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RE: DA2020/1027 - 0 Stuart Street MANLY NSW 2095

With each application to increase the size of 'Ripples' the public toilets and showers become more diminished, more set back and more reduced in accessibility and amenity. Fine dining does not go hand in hand with public toileting. If approved Council is permitting a privately run up-market restaurant to engulf a public beachside facility, a dangerous precedent for any council. Given this amendment proposes further privatisation of heavily used and enjoyed public open space and public amenity it should not be approved.

Compounding the mistake Northern Beaches Council has already made in permitting Ripples to take on the tenancy of what should have been a small family oriented beachside kiosk, is not acceptable.

Little Manly is struggling under the number of visitors, the beach sees hundreds of visitors on a summers day and streets are packed with vehicles. This applicant thinks it appropriate to compromise the toilet block, reduce the public open space and provide no additional parking for staff or patrons all for the benefit of 16 patrons ensconced exclusively behind glass walls while 10 patrons watch over beachgoers from their tasteful 'Ripples' outdoor tables.

The applicant should not have been allowed and should not be allowed any increase in floor space over and above the existing kiosk. The take away counter and the waiters' station should have been refused/should be refused, so too the newly proposed pathway and associated retaining walls needed to access bins. All of the structures associated with the restaurant should have been/should be of a temporary nature and detailed so as to be removable. The glazed sashless windows to the beachfront should be refused. The 1320 high retaining wall for the bins is not removable nor temporary so should also be refused.

(Council should bear in mind in reading submissions that it is not clear whether we are commenting on the whole proposal as documented or just the latest amendments).

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