# Architect's Statement MIXED USE DEVELOPMENT

BOARDING HOUSE / CHURCH / COMMUNITY FACILITIES 28 FISHER RD / 9 FRANCIS ST, DEE WHY, NSW AUGUST, 2022



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To whom it may concern,

# RE: ARCHITECT'S STATEMENT MIXED USE COMMUNITY FACILITIES AND BOARDING HOUSE 28 FISHER RD & 9 FRANCIS ST, DEE WHY, NSW



We are pleased to be submitting this project for DA Application after a rigorous Pre-DA process with council. Further to the DA Application for this project we note our initial response as follows -

- DA Documents Link <u>https://www.dropbox.com/sh/imkm2er4civituf/AACKRJqmcCiXIfJVrlsZOXQJa?dl=0</u>
- History of the Site This site is owned by the Baptist Church. It was first purchased around 100 years ago and was developed as a place of worship during the 1940s as a part of the earlier fabric of Dee Why. The church has a long history of community involvement and the site currently plays host to a Baptist Church congregation, a Korean church congregation, community connect groups and a range of regular dance, music drama and other community uses.
- The General Proposal The Baptist Church is seeking to better-utilise its existing site resources and to extend the care and community supports that it offers in Dee Why. It is proposed to update its current facilities with a new state-of-the-art conference centre/multi-purpose community facility. This will provide much-needed professional standard facilities for Dee Why community use. The church will retain ownership of the facility to ensure the community use continues as a good legacy. The church proposes to develop a range of Specialist Disability Accommodation as boarding house units targeted for use by a variety of persons. This is allied with their mission and is consistent with their social stance to help those in need as there is a dire need for community crisis care Centres and accommodation of this type on the Northern Beaches.
- Fisher Rd development that directly addresses Fisher Rd and activates to the street with a café and other seating . areas. Below this, basement carparking is proposed that accesses from the rear Francis St entry. Above this and also to the rear, 52 Boarding House units under the State Environmental Planning Policy (Housing) 2021 are proposed plus 1 Managers unit. The Francis St end of the site features an 11m max height building with complying road frontage setbacks similar or in excess to the neighbouring properties. Green wall and small balcony articulation personalise and soften the street appearance and set the green/sustainable tone of the development. The Fisher St end of the site features a 16m max height building of a more commercial nature with a 2-level frontage and entry podium. This is set back the required 4m from the kerb and the accommodation set back 8m from the kerb. The building form is articulated along its length with boarding units focusing to either the front or rear or the internal substantial light well. This central light well features privacy, landscape, gardens and skylighting to the communal conference area below. These lightwell centres focus from communal areas beyond and allow for a people-focused well-being as well as sustainable reuse of site stormwater. Both ends of the site have significant setback from the rear central boundary that provides a space corridor complying with setback requirements and in excess of other development within the immediate area. The buildings are connected at level 1 with a glazed and privacy-screened connection walkway. This is practical connection for staff and residents that runs above the communal focus of the ground level (at Fisher Rd) to the ground level at Francis St and will have minimal impact (if any) upon the local environment. It runs over the green landscaped area between the buildings.
- Site use to be maintained across the integral site This site has always been used as an integral site spanning right through from Fisher Rd to Francis St. (although consisting of 2 titles). This strategy has proved successful for the Baptist Church and the local community in that carparking has been accessed from Francis St. (and this is proposed to be continued). A similar pattern is seen in development along the street with the Builders Club a few doors down operating in a similar way. Where there has been required carparking access from Fisher Rd (as exhibited 2 doors up) this has brought about a poor streetscape with carparking access overtaking the street level



interface. We believe that with the long history of the site being used as an integral site that this view of the site use should be maintained, regardless of the current different zonings across each end of the site. The proposal illustrates integral parking, integral communal areas, integral service systems, garbage collection and the like. Previous DA Application has illustrated negotiated support on traffic issues, carparking numbers, garbage collection process and visual up Francis St (and this negotiated status for approval is proposed to be maintained). We believe that this should extend across the sites in relation to landscape, FSR, POS and the range of other elements that make up the integral use of this site.

