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ATTENTION: THOMAS BURNS: ASSESSMENT OFFICER

Please find attached our submission for your consideration.

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Best regards

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To the Assessment Officer, Thomas Burns

Re: DA2021/0025

We are writing in respect of the above DA and wish to express our concern about three aspects of the Application: -

1. Potential impairment of the Heritage fabric of the 1910 components of building.
2. Impact of the construction on neighbouring infrastructure
3. Access across Undercliffe Reserve and Council Land for the purpose of construction.

17A Crown Road is one of Freshwater's most significant properties being one of the last of the so-called "Fishermen's Cottages" that were so prevalent in the early history of Freshwater. It is the more so because, at one stage it was owned by Arthur Costin, who also had grand designs for what is now known as the Freshwater View Estate (whose terraces and entrance are also heritage listed).

We are concerned that the heritage elements of this site will be disturbed by this construction process and our concerns have not been allayed by the Geotechnical report provided with this Application.

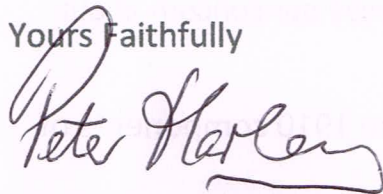


The dividing fence shared by the property and its neighbour is a dry stone wall which could be impaired by the excavation process and particularly by vibration caused by machinery

Access to the site for the purpose of manoeuvring equipment into position is either via a narrow, steep, pathway from Crown Road, or across Undercliffe Reserve at the bottom of the site. Undercliffe Reserve provides safe pedestrian access to and from Freshwater Beach. It is well utilised by locals and tourists alike and is an important part of the Palm Beach to Manly Coastal Path. On this pathway, leading off to the east, there is a set of stairs and a stone pathway that lead to 17a. These are all on Council land, and there have been a number of issues in the past as to their usage including the erection of an illegal gate and the installation of a delivery container at the base of the stairs. These were the subject of Council objection and were removed.

Currently the Friends of Freshwater is working with Council to regenerate bushland in nearby Undercliffe Reserve, including vegetation adjacent to the stairs. We are concerned that any movement of heavy equipment across the Reserve might cause damage to public pathways and nearby bushland.

Yours Faithfully

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Peter Harley OAM
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