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RE: DA2021/1311 - 1031 Barrenjoey Road PALM BEACH NSW 2108

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Lot A DP 404349 / 1031 Barrenjoey Road Palm Beach

Use of premises as a café and change of hours

Thank you for your notification letter of 9 August 2021 regarding the development application for the property now called 'Coast'. We are the full-time retired residents at 3 Iluka Road Palm Beach, adjacent to the subject site and we object to the proposal.

We have no objection to the current operation of 'Coast' during daylight hours, however, like many other surrounding residents we strongly oppose any extension of the operating hours given the severe amenity impacts on all surrounding properties.

In the past 15 months we have lived here, there have been occasions when the premises have been used unlawfully for functions. When thirty or more patrons occupy the footpath and nature strip after 8pm of an evening, the proximity of the diners feels and sounds like they are in our own backyard. Our residential garden feels like it has been invaded by a crowd of people, singing along with the café music and smoking and drinking on our boundary. We are forced to retreat inside and close our doors and windows which is not acceptable.

Our experience is that patrons behave as they please, and while the patrons are encouraged not to loiter at the cafe premises on closing, they simply move to the footpath outside our homes. The verbal abuse is appalling and the rubbish left behind is akin to vandalism.

Residents should not have to police unruly patrons or monitor and report unlawful activities.

As a retired audio engineer with 25 years of location sound recording experience, in my opinion, the Acoustic Dynamics acoustic report reads like a cut and paste from another commercial document and does not consider the 'real world' noise generated by patrons in and around this residential area café. The data is inconclusive at best and relies on a Management Plan (5.2) that is unenforceable by the operator let alone providing the residents any surety. In summary, we have no objection to current operations however we are strongly opposed to any change of status or operations given the severe amenity impacts on all surrounding residents.

Yours faithfully
G & B Grist