- Site Width The narrowness of the site means that there is difficulty with presenting little more than a façade to either the Francis St or Fisher Rd frontage. It has also meant that internal courtyards have been designed to allow for meaningful light and air to be delivered to accommodation and to the community centre at the ground level. The design features a Communal area bridge section that directly gains northern sun and provides a significant allowance to maintain this should future development of the neighbouring properties occur. Neighbours have been approached with no desire expressed for joint redevelopment.
- Central setbacks Council have requested significant rear setbacks of both he Fisher Rd and Francis St sites and this has in essence been delivered for compliance with council request. This includes 6m to the rear of Francis St and 6.5m to the rear of Fisher Rd. The connection walkway is a negotiated incursion between the building and is necessary to allow staff and participants to connect between the 2 buildings.
- Side setbacks at Francis St Council have requested 4.5m minimum setback to the Francis St site and this has been delivered. The Francis St building also confirms with building envelope cut-off parameters.
- Building Heights Fisher Rd end complies fully with the 16m maximum height requirements. The Similarly, the
  Francis St end complies fully with the 11m height requirements (and it is noted that the Francis St (west end) design
  height is situated well below this mark to ensure meaningful sunlight, light, air and outlook are maintained to the
  southern neighbour)
- Garbage A fully enclosed bin room has been located adjacent to Francis St with a negotiated 1:8 maximum access basement of the Francis St end of the development. Disabled Accessibility is achieved to the space from the entire development via internal and external accessible pathways and ramps. Accessibility is achieved to the street via a similar path that will allow service to the street for pickup. Previous agreement has been reached for kerbside collection of bins with council staff collecting the bins from the bin room. The garbage collection truck is to park temporarily at the Francis St open visual area (to the north of the carpark entry driveway crossover). This may occur up to twice weekly.
- Accessibility A qualified Accessibility Consultant has completed an accessibility report for the development. The
  majority of the accommodation rooms are fully accessible to AS1428.1 as outlined in his report. BCA requirements
  are fully achieved for accessibility. Publicly accessible bathrooms are located on the ground level to ensure service
  to the public and to the common areas and café portions of the development. Fully accessible bathrooms have been
  located to around the majority of all accommodation rooms
- Previous DA Application The site has undergone a DA Application previously where refusal was given from council. The DSAP and SNPP provided comment and this comment has now been incorporated into this scheme for resubmission. We have further engaged with a specialist Urban Designer and Landscape Architect who both sit on various Planning Panels and who have provided reporting and worthwhile design pointers into this scheme. Hence, we believe this proposal to be well-considered and complying with the requirements set out in the various legislation.

Yours faithfully,

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# PROVISION

## **ARCHITECT STATEMENT ITEMS ADDRESSED IN DESIGN & DOCUMENTS**

### Generally

This project has been the subject of a previous DA Application DA2020/1167 that was refused. We note that this proposal gained Engineering endorsement across the board within council and also went through the DSAP and SNPP processes.

The council introduction to the project at right still is an adequate description of the site background.

The project as per this DA Application is essentially the same in format, but has been reduced in scale to match the requirements stated by DSAP and SNPP and hence is a complying development in relation to the heights, setbacks, coverages, landscape etc applied to the design

Application is now made under the State Environmental Planning Policy (Housing) 2021 in lieu of the previously noted Affordable Rental Housing 2009.



#### INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this Briefing Note is to provide a brief overview of the proposal for Development Application No. DA2020/1167 and obtain a review by the Design and Sustainability Advisory Panel.

#### LOCATION and SITE





Figure 1 – Site Zoning (part R3/part B4) Figure 2 – Aerial view of the site

#### OVERALL DESCRIPTION

#### Site description

The subject site is located on the western side of Fisher Road approximately 100m north of the intersection of Fisher Road and Pittwater Road. The site has a split zoning of B4 Mixed Use on the eastern portion fronting Fisher Road and R3 Medium Density Residential on the western portion fronting Francis Street.

