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RE: DA2021/1541 - 20 Albert Street FRESHWATER NSW 2096

To The Assessment Officer

I object to this proposal - i believe it will deter local people from visiting this area right when we finally get our supermarket back. People don't want to walk past a whole bunch of loud intoxicated people/music and dodge the smokers to buy their groceries especially given the current health crisis.

I have lived here for over 45 years and am sure this is the last thing Freshwater needs. Our quality of life has been severely impacted by the establishment of Stowaway Bar across from this applicants address due to noise from music, people, smokers, deliveries, trucks, traffic, exhaust and waste disposal - the air at night smells of food and grease. I think the people who live in this area have every right to expect to be able to open their windows at night and sleep without having to listen to untenable noise.

I'm sure there are those that may enjoy eating and drinking there but there will be thousands more people who live and visit the area who find it extremely unpleasant as they did the Stowaway Bar which while it has been restricted during Covid has still managed to be mentioned as a major noise concern. We don't need to imagine what sort of negative impact a Business of the type described in this application would do to the area as we know we already have experienced this since the Stowaway opened

I think the Council Environment Officer was spot on with his comments REFUSAL - it doesn't matter how many restrictions you put in if they are not followed. Staff changes and difficulty monitoring breaches means that those close are left to suffer as the noise continues - exhausts are left on after closing / people hang around the streets at night in groups causing noise and locals can't sleep. These things happen after council hours when no one can assist.

Thankyou