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Dear Rebecca Sio,

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**Re: Submission on DA PEX2024/0005 or Harbord Hotel**

My wife and I have been residents and landowners in Freshwater since 2002. Over this time, we have witnessed the area go through many periods – of growth, and slumps. We believe the Harbord Hotel, and local businesses, have played a major role in lifting our suburb in many ways.

- The renovated pub has provided Freshwater and more broadly the Northern Beaches a boost to the local economy – providing jobs, supply chain support for local providers and increased revenue for the region.
- The renovated pub has contributed to the gentrification of Freshwater and surrounding areas, significantly increasing the desirability of the suburb.
- The pub has always been a community gathering spot, but after being upgraded it's more appealing to people outside the area as much as locals.

Regarding the current Planning Proposal seeking to amend Warringah Local Environmental Plan 2011 (WLEP 2011) to include hotel accommodation as an Additional Permitted Use at the site, we have reviewed the documents on exhibition and would like to submit our support for the application.

- A hotel with accommodation at this specific location would further boost the local economy – overnight visitors mean more jobs and further increased revenue for the region. We support changing the LEP for this address/site but not the entire basin or area.
- The Northern Beaches as a destination is growing. Manly accommodation is at capacity, and we need to look at catering to tourism needs of our region beyond bed in Manly. Dispersing visitor spending across the Northern Beaches will benefit more local businesses.
- Accommodation at this site would be a valuable add on for Freshwater, which already services numerous weddings at nearby Pulu, other venues and is well visited by tourists.
- A boutique hotel with 30-something beds is small thus so the impact of extra visitors would be subtle and not an inconvenience to locals. 37 beds would turn over a manageable number of visitors, who would spend locally in Freshwater, benefiting local business.
- The current car park is a waste of space, an eyesore and not functional. Underground parking would benefit the hotel guests, and potentially mitigate build-up on nearby streets.
- While we appreciate residents in the immediate vicinity of the hotel would be initially inconvenienced by building works, the long term and broader benefits for the entire community and the local economy far outweigh the inconvenience.

Regards

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