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Dear Council

I have read the DA in detail along with all the submissions and I am in full support of this development application.

Having lived in Freshwater for 20 years, parking has been a problem for the whole time I have been here. Even now with the pub being closed the streets are packed all the way passed my house and up to Harbord Road on a weekend. I reiterate this is while the pub is closed. The pub is not the main source of traffic issues, the beach is.

I can not go along with this fantasy that Freshwater is a quiet sleepy village as put forward by some submissions. Freshwater is one of the most popular beaches in the most populous city of Australia, this is not Jervis Bay. See below photos from Saturday afternoon at 5.30pm in Freshwater. I note the pub was closed but pub car park was full with people utilising the car park for the beach or their homes. As you can see from the photo other cars are parking illegally throughout the basin.











With or without the pub people will be making their way to Freshwater and have been for as long as I have lived here.

I note from the reports the applicant is only seeking an increase of 80 additional patrons and providing 8 new car spaces. This is hardly an intensification of patrons.

While I understand the concerns of potential noise from the proposed balcony "loudspeakers" I have read the acoustic report which have strict sound pressure output limits of 65dB 1m from the speaker after 8pm. This is the same noise level of normal speech and much lower than a car. I also note the capacity restriction on the balcony being quiet low which is a shame as that balcony looks like a beautiful spot many would like to enjoy a meal. I assume the low limit of patrons must be required to comply with acoustic requirements. The upstairs looks like it will create a versatile space for the community to enjoy trivia, music and other community orientated events.

I have no objections and am in full support of the application. I notice Friends of Freshwater is also in support based on their recent Facebook post.

Given the measures being taken it does not appear this DA will impact noise or traffic.

Kind regards,

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