

OBJECTION TO BERRIMA HOTEL PROJECT

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I live in Berrima a few hundred meters from the old Berrima Gaol.

I object to the plan by Blue Sox to redevelop the site as a boutique hotel, wellness centre and other facilities for the following reasons.

- The hotel and facilities will create excessive noise disturbing our peace and quiet. The gaol has always been a very quiet neighbour. Sound carries a long way in this village. Noise from wedding receptions etc. will spill over far outside the walls.
- A massive amount of new traffic will be generated around the village, especially during construction. This will cause problems of safety and access for residents, and other visitors too.
- The new building along the river frontage will hide the old wall which we can now see from our back yard, and make the place look like a large modern residential development, rather than an important historical heritage site.
- There is very little activity at night in Berrima. This project would change that and bring traffic, noise and light pollution up to midnight any day of the week. We choose to live in a country village, not an entertainment hot-spot.
- I also object to inclusion of the underground carparking. In recent years we have seen the Wingecarribee River rise rapidly several times, to something like 6m above its normal flow, and this would cause dangerous flooding of the lower levels of the carpark, and pollution of the river when the water drains away.
- Inadequate archaeological assessment of the site. There does not seem to have been any excavation work carried out to determine whether any items of importance lie buried under the old buildings or the open areas. The reports rely on information relating to similar places, but not Berrima.

Thanks