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Dear Sir/Madam,

**RE: BRIEF HERITAGE IMPACT STATEMENT  
SECTION 4.55 TO AMEND DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION DA2020/0962, FOR EXTERIOR DECKING  
EXTENSION AT HUGO'S MANLY, MANLY WHARF, 1 EAST ESPLANADE, MANLY NSW**

This brief Heritage Impact Statement (HIS) has been prepared to accompany a Section 4.55 (s4.55) application to amend the Development Application D/2020/0962, which was granted consent by Northern Beaches Council on 9 December 2020 for the proposed exterior decking extension associated with Hugos manly restaurant.

The current s4.55 application incorporating minor amendments to the approved design is the result of several meetings with the Heritage NSW officers who in principle have supported the proposed amendments to the approved design.

A Heritage Impact Statement was prepared by this office in July 2020, which accompanied the approved DA/2020/0962, and therefore given the nature of the proposed minor amendments it was considered that a brief HIS would be sufficient for the assessment of the likely impacts of the proposed s4.55 amendments. Should additional information on the background, historical development and significance of the site be required, reference should be made to the July 2020 HIS letter.

As detailed in the s4.55 drawings by Squillace Architects, the amendments to the approved design are limited to the following elements:

- Extension of the approved decking area to the north and west requiring additional structural piers, relocation of the existing balustrade and electric heaters.
- Reduction in the size of the heads of the electric heaters from 1500mm to 1000mm wide heater heads.
- Replacement of the existing umbrellas with new collapsible umbrellas.

The proposed modifications have been detailed and assessed in a tabular form below for clarity.

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Extension of the approved decking area to the north and west requiring</li> </ul>	The proposed further extension to the approved extended design comprises minor extension to the north and west maintaining part of

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<p>additional structural piers, relocation of the existing balustrade and electric heaters.</p>	<p>the rectilinear portion of the existing lower deck where currently a large planter box is located and allowing for the retention of the curvature of the existing deck without further extension from the southwest corner of the approved deck. The existing large planter box will be removed with only the existing two small planter boxes retained on the public area of the lower deck. It should be noted that these planter boxes are not part of the Hugos Manly furniture and tenancy.</p> <p>The current design of the proposed additional extension has been subject to a consultation process with the Heritage NSW officers through a meeting held on the 23 February and subsequent email communications. Heritage NSW is supportive of the current design in principle and provided invaluable guidance on the detailing of the curvature and northern extension.</p> <p>The new modified design would have no additional area to be added to the lower public deck along the western side and therefore does not interfere with the curvature, which is considered (although its fabric is new) to have some heritage values due to its reference to the original curvature form of the Manly Wharf building and promenade. This keeps the existing shape with less change to the existing fabric of the wharf.</p> <p>Furthermore, the proposed modification to the approved DA proposal will allow for a more feasible outdoor dining seating during the unforeseen future timeframe for Covid-19 restrictions.</p> <p>The additional extension to the lower deck will necessitate provision of additional structural piers to support the load of the new size of the decking and has been guided by the advice of the project structural engineers. No heritage impact will occur due to the additional piers.</p> <p>Similarly, the extension as for the approved deck extension requires relocation of the existing balustrade and electric heaters to the new edge of the lower deck. This will have negligible impact on the presentation of the lower deck in terms of the setting of the Manly Wharf.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Reduction in the size of the heads of the electric heaters from 1500mm to 1000mm wide heater heads.</li> </ul>	<p>The existing electric heater heads are 1500mm in width. Following consultations with Heritage NSW Hugos Manly is now considering new electric heater heads at a reduced width of 1000mm. This will ensure seamless detailing and reduced visual cluttering to the deck. The electric heaters, which are easily removable from the bottom piece at the balustrade height, would in part be removed on the northern side during summer season. A comparative photomontage has been provided as part of the s4.55 drawing set to show the improvement in</p>

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	the setting and visual presentation of the Hugos Manly restaurant's lower deck outdoor seating.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Replacement of the existing umbrellas with new collapsible umbrellas.</li> </ul>	The current design modification is taking the opportunity to replace the existing umbrellas with collapsible ones to allow for their easy closure when the deck is not in use by the patrons. This is a neutral change from the existing conditions and will have no impact on the heritage aspects of the Manly Wharf as a whole.

As evident from the assessment of the proposed amendments discussed in the table above and detailed on the Squillace Architects drawings, there will be no additional heritage impact from the proposed minor modifications to the approved design of the lower deck extension associated with Hugos Manly restaurant.

I trust the above brief heritage impact statement letter will assist Northern Beaches Council in their assessment of the proposed amendment works. Should you require any further information or clarification please do not hesitate to contact me on 8270 3500 or 0414 421 035.

Yours Sincerely,



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