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To: Council Northernbeaches Mailbox
Subject: TRIMMED: Attention: Development Assessment re Application Number DA2024/1249 Manly Wharf

Dear Development Assessment, Northern Beaches Council,

We are writing to make a submission objecting to Application Number DA2024/1249 for Manly Wharf.

We live on East Esplanade opposite the Wharf. The key aspect of the plan to which we object is the plan to create a brewery - yet another alcohol outlet. In the wharf we already have the massive Wharf Bar- now Fellons, and the Bavarian Manly Wharf, as well as Four Pines Brewery just opposite the Wharf. Turn the corner, and in a short walk you will come to the Ivanhoe, New Brighton Hotel, Hotel Steyne, Old Manly Boatshed, and Henry G's a short walk just up the Corso. These existing outlets bring in large numbers of drinkers (serves some food as well) have really loud live music, and in our direct and repeated experience, result in large numbers of drunks, vomit and rubbish on our street, and quite often screaming and yelling in the middle of the night. We are woken regularly by screaming and yelling patrons, and loud music.

This a few hundred metres of street already suffers from a heavier concentration of largely alcohol outlets (with various names) than any other location on the Northern Beaches, yet this is largely a residential street. Let's not pretend that a brewery is something particularly different - Four Pines is a brewery, and it contributes to the noise, the inebriated patrons, and the vomit on our street - I have seen patrons walk down the stairs from Four Pines and vomit along the street. This is not a hypothetical - this is plain proven reality, and it's utterly unreasonable to add to this existing concentrated problem. Surely we are already suffering enough from this, without Council allowing yet another massive expansion of the problem!

Finally, we note the absolute farce that the developers are quoted as saying they are concerned to give the community what it wants, yet this largest part of the plan (a brewery) is exactly what the survey of the community said they did NOT WANT. The brewery and barrel hall take up the vast majority of the proposed development. The article claims that: "Brand Manager, Dean Romeo, who wants to ensure the business gets the balance right with locals..."

and

"Artemus Group commissioned a YouGov survey of Northern Beaches residents to ask what they would like to see changed in the area"

The survey revealed that people wanted: "pop-up markets, live music, mid-week activities. Allocating dedicated spaces for local artist performances, artists' markets, food festivals, and community events was also favoured." as were "dedicated spaces for cultural events and performances." Breweries are not dedicated spaces for live events - they are spaces to sell alcohol and food, with live music to bring people to them.

"Among the least popular recommendations revealed in the survey were features such as takeaway breaky, cocktail bars, pubs, and pub-style dining."

That is exactly what a brewery is: pub style dining, just as Four Pines Brewery, just across the street. The food is of a similar standard to the pubs also so close by, such as the Ivanhoe, just up the Corso. So, the entire focus of the proposed development is what the community survey

said the locals did not want. What a spin and twist Mr Romeo has been able to put on this. Local residents can only hope that the Council is not fooled, and listens to the local residents who will suffer if this development goes ahead, and the survey results showing cocktail bars, pubs, and pub-style dining are the least preferred options.

(Source for the points on the survey and the communcaitions spin is the article in the Manly Observer, *Wharf Bar rebrands as Felons Manly as barrel hall and microbrewery plans go on show* <https://manlyobserver.com.au/wharf-bar-rebrands-as-felons-manly-as-barrel-hall-and-microbrewery-plans-go-on-show/>)

As a local resident, the previous tenant of the large space on the Wharf, Aldi, was great. It broke the monopoly of Coles, which has grabbed the 2 spaces for supermarkets in Manly village. Was a supermarket one of the options in the survey? We suggest that the Council checks this please. We do understand that perhaps the rental income was not enough, but believe that the Council should clearly reject another brewery where the deep social and life quality costs for the profit being made from another brewery are paid by the local residents on East Esplanade.

Yours faithfully,

 (we request that our names and emails not be disclosed publicly)