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Re DA 2021/0669

The magnificent peninsula north of Avalon is remarkable for its geography, climate and ecology. As a resident of the area since 1952 I deeply appreciate the significance of the Barrenjoey tombola and Governor Phillip Park. The enjoyment of a visit to the area lifts one's spirit - something that should be shared beyond those like me fortunate enough to be residents. Historically, it has been thus.

The Rendezvous, The Palladium, The Blue Pacific, these all being tea rooms, the picnic shelters in the park, Johnny Hawke's Beach Buffet, Brian Dunn's fish & chips and Howlet's store were all pre 1960's facilities offering light meals and tea to Palm Beach visitors, all within 30 metres of the beach. They are gone, leaving just one operation at the busy Ocean Road and The Boathouse.

When a sympathetic development is proposed for a longstanding commercial site offering an amenity for visitors for meals and functions I feel it should be embraced; it provides both a sense of place to locals and it shares its magnificent setting with a broader community.

Renewal is appropriate. Palm Beach Surf Club, of which I am a former Captain and President is extensively updating its heritage-listed building. Council is also supporting significant and overdue redevelopments of Mona Vale and Long Reef Surf Clubs, which like The Boat House are sited on public land. Recent Council work along the Palm Beach foreshore, the naming of the Jack Carter Pool and Douglas Marks Pavilion have been appreciated by many.

The Boat House building is in need for similar renewal. DA approval will assist the support of deeply loved local businesses, provide local employment opportunities and make accessible recreation facilities available to many. I can not count the number of times I have seen older Boat House customers, like me, sit for an hour on a coffee while awaiting their more energetic family members to take the wonderful Barrenjoey hike and then enjoy a meal together. Long may it continue.

Accordingly, I am writing in support of DA 2021/0669 in Governor Phillip Park at Palm Beach.

Yours faithfully,

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