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**From:**  
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To Whom it May Concern,

**Re: DA2021/1620 Harbord Hotel**

I would like to make a submission of support for this development application, and I would like to support councils decision to approve the application. I have been watching the activity of the recent development application and wish to provide my feedback on the application.

I have lived in the Harbord/Freshwater area since 1987 and have experienced the property when the Hotel was under previous ownership and under the current ownership.

My observations and experience has been very positive since the new hotel owners took over. Apart from the pubs fabulous renovation adding positively to the vibe and status of the suburb, since the addition of the upgraded glazing I can no longer hear anything from inside the venue.

I have been in the pub on several occasion when a live band or DJ has been playing and amazed that when I depart the venue, I cannot hear anything as soon as I leave the pubs front doors. My understanding that this high level of sound management is included in the new plans.

I am also very impressed by the management and security staffs focus on managing the exit of patrons. At no time have I been bothered by "closing time", as it seems to be handled very well with local residents in mind. It's apparent that the new ownership have employed an incredible amount of security and I am pleased to report that I have not witnessed an altercation since the refurbishment has completed.

I live in the White Waves building on the ground floor, so I feel I am potentially the most affected by noise or people leaving the pub. But to be honest the disturbance from across the road at the beach and park from picnics, kids parties etc is where any noise complaints should be founded.

I'm sure parking is another area of concern for some residents. My view is that we live in a popular beachside suburb, so parking is always tough – being sought after by beachgoers, or for the park/picnics and other cafes, restaurants etc. The pub makes very little impact on this demand and in fact the plan for additional parking is a great initiative and consideration by the new owners.

The pub has always been here and the local residents should be very grateful for the new ownership of the pub and support their initiatives and business - I certainly consider it now as a classy venue and an asset to Freshwater. The proposed modifications look like great additions which I am sure the community will enjoy.

Please also note that I am not able available to attend the planning panel, therefore I would like to nominate Sam Hamdan from 23/30 Moore Road Freshwater as my Spokesperson.

Many thanks,

**David Gibson**

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