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Hi,

I received a notice from council concerning the Boathouse development at Palm Beach. It is my understanding that the Boathouse now wants to radically extend its trading hours from 7am to 11pm (7 days a week) and uses The Dunes restaurant as justification for this alteration.

The Boathouse knew the Dunes opening hours before it made its DA application, it did not apply in its original DA for these hours. One assumes the reason being, it wanted to cause as little public concern over their application as possible. This strategy of endless amendments to get issues through that would have been originally rejected proves what a failed approval system we have, where nothing is fixed and no guarantees are solid. It destroys the public's good faith in the process and wastes concerned residents time and effort because the applicant can change at will what was originally conceived and agreed upon.

The hours requested plus the extra car spaces further erodes the public enjoyment of a public and environmental sensitive park that should be enjoyed by all, not the few wealthy who can use it - as if they own the place. Because they DON'T OWN THE PLACE!

The commercialisation of public spaces and assets for the benefit of businesses and to the detriment of the community is a scandal. In my opinion the Boathouse has broken its promises and should have its DA rescinded.

I have no doubt there will be public protests outside the restaurant if these changes are approved, that is of course if the public will still be allowed access to the park.

Yours sincerely

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