HSPD 2004

**I AM AN EX MEMBER OF BVGC.**

**WHY IS THIS AGGRESSION BEING THRUST UPON US WHEN WE HAVE ALL LIVED IN BEAUTIFUL HARMONY IN BEAUTIFUL BAYVIEW ALL OUR LIVES WITH OUR BEAUTIFUL COMMUNITY GOLF COURSE ?**

**The BVGC course is better now than it has ever been, it has evolved over nearly 70 years when the land was purchased. Now the current committee is selling the land . . . how sad those dedicated founders would be today. So many previous committees have kept their eye on the financial ball and managed the club successfully.**

So yes, a long time ago it did flood and became unplayable for a few days, on average once a year a complete flood. But that happens to Mona Vale GC, it happens to Monash GC, it happens all over because it rains heavily everywhere, occasionally. It happens.

How is it that the BVGC existed and grew, be it slowly, to improve from its humble beginnings and existed as a fine community club for so long. It grew, slowly and within its means. Despite the fact there were no flood mitigation gates to stop what was then, regular flooding.

Since the installation of the tidal mitigation gate on Pittwater road a complete flood happens rarely. Even with all the proposed lifting of the valley floor, it will happen again. It will rain a storm, occasionally. If so . . .

Is it so important that a golfer must always be able to play, ? every day. ?  
Well they can't play when it's raining, so we are talking about a day or two after the heavy rain stops . . . . not the light rain.

If it is so important to swing a club they can go hit 60 practice balls at the driving range for half a day then come back to BVGC for lunch.

Really, how many people are we talking about that want to play so desperately ?

Are we doing all of this work and destroying something so beautiful just to satisfy a handful of golfers.

The course, because of its current layout is a beautiful picturesque course, the envy of many other club courses across wider Sydney. Yes it might have a couple of tight spots, but that is the challenge of golf. It's not a bad course.

Quite a few years back the 7th hole was listed in a book amongst the 100 most beautiful golf holes in the world. Check the history books. Yes, that has changed these days.

So all of this work, all of this worry, all of this destruction is for what purpose, really ?

- **Despite what all of the pushing and shoving of soil and water around the course might achieve, can anyone honestly stand up and say that playing golf up around 7 tall buildings occupying the middle of their course is more beautiful than the bushland setting that is their course now ?**

I started this discourse by asking, Why?

The answer is money. We know a few years back the committee made a bad financial decision. The committee has the power of the BVGC constitution to be able to do this. Here again, the committee is making a bad financial decision. Balance the few days they hope they will gain against the loss of the ecological amenity - it's a loss which is forever.

There are, or at least were, several possible financial solutions that were worthy of consideration. For one, I offered the Committee a real financial solution and they never rendered the courtesy to even discuss the details with me . . . it would have caused no disruption to the course what so ever.

But we move on.

Much of what is needed today relates to marketing. I'm not going to elaborate here but it's a reason I'm an Ex member, and why many other members whom I still know, are drifting away from the Club.

Bayview members are not status seekers wanting to belong to a "rich" club. The club in its hay-day was not a financially wealthy club. Simply, it's not about money. It's about management, it's about people and a good place to be.

**So why do we as close residents and the wider community including the local wildlife, have to bear the imposition of debating this elephant of a housing development adjacent our properties ? . . . . . due entirely to the badly mismanaged dreams of a club committee.**

**I'm not against the Bayview Golf Club . . . love it. I'm against the Waterbrook development.**

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