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Dear Rebecca Sio,

My wife and I have lived with our kids in and around Freshwater for the last 14 years. During this time, we have experienced the Harbord Hotel turning from a sleepy, dated pub to an exciting venue. The transition we have seen in the last years has certainly put Freshie on the map, and added to the value and attraction of the suburb.

Having read all submissions, we would like to articulate our support for the Harbord Hotel's current Planning Proposal.

More specifically, we support the proposal because:

1. We have friends and family visiting us from overseas and really struggle to find accommodation locally. There are no hotels in Freshwater or the immediate vicinity. Having a hotel in Freshwater would further increase the attraction of Freshwater for tourists and family friends visiting and benefit the local businesses. And we think broadly of cafes, restaurants, the IGA, and the local shops that would all benefit from visitors.
2. Additional car parking is certainly appreciated in and around the 'Freshie CBD'. More parking for pub patrons that are currently utilising street parking, will likely free up parking on the street.
3. The concern that the hotel would increase the load on the roads and parking is unlikely. Assuming that 37 rooms mean 37 additional cars at a 100% hotel room capacity, the load seems rather insignificant to the existing traffic in and out on the beaches and shouldn't be held against the proposal. As per point 2, we would think that net-net the proposal would create more parking.

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