The site has a total area of approximately 1,391.2m<sup>2</sup>, with a frontage of approximately 15.0m to Fisher Road to the east and a frontage of approximately 15.0m to Francis Street to the west. The site currently contains a place of public worship.

Surrounding development comprises a mix of commercial and community land uses and low and medium density residential land uses located further north and east of the site.

The subject site represents an opportunity for redevelopment for the purposes of a community and residential land use located in close proximity to existing services, the Dee Why Town Centre and public transport located on Pittwater Road.

In addition to being subject to a split zoning, the site has a split maximum building height control applying, comprising of 11.0m on the R3 zoned land and 16.0m on the B4 Mixed Use zoned land.

#### **Proposed Development**

The proposal involves the demolition of existing structures and construction of a boarding house and associated works under the provisions of State Environmental Planning Policy (Anordable Rental Housing) 2009 at 28 Fisher Road and 9 Francis Street, Dee Why.

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PROPOSED SITE CONTEXT STUDY





	In addition, there are laundry facilities noted at the communal areas as a part of the central kitchenette facilities on each level of the Fisher Rd end of the development,
Sustainability - Conservation of energy and water - Water harvesting & solar design	Solar panels are located on the roof maintenance access (closest to Fisher Rd). This is in a maintenance only access area. These are ideally oriented toward the north, but can be addressed in a flatter manner if required.
	Roof stormwater catchment is detailed in the Civil Engineers stormwater design (refer to provided link). Water harvesting is proposed for reuse with the green walls and landscaping requirements for the facility. Also this can be used for toilet flushing and other grey water applications as may eb required. An OSD system has been designed into the facility at the lower basement carpark level.
Lifts	There are three lifts spaced across the development at the major core points. These relate to the Francis St central core and also to the 2 main core areas relating to the Fisher Rd accommodation groupings. Secured lift lobby allows access to intended levels and zones of the facilities. The 3 lifts are noted on the typical Level 1 plan below in gold colour. All have access to the carparking facilities and garbage facilities.
Traffic – Carpark Traffic Engineer to report to AS2890 requirements. requirements indicate 29 Carparking spaces required, but 34 carparking spaces are indicated + 11 bikes + 11 motorbike parking spaces	The Traffic Engineer report is in the link provided. This illustrates that the indicated 34 Carparking spaces (including 12 disabled carparking spaces) comply with requirements to AS2890. This notes 34 carparking spaces (in excess of 29 required and with a high proportion of disabled accessible spaces). The Current Church use has been recorded and this is included in the link provided. 11 Motorbike parking spaces and 11 bike parking spaces are located.











# Landscape Area – Fisher Rd (east) end of site

Landscape open area is primarily located and the open roof area that can be communally used by participants and the church. It has a range of associated undercover and fully enclosed areas associated. Other podium areas will be good breakout zones toward the street and each communal area has a breakout deck facing to the north along the middle "bridge" section fo the building

Landscaping – Landscape plan required. Landscape Architect Drawings





PROPOSED FISHER RD LANDSCAPED AREA

Required Fisher Rd landscape area is 20% and can include are at roof top, podium and deck areas. The are of this end of the site is 695.5m2 and it is noted that the requirement is achieved with a 55.9% delivery on the requirement & hence complies.

The Landscape Consultant has completed design and documentation that is included in the link provided. This indicates appropriate planting types for the development that will enhance the living conditions for the occupants as well as benefit the community.





