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Good morning,

We have been residents of Freshwater for ten years, spending the last six at our most recent address of 5/18 Moore Road. We wish to nominate Anthony Harriss of 12/18 Moore Road Freshwater as our spokesperson.

While the Harbord Hotel has arguably been the heart of Freshwater for decades, it has only become more notable since Freshwater evolved into a thriving and vibrant suburb of the Northern Beaches. Combined with a much needed and considered refurbishment, the Hotel is now a venue that welcomes a wider demographic.

Particularly during the warmer months, the streets of Freshwater become busier as residents and visitors enjoy all our suburb has to offer. The variety of cafes, restaurants, bars and retail stores dotted around the outdoor recreation areas is attractive to many.

Perhaps an easy target due to its proximity to the busy park, beach and village, the Harbord Hotel is one of the only establishments in the area to consult with residents to ensure collaboration in planning and development.

Noise and traffic (both foot and vehicle) has never been an issue for us despite our unit being located directly opposite. It is more common for us to hear the regular 167 bus stopping on our footpath than the hum of the Hotel. Having had a baby earlier this year, we were not once worried that the Harbord Hotel would create undue commotion as we settled into family life. In fact when we pop over for lunch with our now ten month old we consistently feel welcome and enjoy the excellent amenities. Management and security are visible and although rarely needed, willing to take steps to assist with the movement of patrons in and out of the venue.

We thank the owners for putting residents at the forefront of their planning and for creating an inclusive space that offers so much to our community. We trust councils approval and look forward to enjoying the proposed upgrades. They have our full support.

Beth and Luke Gilroy