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Subject: 1191-1193 Barrenjoey Rd -Palm Beach , " The Joey" DA2021/0669

To whom it may concern.

I am writing to Council to object to the modification to the "use" of the Boat house now referred to as "The Joey"

The building and its amenity is part of the fabric of the Palm beach community and has served as such for generations . To see its new incarnation not only saddens me as a long time resident but also **reaffirms the complete disregard for local residents.**

The building used to have a family boat hire and bait shop and a small kiosk / cafe. Essentially a place where you could get a milkshake and burger or breakfast and a coffee. What happened to 'that place' in the planning process ?

I have witnessed a transformation here that is nothing like what preceded it , **it no longer serves the community , quite the opposite.**

I note the "new" Joey is setting itself up as a destination venue - primarily for weddings it seems. The website is all the evidence you need to see it's no longer about its former life, but a re-boot function centre and worse still a bar . Walking along the beach last night there were people (part of the function waiting for it to open) on the beach drinking and using the golf course as a toilet, not to mention the volume of noise when the function got underway.

Palm Beach - especially this end of Palm beach should be protected . This is a Heritage site, part of the fabric and history of the Northern Beaches. The last thing that should have been allowed to happen was to allow such a development and turn a blind eye to the duplicity of the developers. I can not see how the kiosk / boat shed has turned into a function center / bar - 'just because'. It is completely disingenuous to pretend this has not happened directly under the nose of the council .

I note also, they have applied to **extended hours of use** (post application and approval) only underwriting my belief they are deliberately screwing the application and approval process to further develop the site away from its original use and amenity.

At some stage Council needs to consider the people who live here. The development needs to work with and for them. Growth for growth's sake is NOT in the interests of anyone long term. You must protect what is special or it will be gone for ever.

The complaint could be a cut and paste or the site on Whale beach Rd - Whaley's . It has to stop.

Regards

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