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Subject: Submissions distribution 29 Moore Road (DA 2021/1620)

Dear Adam - I have plotted on a map of Freshwater the locations of support and oppose submissions for DA 2021/1620. You may recall a lengthy phone call with my wife and I on 12 October - which I recall clearly because it was my birthday - about our intense concern over this further development of Harbord Hotel. We live directly across Moore Road from the Hotel and have been seriously affected by the recent changes and so more changes are causing intense anxiety (and actually affecting our health as 72/66 years old semi-retired people). I make the following observations for now:

- Clearly the opposition to the DA is almost complete within a few blocks of the Hotel;
- The Waves Building (30 Moore Rd) made a collective submission (48 people) and some individual ones; they are represented by one red dot;
- There is considerable concern - expressed in some submissions - that only a small number of selected residents were informed of a development that can have a huge impact on lifestyle, property values; this would seem to be a serious oversight; this was countered by a letter-drop to inform the whole Basin area and there are plans to keep this engagement;
- A small group of residents with various skills (engineering, owning bars/restaurants etc) is taking steps to address the steps of the DA, licencing and make sure assessments of noise, traffic, street disturbances are all have integrity and violations reported to the right places;
- There is considerable mistrust of the management to the point of fear that this development is corporate driven to set up a major music and drinking centre in Freshwater including a nightclub; when that job is done the corporate guys can sell up and make a profit while our property values - in my case my major asset from working 60 hr weeks since I was in my 20's - will be devastated; if this did happen that would be a travesty already talked about as worthy of legal scrutiny;
- One pattern emerging is a drinking trail for young people from Diggers to the Harbord Hotel and then maybe onto Manly later causing a lot of disturbances; to their credit we have seen some such younger people refused entry to the Hotel, but then they go to the Hotel bottle shop and stay in the area with noise disturbances arising one way or the other; this is all new with the new management;
- There are also rumours that the few supportive submissions close by the Hotel come from people seduced by the manager and/or friends of the manager and/or houses bought by the Hotel.

The last comments above are included as hearsay to just indicate the level of mistrust out there. We expect the Hotel will make various promises to placate people but the ultimate test will be what our noise monitors pick up from music, loud drunks etc that I promise you was dramatically worse after the last DA, then toned down leading into this DA and expected again if they get past approvals. The whole spin of local boys doing good for the community is seen as a joke starting with a corporate spin type community meeting that apparently allowed no questions. There is a lot of discussion especially in the Freshwater basin and close to the Hotel about how to pursue further opposition in the hands of relevant experts.

In fact a serious consideration for me here is not just to oppose this DA but impose stricter conditions on the Hotel following the last one so it returns to a community style heritage hotel that we had and enjoyed previously.

I was remiss in our telephone discussion about the further steps in the process. So I request you to reply or call me - see my number below - so I can record what will happen from now to a conclusion

- Regards, David

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