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**RE: DA2023/0998 - 9999 The Esplanade FRESHWATER NSW 2096**

I am strongly opposed to the current DA 2023/0998 for extensions to Freshwater Surf Clubhouse building. Firstly, because the process is inadequate and inappropriate. The Surf Clubhouse is the major community facility managed by Council in Freshwater, located in the most important and most visited parkland reserve / beach in Freshwater.

This DA should be notified individually to every property owner and resident in Freshwater, with at least three community consultation events held over at least 3 months, with a response period of at least 6 months.

The whole Freshwater community should be engaged in further discussion about the clubhouse, its role and size in the public parkland.

Secondly, this proposal with an estimated cost of \$10 million seems to be a terrible waste of money for little overall improvement or increase of facilities in the clubhouse, and much detriment to the parkland. The proposed building is very bulky, and although the shadow diagrams do not show much change, the massive "shipping container" style roof will be overbearing in views from and over the parkland and beach. Taking of more land on the western side as proposed causes the current path to be moved west, and the flat area used for events and concerts will be reduced and probably not viable.

The introduction of a large restaurant is something that the community should have much more say about, and it would seem unnecessary and damaging to existing food businesses in Freshwater. Perhaps a smaller cafe with direct views over the beach could be appropriate and appreciated by locals. With the estimated costs, it may be better to instead buy a private property adjoining the reserve and convert that to a restaurant, or build a cafe on the hill in the south-west corner of the reserve, bringing a very popular use to that currently unused area which has a great view.

I request that the current DA be withdrawn, and the whole clubhouse renovation be recommenced with community involvement. Perhaps suitable parameters would be a maximum budget of \$2 million, and no extension beyond the envelope of the existing walls and roof, allowing re-organisation of the internal spaces of the existing building.