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MAYOR & COUNCILLORS

Yet another revised development for this site requires even more diligence in the assessment process and objections fall into two categories 1: Historic nature of this building in the context of the social interactions and consequences 2: The rate of other developments in the close vicinity and practical consequences for both residents and visitors to this already heavily trafficked area.

1: Whilst perhaps this building has little architectural or aesthetic appeal it has existed and played a role in the life of both the local, rural and global travellers since its doors first opened.

The visitor book would be an historic document of the many interesting individuals who have made it their home away from home. Its proximity to the city via an appealing ferry ride influenced many to make it their home whilst doing business and other families particularly from the country a seaside holiday house.. It deserves respect and a life in the future of the people of Manly. Such places are increasingly important as people feel disconnected and alienated from the familiar, be it their friends, family and or environment.

2: Manly has seen massive density development without provision of good infrastructure or creative or imaginative design. The density of both residential developments as well as commercial growth to support substantial increase in tourist numbers means the amenities previously enjoyed by residents are being constantly diminished. Parking cars for short term pick up of people, children from the 800 odd capacity primary school, as well as local residents and their potential visitors is nothing short of a daily nightmare. Yet another dense high rise development will further diminish street ambience and environmental amenities.

It is a sad reflection of the planning regulations that the majority of recent developments seek only to exploit those regulations to the hilt which inevitably means that the natural environment that draws people to the area, continue to be diminished and destroyed at an alarming rate. This particular building needs respect and to be refurbished to meet the needs of today, and in particular to retain the very special cafe which is a central gathering spot for so many local people and for overseas visitors.

A more imagination approach, mindful of an ongoing role for this building, there could be several fabulous apartments at the ground floor, to contribute to the rental market (like Paradise Apartments) and some addition of a further two storeys of apartments for permanent residents to purchase, including say two penthouse areas, but not overpowering the facade of an updated building on the current footprint. With limits on the heights, there could be limited additions at the rear, and this building could continue its role in the history of Life in Manly. , The cafe would still host "the locals" (and new residents). Where is the style and sophistication Manly so badly needs.

Now living on the Central Coast I have been a long term visitor and one time resident of Manly and environs for over 50 years.

We elect Mayors and Councillors to represent us and to stand up for integrity and honesty and to bring some real thought and imagination to what makes a real community. This does not include exploitive insensitive residential developments that destroy the best of the natural and the built environment..

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