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**Sent:** 20/07/2023 6:55:07 PM  
**Subject:** DA2022/2281 - 80 Undercliff Road, Freshwater

Dear DA Assessment Team,

I note that this DA does not require public exhibition however Council advises that it will consider submissions that are received prior to determination of the application. On this basis I wish to make a submission in support of the Development Application.

Pilu at Freshwater is a long term iconic Northern Beaches business that is, in my opinion, extremely well operated and managed.

Its unique location and beautiful ambiance coupled with excellent staff and fantastic cuisine is something our community should be very proud of.

It is a local business run by locals which employs locals and I am sure generates lots of tangible and intangible benefits for the Northern Beaches.

Reviewing the DA I conclude that the core matter that is requested for consideration is to formalise the existing use arrangements that have been in place for around 20 years while making some minor adjustments to trading hours. This I fully support this as a reasonable request for consideration and approval.

I have personally dined and enjoyed Pilu throughout its operational history and in fact was had planned to dine there with a some very good friends and my colleague Professor Myles Allen who I studied with in the UK next week. Myles is the Director of Oxford Net Zero, the University of Oxford's interdisciplinary research initiative on net zero, and founded the Climate Prediction project, the world's largest climate modelling experiment. He also served on the UN Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC). Unfortunately his commitments have changed so we will have to delay our catch up at Pilu until his next visit.

Similarly I very much enjoyed taking some very good friend and their son and some friends to Pilu to celebrate his 21<sup>st</sup> birthday – he was born on the Northern Beaches grew up at Caves Beach and in Canada and came back to live and work on the Northern Beaches while playing first grade rugby for the Manly Marlins.

The reason I mention the above matters is Pilu is precisely the type of business that should be allowed and in fact encouraged to prosper for the enjoyment of many local residents and their guests from far and wide.

I do not consider there to be any parking impact of DA2022/2281 as Freshwater is an idyllic location where parking is always a premium and most users of Pilu will manage their transport arrangements accordingly with minimal impact of other users of the overall Freshwater Precinct.

Similarly noise impacts are, in my opinion, not of any real relevance as my understanding of the DA is that there are no renovations to the premises, no extra patronage proposed (it is just formalising the existing patronage arrangements), and no meaningful or significant changes to operating hours.

Therefore I fully support DA2022/2281 and look forward to Pilu continuing to operate as a valued and valuable local business providing excellent services to the Northern Beaches community

*Kind Regards,*

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