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RE: DA2024/1249 - 0 East Esplanade MANLY NSW 2095

Over the years issues regarding the venues at Manly Wharf has been an ongoing agenda item at the Manly Community Forum monthly meetings. the former Chair was a member of the Northern Beaches Safety Committee and spent many hours working with the Council and Police attempting to resolve issues, many remain unresolved today.

Abhorrent behaviour in the vicinity of Manly Wharf after dark and at closing time of the venues has been well documented over the years. Northern Beaches Council and the local Police have failed over the years to deal with the poor behaviour of patrons leaving the current venues. An additional 700 patrons taking the capacity of the Manly Wharf venues to approximately 2,500 patrons will exacerbate the already existing problems.

In recent years local residents living in the immediate vicinity employed their own security and installed CCTV to deal with people leaving the area who were urinating, defecating, taking and trading drugs, having sex and generally misbehaving on and in their private properties within 500m from the Manly Wharf late at all hours of the night and especially after the venues closed.

Residents have also lodged thousands of complaints regarding noise pollution in the area emanating from the entertainment, music and sheer numbers of people at the venues on Manly Wharf. Council has previously required these premises to comply with noise reduction measures however it is not infrequent that these measures have been ignored to the detriment of the quiet enjoyment of the local residents. Council has been lax in ensuring compliance.

Perhaps the proponent could pay for and install temporary toilets and urinals in strategic locations within 500m of the Wharf venues and extend their security patrols beyond the immediate Wharf area to reduce the abhorrent behaviour of their patrons.

Regards

Cathy Griffin

Chair

Manly Community Forum