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The Hon. Rob Stokes, MP
Minister for Education,
1725 Pittwater Road
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Dear Rob,

Sydney North Planning Panel & 2,4 Nooal St / 66 Bardo Rd Rezoning

We wish to draw your attention to the attached copy of NBC Executive Manager Strategic & Place Planning's (SNPP) letter of last month to your ministerial colleague, Anthony Roberts, Minister for Planning.

The letter competently puts forward the Council's strong opposition to a May decision of the SNPP. We believe it is a gross over-reaching and misdirection of the Panel's jurisdiction that it could single-handedly destroy any community confidence in the competence of this new regime, before it has barely begun.

As Andrew Pigott points out, re the Planning Panel Operational Procedures:

"The Panel's determination should provide a clear decision on whether the planning proposal before it should proceed, for a Gateway determination rather than recommending improvements."

Far beyond recommending improvements, the decision actually proposes changing the zoning for the Pittwater water-frontage side of an entire street, from E4 to R2, to enable multi-dwelling retirement accommodation to be built.

We don't need to point out to someone of your planning and environmental knowledge, the disastrous environmental consequences for the Pittwater region if this decision persists. It seems so incongruous when one remembers that it is barely three years since the whole zoning system was updated to provide State-wide consistency that we are now faced with such a ludicrous spot rezoning.

We urge you to familiarize yourself with the full content of the attached memorandum and two page letter and then use your best endeavours on behalf of our electorate in having the decision quashed. If the GSC expects communities to have any faith in their mantra that the

stake-holders input is enshrined in the legislation and then all can have confidence in what takes place from then on, this SNPP decision will destroy that in one go.

We look forward to your assistance in this matter.

Yours sincerely,

Gavin Butler
President