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Subject: Submission DA2021/1620 Harbord Hotel 29 Moore Road Freshwater

I would like to submit my objection to this application. Freshwater is NOT an Entertainment precinct it is a highly populated residential area in fact the Hotel is completely surrounded by residential receivers who have the right to a high level of amenity and who all are entitled to reasonable consideration especially at night where sleep disturbance can have adverse consequences.

There has already been a substantial increase in capacity created at the Hotel by recent renovations and due to COVID restrictions the full impact of this has not been felt but as someone who had lived in Undercliff Road for over 40 years we have always had bottles / schooner glasses left on lawn/ urination on fences and loud yelling and carry on as heavily intoxicated people make their way up Undercliff Road. The noise does not stop at 12pm it continues to early morning. It has largely been tolerated by residents because the Harbord "Hilton" was part of the fabric of Freshwater.

Harbord Hotel had always been a part of the community but I'm afraid this latest application is a step too far / adding the elevated level and balcony into the Bar mix and recording studio will create offensive noise for the whole of the Freshwater Basin. I live next to the Stowaway Bar in 1 Moore Road which is in an elevated position with balcony and open windows and doors and the noise is offensive and they only have about one tenth the capacity of the Harbord Hotel.

Freshwater is a special place enjoyed by locals and many visitors largely families enjoying the safe beach and lovely Freshwater Village atmosphere. There are many issues with alcohol consumption in Freshwater as such we have alcohol free zones. Alcohol is not what makes Freshwater a great place to visit - please don't destroy this beautiful place with a development which does not belong in an area which is not an Entertainment Precinct.

I understand that Mounties will be selling their property in Oliver Street to fund further sound proofing due to the noise created by the outdoor dining in response to residents complaints / the noise in this Freshwater area spreads around the whole basin when people are outdoors and particularly when drinking and talking over each other.

I believe the capacity for the Hotel is 820 from the reports - if this is the case this is a lot of people to create noise and make their way home late at night. Parking and traffic are a major issue in Freshwater and clearly the parking available on site at the Hotel is inadequate. Please consider this application carefully as the damage to the fabric of the area could be profound should it be approved.

Regards

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