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RE: DA2020/1027 - 0 Stuart Street MANLY NSW 2095

While I do not live in the Little Manly area, I have spent considerable time at Little Manly beach over the years and watched the poor management by the former Manly Council with some dismay. While the larger issues about Little Manly are not the purview of this proposal or submission, it is within their context that the DA needs to be addressed. It would be very good if Council could review its plans for Little Manly in accordance with the sentiments of many of the submissions against this DA. The wishes of the community have so far been ignored by the NBC. While many people wish to have a kiosk/small cafe at Little Manly beach, desire for a fine dining restaurant appears to be lacking. By letting the kiosk to Ripples, Council should have been aware that the contractor would not be satisfied with the small area available to them currently, and we have already seen a hodge podge of additional buildings behind the cafe. I have to add, once again, that Council had the perfect solution for Little Manly by transferring the cafe to number 40 Stuart Street, renovating the toilets and showers and landscaping the park properly. Sadly this has not been implemented and now we have another DA seeking to encroach further on public open space. Privatisation of public open space must provide significant benefit to the community for it to be valid.

In particular regard to this DA, the applicant should not be allowed any increase in floor space or expansion into the public open space. All structures should be temporary and sufficient provision made for swimmers to shelter in inclement weather (by not locking off sheltered areas). The avenue to public toilets should be left clear and open for public use. Therefore the take away counter and waiters station should be refused. Parking for staff is a major issue for local residents and visitors, as the area gets very crowded in the summer months. The applicant is unable to provide parking for staff or customers and this must limit the size of the enterprise - something the leaseholder should have been well aware of from the start. One does wonder whether Council has misled the leaseholder from the start and whether the tender process was explicit in the limitations of the site??? Kind regards Sue Sacker