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The Chief Executive Officer  
Northern Beaches Council  
725 Pittwater Road  
Dee Why NSW 2099

Dear Sir,

NBC draft document "SHAPE 2028"

The Newport Residents Association supports the submission to Shape 2028 Northern Beaches Council draft Community Strategic Plan 2017-2028 by Pittwater Forever. See attached.

As the Community Strategic Plan provides the framework for the future of the LGA, it is critical that the Plan includes a much stronger acknowledgement of the diversity across the whole of the LGA to reflect the community's vision and expectations, particularly in regard to the built and natural environment in the Pittwater Ward, including Newport. This can be achieved as detailed in the Pittwater Forever submission.

The Association therefore requests that the Focus on Pittwater values and protections in the Pittwater Forever submission be included in Shape 2028.

Yours Sincerely

Wendy Dunnet  
Secretary

3 November 2017

Northern Beaches Council  
725 Pittwater Road  
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Attention: Mark Ferguson, CEO NBC  
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Copy All NBC Councillors

Dear Mark,

NBC draft document "SHAPE 2028" – Pittwater Forever comments

Pittwater Forever (PFE), representing 18 community organisations in Pittwater, wishes to make the following submission to Council regarding its draft SHAPE 2028 document.

### **1. PITTWATER EXCISED**

The Shape 2028 paper makes no meaningful mention of the internationally acclaimed Pittwater area. Pittwater and all it stands for has been **excised** from this document in favour of an overly generic NBC approach. All but the most trivial references to Pittwater, eg Pittwater Road, have been **expunged**. This is extremely distressing for Pittwater residents. After all, the previous Pittwater LGA had the most intense community of interest of any council in NSW. (Refer in part to the 89% of residents wanting to continue as an independent council.)

### **2. FOCUS ON PITTWATER**

To ensure we properly represent this important community of interest, we suggest that SHAPE 2028 contain a separate section exclusively for Pittwater. (The same could be done for Manly). This is a reasonably standard approach in strategic planning. Such a section would contain at a minimum the following key values and protections:

- Description of Pittwater, its key differentiators and community of interest
- Pittwater's key priorities
- Pittwater's planning constraints and controls
  - Ensuring the LEP proposals and planning controls covering Pittwater Ward are only changed after consulting with and with the agreement of the three Pittwater Ward councillors
  - Ensuring inappropriate developments are not contemplated for Pittwater Ward, eg spot rezoning, high density dwellings, commercial development in residential streets etc
  - Controlling population growth targets
  - Waterways protection
  - Protection of environmentally sensitive areas

- *World Heritage or other International/National initiatives or protections*
- *Ensuring the Pittwater Ward has equitable NBC funding and service*
- *Ensuring the Pittwater community has equitable representation at all levels.*

*Pittwater Forever is strongly of the view that unless Northern Beaches Council acknowledges in its planning documents that the northern beaches is an region with several distinctive sub areas such as Pittwater, it will only ever achieve inappropriate generic “one size fits all” solutions which will be vigorously resisted by ratepayers and others.*

*We expect that local distinctiveness and points of difference will not be glossed over or mitted entirely form Councils’ documents and planning as seems to be the case in the current draft of SHAPE 2028.*

*On behalf of the members of Pittwater Forever,*



*Craig Boaden  
Chairman*



*Gavin Butler  
Secretary*