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RE: DA2020/0514 - 1 B Bolingbroke Parade FAIRLIGHT NSW 2094

I have serious concerns about the DA for the Manly Boatshed Refurbishment based on two aspects:

1. Potential ecological impacts

Although the ecological impact assessment is relatively comprehensive I disagree with its conclusion that significant impact assessments under the Fisheries Management Act (Whites Seahorse and Posidonia australis) and Biodiversity Management Act (Sooty Oystercatcher) are not required.

Significant impact assessments should address construction impacts, cumulative impacts and ongoing indirect impacts as well as direct impacts. For example a significant impact assessment should provide scientific, evidenced based justification that threatened seagrass beds are not likely to be permanently damaged/reduced in extent from construction impacts. It should cite examples that Whites Seahorse can be successfully relocated and that that there is minimal risk of the extinction of the local population from the proposed development. Sooty Oystercatchers have intertidal foraging habitat in close vicinity to the proposed development. There is no consideration of this threatened species in the ecological assessment and the indirect impact of disturbance to this species from the construction works and increased intensification of use of the establishment in the longterm.

2 Potential local amenity impacts

The proposed seating capacity and extensive hours of operation of the so called "kiosk" indicate that the proposed use is more akin to a restaurant/bar establishment. Manly Boatshed is located within a short stretch of natural foreshore between the Manly urban center and the developed open space of North Harbour. The Manly urban center has an abundance of foreshore cafes, bars and restaurants (e.g Manly Wharf Bar, The Skiff Club, The Pavillion Restaurant) and North Harbour has a cafe, parking and large areas of open space for recreational users. The proposed "kiosk" at the Manly Boatshed is likely to result in a significant increase in noise, people, parking and associated impacts (e.g. rubbish) thus destroying and fragmenting the natural amenity of this precious natural foreshore corridor.