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RE: DA2019/1234 - 0 Wharves And Jetties MANLY NSW 2095

My husband and I strongly oppose the development application DA2019/1234 to increase the patronage of Sake and El Camino Cantina at Manly Ferry Wharf.

I note both Sake and El Camino Cantina are owned by the Urban Purveyor Group. Urban Purveyor Group also own and operate The Bavarian at Manly Ferry Wharf.

To follow are the reasons why we oppose this proposed development.-

1. Maritime Heritage Listing:

By their own advertising, El Camino Cantina is "A down and dirty Austin, Texas inspired Tex-Mex restaurant and bar where the food is big and the margaritas are even bigger."

And again by their own advertising, "The venue is flooded with enough neon to light up the Las Vegas strip, juke boxes blast and restored 1957 Chevy trunks are filled with complimentary corn chips and salsas".

Is this respecting Manly Ferry Wharfs' heritage significance or at the very least reflecting Manlys' community identity?

2. Anti - Social Behaviour:

There have already been numerous complaints to venues and police in the past regarding anti-social behaviour emanating from licensed premises on Manly Wharf. Increasing the number of patrons from 507 to 864 will only exacerbate this existing problem.

Will the police be able to manage additional intoxicated persons at the 1am closing time? Additional resources will be required to do so by an already stretched police force.

The anti-social behaviour also flows into the private property of local residents where the 'customers' of these establishments find the need to urinate, defecate, engage in sexual activity and sell drugs. We don't need more of this type of activity.

3. Noise Disturbance:

The current late night noise levels from the existing licensed premises on Manly Wharf are excessive, offensive and unacceptable to the extent where we need to close our balcony doors and windows to keep out the noise.

Increasing patronage will only increase the noise levels affecting the local community.