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To whom it may concern

I'm responding to proposed expansion of commercial space at Thomas Stephens Reserve at Church Point.

As a resident of Scotland Island, I pass through Thomas Stephens Reserve regularly. This space is used by residents whilst waiting for ferries, getting mail, for local social gatherings and for Anzac Day services

On any weekend, this small reserve is packed with visitors and the already limited amount of seating is snapped up. Indeed The Pasadena coffee cart already has several designated tables in the reserve that are "off limits" unless you are a coffee cart customer

The parking at Church Point is already challenging, particularly on weekends. As an offshore resident, we pay for a permit to park at Church Point. On weekends, particularly at peak times (breakfast, lunch and dinner times) it is nearly impossible to find a parking spot. I fear that any increase in the commercial space into Thomas Stephens Reserve will only increase this already major issue for offshore residents.

We are very fortunate to live in such a beautiful area and I understand that non-residents should be able to come and enjoy the vista, but please do not increase the commercial space. This small reserve is already at, if not at times, over capacity and any further development would I believe be to the detriment of the village feel that we currently enjoy. I'm also concerned that any increase in the commercial footprint would reduce access to the reserve on the north western side of the Pasadena waterfront walkway from the car park to Thomas Stephens Reserve.

This is a public area that should be enjoyed by all, not controlled by commercial entities, so please listen to our community and don't allow it to be ruined!!!

Yours sincerely
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