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Re: Response to DA2020/1027 Natural Environment Referral Response dated 10 February 2021

Subject: Natural Environment Unit proposed mitigation measures (conditions) to reduce potential impacts on the endangered Long-Nosed Bandicoot and Little Penguin populations resulting from noise and disturbance associated with operation of the restaurant.

Background

The café premises at Little Manly Beach services locals and visitors who are already at the beach rather than being a destination that attracts patrons to the beach for the purpose of attending the café. Whilst additional seats are proposed at the café, this is for convenience rather than to attract additional patrons to the area.

The DA is proposing the hours:

Sunday - Wednesday: 7am - 4pm

Thursday - Saturday: 7am - 10pm

Natural Resources response recommendation is:

The hours of operation of the premises are not to exceed the following;

Winter Opening Hours (1 June to 31 August)

Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 9:00am to 5:00pm,
Friday and Saturday 9:00am to 9:00pm.

Summer Opening Hours (1 September to 31 May)

Monday and Tuesday 7:00am to 5:00pm,
Wednesday and Thursday 7:00am to 9:00pm,
Friday and Saturday 7:00am to 10:00pm,
Sunday 7:00am to 7:00pm.

Note: The serving of meals is to cease thirty (30) minutes prior to closing time on each day and the premises are to be fully vacated outside these times (including patrons, staff and operator / manager).

The proposed change from the operation hours is not likely to significantly impact penguins for two reasons:

1. as there is no records of penguin activity in the immediate vicinity of the Kiosk and the nearest activity is at the very western end of the beach near the boat ramp.
2. The large flood lights that are attached to the poles would be far more distracting and confusing for penguins.

The proposed change from the operation hours being sort and the recommended operating hours is not likely to reduce the bandicoot road mortality as the change is:

1. A small intensification of use during the pre dawn or dusk/evening hours when bandicoots are active



Mitigation Measures:

The following mitigation measures could be implemented:

- There is proposed to be low dense planting in the adjacent garden beds that will provide bandicoot refuse habitat.
- Small permanent signage attached beside the entrances informing patrons of the presence of bandicoots and a request to be careful to not harm bandicoots when unparking and driving.
- Reduction in amplified music to an appropriate level
- Low level lighting only (whilst providing a reasonable level of safety for patrons)
- No dogs allowed for dinner trade