



JAMES GRIFFIN MP

MEMBER FOR MANLY

To whom it may concern

I am writing as the State Member for Manly to support Marilyn Anecchini and Giovanni Pilu in relation to their development application DA 2024/0956 for Pilu Restaurant at 80 Undercliff Road Freshwater.

I have known Marilyn and Giovanni in their capacity as owners of Pilu since I was elected in 2017. I have come to admire their long term commitment to the local community and their passionate support of local charities.

Their restaurant Pilu, has provided employment to not just their own staff of 70 personnel but for many small businesses and suppliers they have worked with on a daily basis over a period of 20 years, as they provide a responsible venue for not just restaurant diners but also as a well-loved venue for weddings and local events.

I have been advised this DA will formalise how Pilu has been operating in the suburb of Freshwater since the early 2000s. It is vital that in these challenging financial times that successful businesses such as Pilu are enabled to operate without the pressure that they could lose what they have so diligently created, operating in a manner that allows the business to be a viable and ongoing concern.

I have no hesitation to join with the Northern Beaches Council's assessment in the support of this Development Application for Pilu Restaurant at Freshwater.

Yours sincerely

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