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Council

The Whale Beach Property Surf Life Saving Club Inc wishes to comment on the proposed alterations to the DA on 231 Whale Beach Road. (Planning Section 455 Modifications Mod 2021/0983).

We are near neighbours, being the owners of the surf club house at 227 Whale Beach Road. Our main mission is to ensure safe enjoyment of the ocean at Whale Beach. To help fund this objective our club house includes a restaurant, currently tenanted as a function centre. This approved usage has been in place for several decades.

We have remained neutral on the proposed development until now, as it presented no obvious consequences to our core objectives.

However, with this variation, we have concerns that a further substantial restaurant or function centre for 170 patrons at Whale Beach will overwhelm the available infrastructure.

- There is almost no public transport to the area, and none during weekends.
- There is virtually zero access for full sized passenger buses, especially in summer weekends when the proposed venue would have peak usage.
- There is very limited street parking.
- Parking in the NBC beach parking area is also limited, and often unavailable during summer.
- The proposed development caters for minimal additional parking.
- Already all Whale Beach local roads are reduced to one lane of traffic most of the time.
- Occasionally surf safety incidents require quick access for emergency vehicles, which would be seriously compromised by traffic congestion caused by the proposed venue.

We submit that such a development would be better placed where public transport, road access, and parking are freely available.

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