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**To:** [Planning Panels - Northern Beaches](#)  
**Subject:** Submission re: Application No. DA2024/1249.....Messy processes by the Council to hide an appalling recommendation on Manly Wharf  
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**Attachments:** [REDACTED]

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Dear Council,

**Submission re: Application No. DA2024/1249**

I write to object to the fundamental flaws in your consultation processes, and the awful recommendation they hide. I just received an email with the attached letter. The letter gives a link for the meeting agenda on one page, then on the second page the letter notes that there is an assessment report in the meeting agenda. These pieces of basic information should be together.

There is so much wrong with this, that it's a farce.

1. What is the agenda link on one page and the fact that there is an assessment report there on the second page, other than deliberate hiding to avoid submissions?
2. When I open the meeting link, it does not go to an agenda or a report and nor is it clear where the report is to be found. See screenshot of what the link opens as shown in the screenshot at the end of this email.
3. After eventually finding the agenda, it turns out to be over 100 pages with no direct link to the item about which you emailed me - Manly Wharf.

The Council could readily provide the actual assessment to those who wrote in about it, not this absurd trail to find it. I can only conclude that this is a deliberate attempt to avoid further submissions. Given the recommended decision, which is exactly opposite to what the community wanted (as in the survey conducted), I can see why the Council is trying to hide this. So the first point of my submission is that the Council should rewrite to everyone, provide reasonable access to the assessment, and time to respond.

My second point is this. I am alarmed that the community survey conducted about this matter showed that the thing the community DID NOT want was another pub. Yet the development is for exactly this and the recommendation is to approve it.

Furthermore, the submissions confirm the views shown in the survey- 19 of 20 submissions were against it.

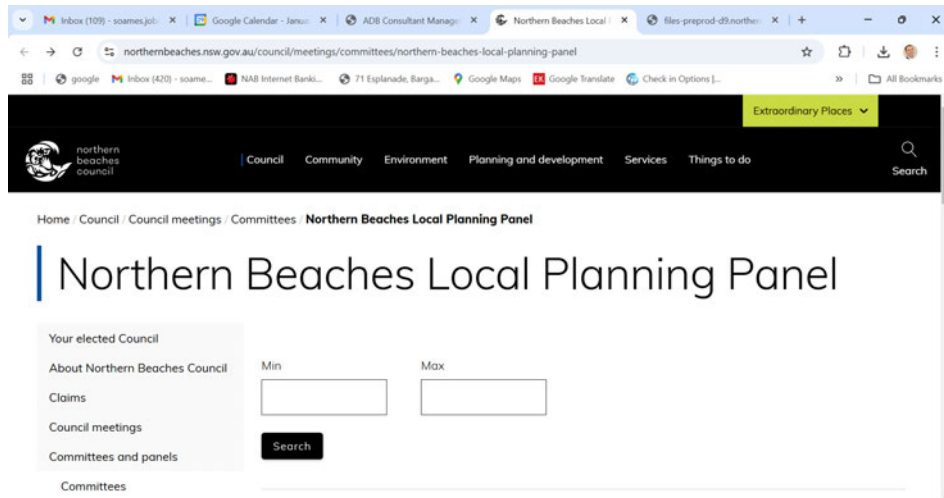
Manly Wharf is a wonderful state heritage building, and parts will be demolished in this development application.

The recommendation shows that the consultation process is a joke, so far. If the council rejects this recommendation to approve, then it will reflect the views of its constituents, as it should.

This recommendation to approve represents complete disregard for the community, for submissions, and for heritage value. In short, it is disgraceful negligence and the development application should be rejected by the Council. This development requires a great deal of revision away from a pub, and damaging a wonderful iconic structure.

Yours faithfully,

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