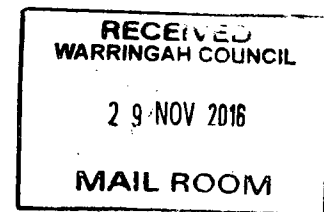
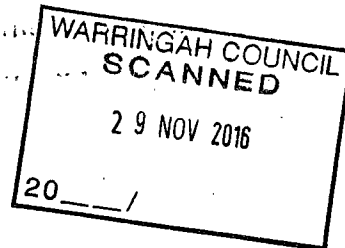


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**The Administrator**  
**Northern Beaches Council**  
**Civic Centre, 725 Pittwater Road.**  
**Dee Why NSW 2099**

**Attention: Lashta Haidari**  
**Senior Planning and Assessment Officer.**

**Re: - SUBMISSION ON MOUNTIES GROUP MOD 2016/0293**

This major construction project, the largest in the history of Freshwater as a residential suburb, is understandably having a major impact on residential amenity, during its prolonged construction phase.

This modification application seeks to extend construction hours on Monday to Friday to 8pm and on Saturday until 3pm. This application co-incides with the structural phase of construction where a substantial amount of concrete will be poured from delivery trucks.

Already there is evidence from local residents that concrete is, on occasions, being poured beyond the specified hours, and cleaning up is undertaken afterwards in darkness. Residents have reported that workers are on site well after the specified times specified in the DA consent.

We are cognisant of the need for major construction projects to be built expeditiously, but there is a balance to be achieved between this objective and community amenity.

It is noted that Council's Parks, Reserves and Foreshores recognised this reality with respect to Saturday work, and in its response does not approve the extension of time until 3pm given the widespread use of McKillop Park at weekends. We strongly concur with this assessment.



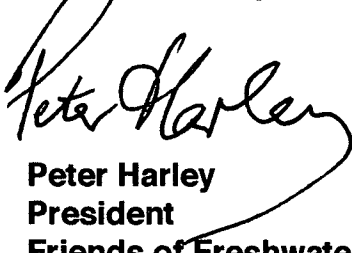
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We have considerable concern at consent approval being sought for the extension of midweek work hours until 8pm. At the time of writing, sunset is at 7.49pm and only extends beyond 8pm in the new year summer months. We think it is unwise, on WHS grounds, to grant approval for workers to be actively working on a construction site in darkness or semi-darkness. This also includes crane and truck movements. It is also disrespectful of the amenity of nearby residents, particularly those with young children.

We would urge Council to restrict working hours to 6pm midweek and maintain the current approval for Saturday work. We would also urge strong compliance action to ensure adherence to these specifications.

**We submit these comments for your further consideration.**

Yours Faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Peter Harley". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping flourish at the end that loops back under the name.

**Peter Harley  
President  
Friends of Freshwater Inc.**

26 NOVEMBER 2016.