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Attached is my objection to this DA.

Many thanks Candy

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7 June 2022

Northern Beaches Council

RE: DA: 2022/0662 - Hard Rock Cafe

This letter is written on behalf of Good For Manly, an incorporated association of residents and ratepayers of the Manly area, formed in 2012 to enable them to have a more active voice in the local community. We have around 2,000 supporters on our database and 5,800 followers on Facebook.

Preparation of this submission follows a review of the DA proposal, discussions with our Executive Committee and feedback from our Facebook page and newsletter.

Good for Manly does not support this DA for a number of reasons:

- 1. Manly's CBD already has 4 major pubs within 400 metres. Three are in the immediate vicinity of the proposed Hard Rock Café pub. Their total licensed capacity is 5,950 people which more than meets requirements for visitors to the area.
- 2. A great deal of time and effort has been undertaken by the Local Area Commander and Council to make Manly a safe place following years of being continually listed as a 'high risk' area for alcohol-related violence. For example, in 2007 the Steyne Hotel was the State's fourth most violent pub and accounted for almost half of alcohol-related assaults in Manly. In 2019 The Ivanhoe was listed as NSW's most violent venue. Another pub increases the risks of anti-social and violent behaviours.
- 3. Manly does not need another pub! In addition to the existing pubs we already have over 100 licensed venues in Manly's CBD.
- 4. The proposal claims the new venue will provide live music which has a lot of appeal to some of our supporters. However, the other pubs all provide live music as does the Boathouse. The repurposing of the Manly Town Hall into a Performing Arts Centre will be a more suitable venue for additional live music and entertainment.
- 5. The Council is currently undertaking an extensive Manly Place Plan to reactivate the CBD. Another pub is not on the extensive list of proposals.
- 6. The proposed site is an important retail space and should remain so.

We find it hard to believe that another Hard Rock Café franchise will provide any benefit to Manly's CBD. There is already one in Darling Harbour, and 185 world-wide. Many see this 1970s concept as tired and no longer relevant.

Yours sincerely,

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