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RE: DA2022/2281 - 80 Undercliff Road FRESHWATER NSW 2096

Dear Assessing Officer,

Re: Pilu's DA2022/2281 @ 80 Undercliff Rd, Freshwater

We wish to unequivocally support the formalisation of the use of Pilu as a restaurant including its small ancillary function space which must be noted, has already been in existence for a number of years without any issues.

We are local residents who regularly frequent Pilu restaurant and cafe and have attended numerous wonderful weddings and celebrations in the ancillary space.

To locals, Pilu Restaurant is a much loved Freshwater landmark and an asset to our community. Giovanni and Marilyn are a big part of our local framework, sponsoring or making donations to events and helping out wherever they can. They work very hard to ensure that their restaurant maintains its world class reputation in every way. Its award-winning cuisine is exceptional, its premises are always clean and well maintained and the staff are always professional, respectful and welcoming.

Pilu's patrons, many of whom return over and over again, are well-heeled and well-behaved. This cannot be said of many other local venues including the pub.

Re: Parking - I think we need to remember that the parking spaces around Freshwater are mostly 'not' used by Pilu patrons, who often take taxis or an uber because they don't want to drink and drive. Instead they are taken up by a multitude of locals and visitors who frequent the beach, the many cafes (who do not have parking), the pub, surf carnivals, events in the park etc. Parking is difficult all over Sydney and it's a fact that most restaurants and cafes simply do not have designated parking. In this respect, Freshwater has far more parking and is thus far luckier than most areas of Sydney.

Quite frankly, after perusing the number of complaints by locals, it's time that we learn to live in harmony with each other and the community. We should be congratulating Pilu for making it through the pandemic, for holding onto its staff and for staying afloat during difficult times, not trying to pull them down or have them shut down!

As a community, we should be doing everything we can to help this successful iconic restaurant & business continue to thrive into the future.

Yours sincerely,

Susie Parker and Denver Beven