

Statement of Environmental Effects

My Funky Bags

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1. Introduction

This Statement of Environmental Effects (SEE) accompanies the application for the use of the existing kiosk known as The Booth West and a small adjoining outdoor display area for the purpose of retail trade. The proposed business, My Funky Bags, is an eco-conscious retail brand offering handbags and beach towels made from recycled materials. The business seeks to operate both as a commercial venture and as an educational platform to support sustainability initiatives within the Northern Beaches community.

2. Site Description

Premises: Part of Lot 2 DP1170245 at Manly Commuter Wharf

Kiosk Area: Approx. 10 sqm enclosed retail booth

Outdoor Area Requested: Approx. 5.4 sqm adjacent to kiosk (along Porthole Doors side and toward waterside wall)

Zoning: Permitted for retail use, subject to Council and Transport for NSW (TFNSW) approval

3. Proposed Use

The kiosk will function as a:

- Showroom and retail space for My Funky Bags and recycled cotton towels
- Point of contact for community engagement around sustainable practices and plastic waste reduction

The outdoor display area will feature:

- Lightweight, movable racks showcasing select products
- No fixed or permanent structures
- All items removed and stored within the kiosk outside of trading hours

4. Environmental Impact and Mitigation

- Waste Management: No food, liquids, or packaging waste will be generated. A formal waste management plan is not required.
- Traffic and Access: Stock deliveries will be made using handheld trolleys. No vehicle access or disruption to pedestrian traffic will occur.
- Public Safety and Amenity: No items will be left unattended; area kept clean and tidy; no obstruction to other businesses or ferry commuter paths.
- Materials and Safety: No breakable or flammable items; no structural impact.

5. Signage and Appearance

A laminated wrap will be applied to the kiosk exterior, featuring My Funky Bags branding and a sustainability message. The wrap will be non-damaging and removable, with no structural changes required.

6. Hours of Operation

Trading Hours: 9:00am – 6:00pm, 7 days a week

Staffing: 1–2 staff members during peak season, supervised by Molly Linton

Launch Target: Early Spring 2025

7. Objectives and Public Benefit

This venture supports Council's goals for sustainability and environmental education by:

- Promoting alternatives to single-use plastic
- Encouraging environmentally conscious consumer behavior
- Enhancing Manly Wharf's retail precinct with a responsible local business

8. Conclusion

The proposed use of the kiosk and outdoor space presents minimal environmental impact and aligns with permissible land use. The business will operate respectfully, uphold Council environmental objectives, and contribute positively to the public domain.

Approval is respectfully sought for use of the kiosk and the adjoining 5.4 sqm display area for My Funky Bags.