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RE: DA2023/0998 - 9999 The Esplanade FRESHWATER NSW 2096

Dear sir / madam,

I have some questions and concerns regarding the proposed development.

I am a strong supporter of the Freshwater SLSC, with the work their members do assisting the council's professional lifeguards save lives, but they also encourage fitness and surf awareness in our community, which is commendable. As these are the primary purposes of the surf club, I'm concerned that the proposed development moves away from those purposes and is more of a 'wish list' of what would be nice to have. My questions are as follows:

Level 1:

Club members' toilets: Three female toilets to two male toilets. No urinals. Are there more female members than male?

Club members' showers: Cubicles for female showers, open showers for males. Shouldn't everyone have equal rights to privacy & safety?

Level 2:

What will be the purpose of the Freshwater Room? Is it for exclusive use of club members or for public use?

Is there a genuine need for a Members' Lounge?

Level 3:

It is proposed to increase the GFA by 80% (from 229sqm to 414sqm).

Is it necessary to increase the size of gymnasium by 50%? Does it get that much use by so many members concurrently?

Is it necessary to continue to have a caretaker's apartment when most SLSCs do not?

The club currently has a very large footprint and is unsightly. Perhaps a more modest redeveloped could be undertaken, which would make it more attractive (e.g. Mona Vale SLSC) and wouldn't necessitate an increased footprint. I expect that any redevelopment would be funded by council ratepayers, who are currently being asked to support a very large increase in their rates, so it is very important that any redevelopment done is absolutely necessary for SLSC duties and benefits the community as a whole.