



Newport Residents Association Inc.

PO Box 1180
Newport Beach NSW 2106
President - Gavin Butler (gebutler@aapt.net.au) 0409 395 102
Hon. Secretary - (secretary@newport.org.au)
Hon. Treasurer - Kyle Hill 0412 221 962
www.newport.org.au

30th December 2015

General Manager
Pittwater Council
PO Box 882
Mona Vale NSW 1660

Dear Sir,

Re: Development Consent DA0303/50 Solid Fuel Heater – 173 Barrenjoey Rd Newport

We refer to the above recently issued consent.

This consent has been brought to our notice by some of our concerned members who are having difficulty in understanding how the consent could be given. We have read the rules pertaining to the consent and set out in that consent.

The underlying issue is that the topography of the area on the western side of Barrenjoey Road we understand would act as a sink to contain the wood fire emissions on the many cold and still autumn and winter nights. The inversion layer that forms on those same nights would put a lid on the pollution allowing it to readily pervade a 50m radius from the source, at low levels.

Given the above our members find it difficult to understand how Council concluded that the proposed installation would comply with the BCA as required under Clause 4.9.1 (of AS2918) "*no flue gas penetration through nearby windows or other openings*". Further our members find it difficult to understand how it could possibly comply with the Pittwater Council Regulation – "*The operation of the wood heater shall not create odour or other wood smoke related environmental or public health nuisances to the public or neighbouring premises*".

The issue of wood fire smoke pollution is a continuing issue for many residents in Newport and especially a number of our members therefor we would appreciate a reply to this letter so that we may understand how a consent such as this can be given.

Yours sincerely

Gavin Butler
President

