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The NSW Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure
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Re: Development Application — The Sanderling, Hawks Nest Residential Development

To Whom It May Concern,

As a long-time Hawks Nest resident and an avid golfer who plays at Hawks Nest Golf Club as often as I can, I am writing to strongly support The Sanderling development.

Golf has been central to my life in Hawks Nest — mornings on the course, catching up with friends over a round, and the clubrooms after a game are part of what makes this town feel like home. I genuinely believe The Sanderling will strengthen that community, not diminish it.

Why I support it:

- More members and greater vitality: Having 104 new apartments next to the course means more people who will want to join the club, play regularly and use the clubhouse. That steady pool of potential members and green-fee players is exactly what grassroots clubs need to thrive.
- Better patronage for club facilities: Residents moving in will likely look for social and recreational outlets nearby. The café, bar and events at the club will benefit from regular, year-round patronage rather than the seasonal spikes we currently see.
- Practical coordination with the club: The developer has planned parking and site access with awareness of the golf club next door. That cooperative approach reassures me that the development and the club will operate side-by-side without conflict.
- Enhanced presentation of the precinct: A well-designed residential complex bordering the course will lift the appearance of the whole area and reflect positively on the club and town.

Community benefits that matter to a golfer Beyond the course, The Sanderling will bring residents who contribute to local life — using cafés, shops and services regularly, supporting local trades, and increasing the year-round economic base. More permanent neighbours helps keep our town lively even outside the peak holiday season, which in turn helps sustain the club and other local amenities I value so much.

About the development I understand The Sanderling will deliver 104 apartments across three buildings, a basement car park, indoor and outdoor pools, gyms, an amenities pavilion and generous landscaping. The project includes thoughtful stormwater management and accessible housing options — all signs of responsible, high-quality development.

In short Hawks Nest needs more quality housing and stronger community anchors. As someone who loves the golf club and the town, I believe The Sanderling will be a real asset — bringing members, supporting local businesses and improving the precinct for everyone.

I respectfully ask that the application be approved.

Sincerely,