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To: Council Northernbeaches Mailbox
Subject: TRIMMED: PEX2024/0005 Feedback From Resident

Dear Rebecca Sio,

I request that you please withhold my name, email and address.

I am a resident of Freshwater, and have the following comments to make regarding the hotel proposal.

Primarily I think the hotel would be useful as short term accommodation for visitors/tourists and families of people within the area and appears to be boutique in nature which is in its favour.

I don't think the hotel would necessarily result in any more disturbance than exists currently and the clientele are unlikely to be rowdy street drinkers adding to unsocial behaviour, but more likely to be tourists, business offsites or families of locals I would imagine.

Additional underground parking in the area could be effective in helping alleviate street parking issues if there is already strain on the parking situation in surrounding streets.

Additional tourist dollars would surely be positive for, and welcomed by, local businesses?

If the proposed hotel is 37 rooms, and unlikely to run at full occupancy, then I wouldn't think hotel occupants would put material additional strain on infrastructure given the relative population size of the basin and the large numbers of daily visitors we experience already.

That being said, while I do support this boutique style hotel in the area as an add on to a pre-existing business with a long heritage in Freshwater, I would strongly suggest that Council refrains from undertaking further rezonings beyond this proposal (or at least has a very high bar), that could result in over commercialisation of the Freshwater community, which as many respondents have pointed out, has a character and unique charm that should be preserved as far as possible.

Thank you
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