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**RE: DA2023/0998 - 9999 The Esplanade FRESHWATER NSW 2096**

DA2023/0998

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on 2023/0998 which I believe has a range of features that will add value to the Freshwater community and could be significantly enhanced with some minor changes.

The retention of the heritage building is excellent, and the extension of the verandah will be a welcome addition for club members (although it doesn't appear this will be available for the general community which is unfortunate). Using the museum to divide the old and new sections will provide both a wonderful display area for the community and a great connection of old and new. However, I believe the starkness of the proposed colour scheme white with very red roof for the heritage building is inappropriate. The cream and a muted colour for the roof would be more appropriate.

The movement of the café to the northern part of the SLSC will provide a more appealing space for the café. At the current time the queues for service provide a roadblock for people going to the beach and toilet facilities. I think queuing for take-away orders is likely to still be problematic in the new design. The positioning of the garbage bins is likely to produce a greater litter problem around the café as they are too great a distance from the café and beach entrance. I believe they need to be placed where they are today. I would encourage a water bottle filling station be added in the landscaping plan.

The proposal of a restaurant at the club was something I at first believed would be popular with the community. However, the restaurant seems overly large and the lack of water views very disappointing. The SLSC Clubs at Avalon and Noosa are wonderful examples providing water views. Those clubs are very popular from breakfast through dinner. Seating for 160 in a restaurant with no views is not in my view a valuable addition.

The fact that the building retains roughly the same footprint is very important as the loss of green space would have been very unpopular with the community. However, the design of the exterior of the new 'box' is extremely disappointing. The views from the north and south sides are overpowering with little effort made to make these sides less stark. There are, I believe, ways to make this box have more of a 'fit in' look. This could be softened by breaks in the vertical elements through a 'porthole' look, addition of balconies or a variable line at the top or bottom giving a wave effect. The design is extremely disappointing compared to the design of the Long Reef clubhouse. In order for the restaurant to be successful it should have beach

views and the size of the restaurant should be reduced.

Information evenings at the club house after closure of comments is unacceptable and a project of this size and impact on the community needs far more than 2 weeks for comments. There should be an information evening/s with scale models and council people to answer questions at the SLSC.