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To whom it may concern

I'm writing to strongly support the DA and improvements to the Harbord Hotel

Having the fabulous luck of being born and bred in Harbord/Freshwater and along with my family participated in the community for 65+ years I can't tell you how annoyed I have been over the past few years watching the area wallow in stagnation. Empty retail spaces in the Village and the ongoing Woolworths/IGA debacle leaving us without a promised amenities.

Now, finally, Freshwater is enjoying a renaissance of sorts. With new ownership of the aforementioned Village retail spaces we now have an eclectic array of shopping opportunities and an IGA will be with us shortly. And along with one of the 50 best restaurants in Australia, Pilu at Freshwater we have the final jewel in the crown, the refurbished Harbord Hotel.

Contrary to what I'm sure you will read in objections to this proposal as to the pub clientele/noise etc the new owners have created a space that not only caters to the young, upwardly mobile but also a mature, more sophisticated crowd along with young families. You are welcome at this pub "still wet from the beach" or in your "fanciest frock and Tuxedo." This has been achieved with the first round of improvements and will continue once the new additions have been made.

As for the noise - this is the best it has EVER been!! The pub had previously made minimal attempts at noise reduction. For years we would hear the pub noise reverberate throughout the basin. So what's different now? The new owners have, at great expense, included airlock soundproofing inside and upgraded glazing which has cut noise dramatically.

This development application will continue its positive impact on the community and Village vibe as well as add to the already crazy property values in our beloved Freshwater.

Cheers.

Warwick Hutton

