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COOGEE HOUSE TWO ↗



Terence Yong provided us with professional architectural services for our oceanfront home at South Coogee.

This project's DA approval process was a most testing one, as it ultimately required to be lodged with the L & E court as there was no potential for an outcome with council's planners, even though we provided responses to every query with supporting design merit and compliance.

Our location is oceanfront with 6 neighbours, who all created us not only privacy issues but most importantly they all had borrowed views over our property. Every neighbour had lodged detailed complaints which were literally all false, but nevertheless needed to be addressed. Terence's skilled approach had actually demonstrated that in many cases they had gained views, as well as ensuring that privacy between us was maximised via clever design, which most importantly we currently did not have as every neighbour overlooked us.

The facts or merit was ignored by council's planners with absolutely no acknowledgement of any skilled design that was demonstrated. This was very frustrating and a draining exercise, so we had no alternative but to lodge with the L & E Court.

Due to the strong merits of Terence's design we were able to finalise an approval at a S34AA prior to a full hearing, ensuring we maximised all views captured, as well design outcome with the flow of the home and added spaces throughout. Not many designs can state that 75% of the home has a water view which Terence has achieved via his design.

Terence made himself fully and passionately available throughout the process, demonstrating a high level of detail in order to minimise any argument that they made regardless of whether it was valid or not. Regardless of the huge number of objections everyone of them was addressed or solutions provided which is why we succeeded in court due to Terence's skilled design being presented, with literally no compromise as to the GFA and design intent that we started with.

As a person and architect, Terence immerses himself 110% for all things to do with architecture, it is not just a career it is a life passion for him. His dedication and attention were second to none, with his skillset as an architect undeniably high. His involvement was one of personal as a professional architect. He treated the design of our home as if it was his own, while still being professional in the service and turnaround that was needed and he provided.

For any project I would not hesitate to recommend Terence Yong's services as an architect.

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