
Sent: 15/07/2020 7:16:30 PM
Subject: Online Submission

15/07/2020

MR Steven Hedge
2 the esplanade ESP
Mosman NSW 2088
stevenh@balmoralboatshed.com.au

RE: DA2020/0514 - 1 B Bolingbroke Parade FAIRLIGHT NSW 2094

I am writing this letter in support of the development of the Manly Boatshed. As the owner/operator of a similar venue just across the harbour at Balmoral Beach I think it important that I share some of our experience to highlight why a development such as this is important to Manly and the local community.

As the lessees of state owned assets, we, like the Treharne family, take our 'stewardship' of these types of premises seriously. At the same time, we are constantly challenged to find viable commercial business models that deliver maximum benefit and minimal impact within our local environments.

The development as proposed creates a world class casual waterfront experience for taxpayers, ratepayers and tourists (whom we all desperately want to see back in our neighbourhoods for the economic stimulus and jobs that they bring!). Since 1945 Manly Boatshed has been a working facility providing industrial grade services to a small percentage of the population that have boats. This new development promises to enhance these amenities for boat-owners, create a safe environment for all uses of the Manly waterways eg kayaks, paddleboards etc and provide further services for visitors and locals to enjoy our stunning harbour over a coffee, light meal etc. This is a very modern approach to a challenging use model - and dare I say are much more community friendly one when considered alongside the only other economically viable option - boat maintenance, repairs, painting etc etc - the noise and potential contaminants from such activities pose a significant risk to locals and wildlife whilst at the same time only provide a handful of 'elite' boatowners with any benefit.

Over at Balmoral we have been fortunate to have earned a solid working relationship with a progressive Council and the overwhelming support of the local community. We are proud to have been able to take an under-valued run-down facility, invest in its best end use, and deliver maximum benefit to the communities we serve. The waterfront of Sydney Harbour should be made as accessible as possible to everyone - its use should not be limited by the self-interest of vested special interests but instead this development should be approved, and encouraged, for the benefit of all.