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Freshwater NSW 2096

RE: DA2023/0998 9999 The Esplanade FRESHWATER NSW 2096

Resubmitted please disregard previous submission Thank you!

To the Assessing Officer
Northern Beaches Council
RE Application Number DA2023/0998

Subject Opposition to the Proposed Redevelopment of Freshwater Surf Club

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed redevelopment of the Freshwater Surf Club. As a long-time resident of this community and an avid supporter of its unique beach heritage, I believe this project would have detrimental effects on the current charming 1930s Mediterranean-style clubhouse, the beach, and the surrounding parkland.

The Freshwater Surf Club is not merely a building; it's a symbol of Freshwater's rich history and deep rooted connection to the ocean. For generations, it has served as a hub for surfers, swimmers, and families enjoying what is arguably one of the best beaches in the area. Its quaint charm and historic significance make it a landmark that deserves preservation, rather than being dwarfed by this proposed development.

My primary concern is the increased size of the proposed redevelopment. Although the ground level footprint of the current clubhouse extension remains, the bulk of the proposed extension would be significantly increased. As the renders in the plans show, the proposed development is not sympathetic to the existing clubhouse and will totally dominate the site

Also, the proposed addition of the restaurant at the rear of the building seems like such a lost opportunity. It will also overlook and detract from the ambiance of the lovely family park below. Orientating the proposed restaurant towards the amazing view of the beach would instead provide a fantastic facility for local residents and visitors to enjoy. Surely this can be provided in such a way that can still accommodate the activities of the club members, as they do in many other surf clubs. Incorporating this with the surf museum would make for a fabulous destination and provide equitable access for members and the wider community

I implore you to reconsider the approval of the redevelopment. I believe with a smaller, more sympathetic, and thoughtful design, you can enhance and preserve the existing structure and provide a fantastic facility that the Surf Club's members and the local community can enjoy. Please work to find a solution that respects Freshwater Beach's heritage and enhances this

valuable community asset

Thank you for your attention to this matter, and I hope that you will take into account the voices and concerns of residents who cherish the unique character of Freshwater and the Surf Club

Sincerely,

Steve Ballard