

PUBLIC SUBMISSIONS FOR DA 21/14779 (PAN 150105)

NEW REGIONAL LIBRARY AT 123A DONNISON STREET, GOSFORD

SUB-937 – Support

Green Point NSW

To whom it may concern
This has been talked about for over 20 years.
The Gosford council put a special levy on our rates to fund this development way back when.
I fully support the project.
Please just do it already.

SUB-1013 – Objection

Dover Heights NSW

I object to the proposed development application (DA 21/14779) on the grounds that the provision for parking is woefully inadequate. The application provides for only 21 parking spaces on the adjoining site 123B-125A Donnison Street, Gosford. The parking spaces hardly appear adequate to cover staff at the proposed regional library and for the council customer service centre let alone users and visitors to the regional library, the customer service centre, the innovation hub and at the 300 seat multi-use hall. Furthermore, the proposed parking is on the adjacent site and there is no guarantee that the 21 parking spaces proposed will not be eliminated at some future date when the the adjacent site is also developed.

To make use of the facilities proposed there must be adequate parking so that users and visitors can easily access the library, customer service centre, the collaboration and innovation spaces as well as the multi-use hall. Otherwise, there is the likelihood of a "white elephant" development, where facilities necessary to the Central Coast community are difficult to access or largely inaccessible because motor vehicles are likely for a long time yet (decades) to be the most likely means of transport for staff, users and visitors and this requires adequate parking provision.

I submit that the development needs to be reassessed and redesigned with adequate provision for parking, preferably onsite. While this most likely will require additional funds the proposal might consider whether a small charge (and I stress a small charge so as to make the facility available to as many as possible) to help defray on-going costs. As it stands the woefully inadequate parking provisions means the proposed development will not be and cannot be easily accessed by many, if not most, potential users.

I make this submission as one of the owners of a property in Mann Street, Gosford.

