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RE: DA2020/1027 - 0 Stuart Street MANLY NSW 2095

Little Manly Kiosk DA2020/1027

The following is my submission to council

1. Why is there no provision for rooftop solar panels? This seems to be a serious omission, and Council should impose this requirement.

2. The DA describes a security grill across the covered seating area, to allow storage of tables and chairs and denying access to the public when the kiosk is closed.

This area has long been the only shelter in the park, the place where families with young children can take shelter and where swimmers can leave their belongings whilst swimming during rain.

Tables and chairs have previously been stored inside the building when the kiosk is closed; this is an undercover attempt to increase the space available to the lessee at the expense of the public.

Furthermore the grill would interfere with the water views from areas nearby.

3. The new DA proposes to extend the building to the north-west to create an increase in the preparation/service area at the expense of the outdoor seating.

We had been reassured that the kiosk footprint could not be extended - we assumed that meant that the building itself could not be enlarged.

If this enlargement is permitted ie if it is the lease boundary that cannot be extended, not just the building itself, then logically the building could in time be extended to cover the whole lease boundary area, enclosing the outdoor seating area and creating a building accessible only to patrons in a more formal setting.

This facility has always been used by locals in wet swimsuits, kids with sandy feet and dogs on leashes as well as family groups for casual food and snacks. We the locals have always said we want a small simple facility to serve the locals, as has been brilliantly done in the more recent past. The proposed extension is not justified by the patronage of locals, and seems to be the thin edge of the wedge toward a full-blown restaurant.

The lessee has already obtained increased storage in the form of the cooler, freezer and bin rooms - in the vicinity of 15 sq m. This should be sufficient.

4. The Plan of Management specifies a staff of 6 while 3 or at the very most 4 have been adequate in the past. This is yet another indication of the new management's hidden intention of unwelcomed expansion.

5. There is little parking in Stuart Street and surrounds. If the new lessee is aiming for an extension in patronage, then it is surely relying on the parking in Little Manly Point Park. If so, this would crowd out the locals using the park - taking children to play, picnickers wanting to bar-b-q, and fisherpeople, which was surely the original intention of that parking area.

I believe I reflect the feeling of a significant number of local residents, regulars who come to Little Manly to swim, drink coffee and socialize, and who are frustrated and angry that they may lose their precious, welcoming and unsophisticated 'local'.