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RE: DA2020/1167 - 9 Francis Street DEE WHY NSW 2099

To Northern Beaches Council

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As a local resident of the Northern Beaches and a business (Point Break Drama Acting Studio) that has made its home at the New Life Baptist Church located at 28 Fisher Rd / 9 Francis St, Dee Why for the past 18 years, we wish to register our strong support for the development proposal and note the following -

The church has been active in the local community for almost 100 years. The Baptist Church has a long history of community involvement and the last 18 years have been no different. The site currently plays host to our drama studio, Community Connect as well as a number of different church congregations , and regular Music & dance community groups. The new site will enable the church to continue and expand this community further.

The new state-of-the-art conference centre/multi-purpose community facilities will allow similar uses to the current church entering at the ground level off Fisher Rd and will also provide much-needed professional standard conference facilities for Dee Why community use. Our Drama studio will benefit from the new facilities and will enable us to provide classes and theatre of a higher standard and larger scale, providing cultural benefit to the local Dee Why population.

Point Break Drama fully supports the church retaining ownership of the entire facility to ensure the community use continues as a good legacy. The Newlife Baptist Church Organization are very supportive of small local community businesses like ours. This means that elements will not be sold off to other non-connected commercial uses.

Point Break is excited that the proposed carparking will be a great improvement upon what currently exists. The new facility will allow great access, secure parking underground. Safer and secure.

Point Break Drama love the sustainability and landscape approach to the development.

We believe the overall aim of this project is to increase the quality and quantity of affordable housing options available in Dee Why, and in the wider Northern Beaches Local Government Area.

We understand the development is proposed within the height and density allowances provided within the town planning allowances. We understand that the recent planning upgrade for Dee Why has been publicly consulted for a long period and will position this development to be an integral part of the new town centre.

Point Break Drama is super supportive of the roof space at Francis St end of the development to be fitted with solar panels for sustainability and the Fisher Rd roof level features an enclosed multi-purpose space with a green outlook.

In conclusion, we feel that significant community benefit will be gained from this development through its provision of services and facilities to Dee Why.. We support this development and understand that it meets the objectives of the council planning requirements.

We believe that it will not result in significant negative impacts on surrounding land uses and environment.

We note that it is responsive to its site context and presents a positive visual relationship with surrounding uses.

We feel that it is strongly in the public interest.