

Address to Pittwater Council Meeting 21st December 2015

On behalf of the Newport Residents Association I wish to speak for the motion outlined under C12.6 regarding proposed changes to the Exempt and Complying Development Codes under the SEPP 2008.

The key proposals outlined by the Dept of Planning and Environment to make the changes outlined in this paper we consider very bad for Pittwater and probably generally across the state. The fact that the Dept only announced these on the 10th October, allowing council a short exhibition period between 19th October and 16th November, smacks of manipulation by the dep't to try and slip these through, especially when you consider this period was slap bang in the middle of the last round of Fit for the Future negotiations and consultation when everyone's focus and concentration was on fighting the local government amalgamation proposals.

It would appear that the result of this process denied both councillors and the community the opportunity to discuss these proposals and the council response in an open council meeting prior to a closing date for such responses.

The Site coverage proposed amendment to exclude driveways, swimming pools and any deck, balcony, pergola, terrace or verandah attached to a dwelling house and not enclosed by a wall higher than 1.4m for the purpose of calculating site coverage; we agree, has the potential to lead to development covering entire lots. This association has often been critical of the non-adherence to the current rules. This change is diabolical. We agree with the staff response although would not have been unhappy for stronger words to be used.

We agree with the Staff response regarding the Subdivision issue whereby the proposed amendments open up the opportunity for existing undersized lots to become smaller, and reduce natural and landscaped areas.

We agree with the staff response for Setbacks for Garages, carport and parking spaces whereby the proposed changes seek to exempt existing developments from the current provisions which we are in agreement with.

We also agree with the other matters commented on by staff and support their responses in relation to **Encroachment of certain building works into**

easements, complying developments not taking into account geotechnical hazards, the subdivision code time frame removal and the subdivision code parking standards proposals.

We would encourage council to write directly to the Minister of Planning reiterating the staff responses to the department so as to emphasis our concerns. We would also encourage council to contact the Pittwater community organisation and encourage them also to write to the department and to the minister. Our association will be making submissions directly to the department and to the minister in support of the council response.

Whilst we are disappointed in the way this process has proceeded we wish thank the staff for their considered response, with which we agree.