
Sent: 12/02/2024 1:07:02 PM

Subject: Submission re NBC DA Mod2021/0983 231 Whale Beach Road Whale Beach 2107

Subject: Protecting the Access and Amenity of Whale Beach

To Whom This May Concern,

I am writing to be a voice for Whale Beach to express my deep concern regarding the proposed redevelopment at 231 Whale Beach Road.

Firstly, I acknowledge the Traditional Owners of the land and pay my respects to their Elders, past and present, and to the Aboriginal Elders who have worshiped the unique place of Whale Beach. The singularity of this place is worth to be considered, acknowledged, respected, honoured and to be preserved for all future endeavours to come. Additionally, the voice of the community needs to be heard and validated.

In today's world, where tension, distress, and sickness are prevalent, we must pause and ask ourselves about the true value that a new concept or product brings to a community, humanity and the world at large. I am questioning the pursuit of profit over sacrificing the peace, tranquillity and integrity of the community?

At the moment the Whale Beach Community is well established in relation to food and dining entertainment with Whale Beach Café on the Deck, as well as Jonah's Restaurant and Moby Dick restaurant. The community does not need nor does it value a new restaurant.

The assertion that *'everyone else in the wider neighbourhood will be very unhappy that they won't be able to have a nice eatery there,'* and that *'Whale Beach is in desperate need for more retail,'* are misleading and fail to acknowledge the genuine concerns raised by the local residents.

(Ref: <https://www.smh.com.au/national/nsw/whale-beach-residents-rally-against-proposed-restaurant-20220609-p5asmg.html>)

These are some of the negative impacts of the proposed expansion on Whale Beach:

Emotional distress for locals

The voice of the community needs to be heard and considered. Any change to the environment can change its dynamics and can indeed cause emotional distress for residents.

Competition for Jonah's and Moby Dick

Another restaurant is competition that could negatively affect the viability of existing businesses.

Attracting more people from far and wide has potential destroying the essence of Whale Beach is a significant concern. We should be preserving its distinctiveness.

Negative ecological impact on the local environment through damage to flora and fauna, disruption of ecosystems, and loss of habitat.

Increased traffic, parking issues and noise pollution can lead to reduced quality of life for residents and wildlife.

We must prioritize the health and wellbeing of residents and advocate for initiatives that promote community health and safety.

I urge you to stand with us in protecting the access and amenity of Whale Beach.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,
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