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RE: DA2021/2065 - 0 Market Lane MANLY NSW 2095

Firstly, it is very disappointing the way "Market Lane Live" a pop-up wine bar adjacent to Manly Public Library has been developed and enforced.

Initially, the pop-up bar was proposed last year as a summer activation project benefiting the local businesses. This is false. As food businesses have no secure, continuing platform to access the sale of food to the patrons. There should be an audit of how many businesses have actually benefited before this temporary 'pop-up' is made in essence, permanent.

The surrounding businesses have been inconvenienced to accommodate this pop-up backed by the council, at the expense of local businesses.

The expansion of the pop-up space fencing near the Whistler St. is ridiculous, with no regard to the impact to those businesses. The fact that seating has already been extended, fencing expanded, demonstrates that this DA proposal is already approved without consultation with the community or local businesses.

Furthermore, this DA proposal recommends taking out public bike racks to accommodate bin storage for this pop up. This generosity is not shown to local businesses who have been pleading with the council to have common bin storage space for businesses. The proposed bin storage is across my cafe. Bins will be stored permanently, where we will lose business as why will our customers sit next to the bins.

These bins need to be accommodated inside the fenced space. It is their problem much like what we are told when asked for where can we put our bins.

The proposed DA does not mention the trading hours of the pop-up nor the duration.

We open at 5:30am and last year during the summer, there was rubbish left till morning.

How is the space going to be used during the day?

How is this going to benefit small local businesses?

The pop up opens at 11am at the weekends and as alcohol is serving a group of young kids who wanted to sit there with their takeaway food from nearby businesses were kicked out. This

is one example.

The space is in the heart of Manly CBD. This should be accessible to everyone.

If the Council had decided to make it an urban park where 'pop-up events could be booked and the rest of the time it reverts back to public space. This would have been a better outcome for the community and local businesses. It would also have been fair on small arts and events organisations to utilise the space without having to go through a private operator.

Frankly, this is not a 'pop-up' nor is this temporary. It was only supposed to be for the summer but has remained with the private operator for the entire year. This DA just makes it an official handover. There needs to be accountability of how and why there is such a strong push to make this a wine bar. This is prime public space that is family friendly, away from the busy Corso that local love.

Why has the impact on nearby local small businesses not been taken into account when approving this proposal?