Communal Open Space Area	
Entire site.	
	TOTAL COMMUNAL OPEN AREA: 725.02m2 DOES COMPLY WITH REQUIREMENTS OF 20% OF THE SITE MHICH IS 278.24m2 NOTE: SITE AREA = 1.3912m2 x 20% E278.24m2 PROPOSED FISHER RD COMMUNAL OPEN SPACE AREA
	The Communal Open Space of the entire site is arranged across multiple floors of the
	development, but particularly at ground level, level 1, level 2 and roof level. These open areas are located around the building (Francis St), at entry courtyards (Fisher Rd), at podium top (fisher Rd) and at roof top level (Fisher Rd). The total site is 1,391.2m2 and the requirement is for 20% (278.24m2). The available Communal Open Space is approx 725m2 and hence the proposal complies with the requirements.
Communal Living Area Fisher Rd (east) end of the site	
	LEVEL         COMMUNAL LIVING AREA         REQUIRED AREA         BOARDING UNITS           LEVEL1         419m2         30m2 + 2m2 × 5) = 40m2 + 2m2 × 4)         11           LEVEL2         38m2         30m2 + 2m2 × 4) = 38m2         10           LEVEL3         38m2         30m2 + 2m2 × 4) = 38m2         10           LEVEL4         38m2         30m2 + 2m2 × 4) = 38m2         10
	PROPOSED FISHER RD COMMUNAL LIVING AREA The internal communal living area is arranged centrally within the "bridge" section of the Fisher Rd (east) end of the development is required at a rate of 30m2 plus 2m2 each for rooms in excess of 6 persons. Generally this equates to 10 persons per level for a 38m2 requirement, but on the level 1 the requirement is for 40m2 (11 persons). The proposal complies with the requirements at each level.
Accommodation size - Boarding House room areas	Each boarding house room area varies slightly internally but generally is approx 5m x 3.8m = approx.19m2 internal each (less any small areas related to entry or other elements). In addition to this are additional individual bathroom areas ranging from 3m2–7m2 dependent upon location. The area measurements mean that each Boarding room is between the required SEPP areas and are capable of having 2 persons in habitation. Each boarding house unit has an individual bathroom, with around 70%+ of these bathrooms designed to full disabled access standards





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Landslip -	A Geotech report has been completed and is included in the Dropbox link
Landslip Area indication Sun/shadow detail to southern Francis neighbour	We have completed sun/shadow studies for the project. These include shadow plans and elevations of the southern Francis St neighbour. We believe that these documents indicate compliance with requirements and this demonstrates that there is at least 3 hours of sun to each of the units in the southern Francis St units during June 21 Winter solstice (9am – 3pm). We note that our proposal has been recessed in height to a point that is way lower than the allowable 11m height to ensure that it complies with the envelope requirements of 4.5m and 45 degrees from the fence line. On both sides of the Francis St building. Also it is noted that the required 4.5m side setback has been delivered for the length of the Francis St building and hence the proposal is in full compliance with the design requirements.
	We note that the existing Francis St southern neighbour building is an under- developed building of 2 levels in relation to the allowable height requirements and that

	Francis St has been undergoing an updating process that is likely to continue over the coming period due to its proximity. Accordingly we have indicated an 11m building height that could be applied to this site. We note that even at worst case of June 21 that a more developed building would be in majority sun during the day. The current building has a varying and stepped roof ridge of around 7 - 8m above ground level, with current upper living area at around 5.5-6.5m above ground level. This means that there is an available extra 4.5m plus of space for development over (that would be in full sun). This represents a large percentage of space that we believe needs to be considered as a part of the overall development along Francis St.
	We note that the baseline study of the existing Francis St southern neighour indicates that the large brick fence and battened screens obscures sun entry into their northern yards courtyards and lower level is obscured from the sun. It is noted that our northern neighbours at Francis St represents a 10-11m building that is just over 2.5m side setback to our site with no relief and as a full brick construction. This represents significant impost onto our site and is exceedingly worse a condition than what we are proposing.
Access to sunlight - Required shadow diagrams	Shadow Diagrams are included in the link provided. In essence they indicate that in excess of 3 hours sun between 9am and 3pm to southern neighbour at Francis St. is achieved. We note that the more eastern units achieve more sun at this time than currently (due to the removal of the existing church hall that shadows the building. We note that the central neighbour units achieve sunlight below the diminished height of the Francis St building proposal that is well below the allowable 11m height to allow sun to the southern neighbour. We also not that required side setbacks and envelope controls have been achieved.
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Views View sharing required	PROPOSED FRANCIS ST SOUTHERN NEIGHBOUR WEST SUN STUDY - JUNE 21 This has been undertaken by the Town Planner and is included in his report
Fisher St Items	
16m height at Fisher Rd end of the site	Complies



