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Dear Mr Paluso

Thank you for your enquiry. A wide range of information relating to coastal erosion at Collaroy-Narrabeen Beach and Council's actions to address this issue can be found on our website: www.northernbeaches.nsw.gov.au/environment/coast-and-waterways/coastal-erosion

Please see answers to your specific questions below.

Since the 2016 East Coast Low-how many residents have accepted and built a Seawall in Collaroy with the conditions multiple conditions imposed by council?

To date Council has approved four development applications submitted after the storm event in 2016. These applications represent 22 of the 49 properties requiring coastal protection along Collaroy-Narrabeen Beach.

How much has council spent on legal advice and defending appeals relating to a Seawall at Collaroy?

Legal advice and relevant communications regarding legal proceedings are confidential and are subject to legal professional privilege and client legal privilege.

Why has Council selectively imposed conditions on certain residents and not imposed conditions as required under the Coastal Protection Act at 1184 pittwater Rd Collaroy?

The conditions of consent being applied to all approvals post the June 2016 storm event are consistent and based on the best available knowledge and advice provided to Council.

Why has Northern Beaches Council imposed Time Limited Consents on their latest approvals? And why have they done so contrary to their own legal advice?

The condition of consent that requires the performance and impact of the approved seawall to be assessed at the end of its design life is required to satisfy the requirements of the NSW Coastal Management Act. This condition is being applied consistently and in accordance with the advice provided to Council. Legal advice is confidential and is subject to legal professional privilege and client legal privilege.