

Media Release

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Councillors back residents on Narraweena proposal

Warringah Councillors Vincent De Luca and Christina Kirsch have signalled their intention to support residents of Narraweena in opposing the proposed building of a massive three storey retirement facility at Narraweena.

“We have met with residents and viewed all the perspectives from the surrounding area and are convinced the community of Narraweena have legitimate concerns” Cr De Luca stated.

“The proposal towers over adjoining property and is of great bulk and scale. Adjoining property owners will see just a massive construction next to them and nothing else. Access to sunlight will be severely diminished and privacy obliterated with all the protruding verandas and wall to wall windows on the sides of the proposed developments”

Cr Dr Christina Kirsch stated “there are also many concerns by residents about the stability of the land. Evidence has shown that there has been serious problems in Narraweena in the past with the water table, stability and de-watering and this proposal I believe could adversely effect the structure of adjoining properties and other homes in the immediate vicinity” Cr Kirsch said.

“The proposal dominates the area with its two storeys plus loft and completely obliterates the amenity of adjoining properties” Cr Kirsch stated.

Following a decision by the Council’s former Administrator, Dick Persson, Councillors no longer vote on development applications. Both Councillors have agreed to requests from the community and will support them by opposing the proposal at the Warringah Development Assessment Panel Meeting.

Next door neighbour to the proposal, Carmel Pascuzzo is very worried about its impact.

“My husband and I are very concerned and frightened of the effects this proposed development will have both on our lives and that of our 7 month old son. The sheer bulk and size will be so dominating over our whole property, and will be a complete invasion of privacy with rooms looking directly down over our backyard. At present we enjoy lots of sunlight in our backyard and the new building will bring complete overshadowing and loss of sunlight. Should the development proceed, our son will not be able to enjoy playing in the sunny backyard and have a towering building overlooking him. All of these factors relate to our amenity, however there are also issues regarding safety. Of great concern to us is the extent of excavation proposed by the developer and is a real danger to our property and home. The positioning of the electricity substation next to our boundary is just unacceptable – we have just had our first child and we are concerned about radiation and safety”.

Another local resident, Kristie Mathers also expressed her fears.

“Palm Grove Nursing Home in Narraweena situated at my rear boundary has put through a development application so that the current one storey building that is unobtrusive and functional will be demolished. A massive three storey building with a

new three storey wing extending into Mundara Place will be put there in its place. It will dwarf all other buildings in the suburb let alone the residential properties it will be surrounded by! This is a precedent that must not be allowed in the Warringah area.

The impact on our everyday life will be felt severely. I have two young children one and three who play in our private and sunny backyard. If this development were to be passed my children would not be able to play free from prying and unwanted eyes. Due to the height and scale of this building more appropriate to the Mona Vale Hospital site that will wrap around us in an L shape we will have increased noise, street traffic, lose of privacy and one big eye sore!

Councilors De Luca and Kirsch are keeping to their election promises by listening to the Mundara Place residents and helping us to stop this development from setting an unwanted precedent in the Warringah area. I'm not sure where the other councilors stand only time will tell" Ms Mathers said.

Photo Opportunity – residents outside the proposal – call Carmel Pascuzzo on 0412 200 598 or Kristie Mathers on 0414 400 657

For more information, please contact Cr De Luca on 0414 990 551 or Cr Dr Kirsch on 0411 699 266.