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4m kerb setback at Fisher – Provided 4m plus provided (around 4159 at centre line) Diagram at right shows 4,150 – 4,000mm setback at podium. It is noted that the kerb is not at right angles to the side boundaries of the site.	STRAK FROM KEBB U U U U U U U U U U U U U U U U U U
8m tower setback kerb setback at Fisher – Provided 8m plus provided with some sunscreen articulation of the frontage. We are aware it is not a corner site, but this will help the building a lot. Diagram at right shows in excess of 8000mm setback at tower to south and greater to the north. It is noted that the kerb is not at	Complies – requesting small sunshade articulation elements where appropriate





	detailed Landscape Architect's drawings). Podium and other elements personalise the building to a lower street frontage height with awning and pergola activation.
Fire Stairs –	Have been moved to the sides to allow good internal access centrally. Note that the
Suggested to not be central at the	footpath slopes markedly from north down to south, so centralised access for street
Fisher St frontage	activation works well
Articulation of the skyline required	
with spaced buildings to break up	
the form	
Roof office zone buildings	
(spaced as requested) are	
located under 16m height.	
	Articulation is evident and similar in context to neighbouring building to the north.
	Large green wall slot centrally on the Fisher Rd end helps to add significant wall and
	skyline articulation at the side walls and to the side skyline. Roof office zone provides
	further articulation under the 16m height limit
Fisher windows –	Rooms look out to green garden wall slots with green wall and privacy screening that
Separations suggested	will operate between rooms and to ensure privacy to neighbours. Bridge-style
	communal areas look into these garden slots as well to take the sense of openness
Note that these are Boarding	through the building at regular intervals.
House rooms under the ARH	
SEPP and not apartments	
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Fisher St awnings - 1m setback	Complies, with in excess of 1500mm setback
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Treatment of the space between the buildings	A clear corridor of space between the Fisher Rd and Francis St ends of the development can be seen. This responds to councils request for a 6m Francis St Setback and a 5m Fisher Rd Setback. Articulation is achieved at the rear of Fisher Rd via use of cantilever style bathroom pods suspended of the rear of the Fisher Rd provided with privacy screening and is indicated as a glass, see-through connection and is at an angle to the buildings to further break down any rectilinear appearance. It is intended to have a garden roof as a part of the landscape sculpture of the space. Atthough this is at level one of the building, it is barely above natural ground line in comparison with the neighbouring properties and does not present any shadow to the southern neighbour.
Building side beautification	Recessed screens and articulation features centrally at both the Francis St end and
	Fisher St end of the site. Landscape feature is evident – refer to the landscape architect drawings









Documentation to accompany DA	
Cost of works	Architect and Builder quotes / estimate attached
Plans	Site plans, floor plans, elevations and sections included in drawing sets
Statement of Environmental	Provided by the Town Planning Consultant.
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Geotech	Provided
Architects Statement	Provided
Flood Risk Assessment Report	Provided
Construction / Site Management Plan	Provided
Construction Traffic Management Report	Provided
Access Report	Provided
BCA Report	Provided
Traffic and Parking report Shadow Diagrams	Provided Provided. These indicate sun access to the southern neighbours in the morning and
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View Impact Analysis	Provided
3D Model	Only 3-D Drawings provided – physical model not required
Colour photo montages	Provided
Landscape Plan	Provided
Sample Board	Provided
Stormwater Management	Provided
Soil and Water Management	Provided
Waste Management Plan	Provided
Erosion and Sediment Control	Provided
Plan	
BASIX	Provided
Boarding House Operational	Provided
Management Plan	
Public Domain Treatment Report	Provided
Wind Loading Report	Provided
Acoustic Report	Provided
Water sensitive urban design report	Provided
QS report verifying the cost	Provided

