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| Application Number: Mod2021/0005

Description: Section 455 (1a) Minor Environmental Impact - Modification of consent A212/63 - Alteration and additions to the existing Motel, Restaurant and Shops.

Application Type: Section 455 Modifications

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I write to OBJECT to this APPLICATION and urge that Council REJECT it.

As a lifelong (62-year-old) resident of Warringah and then the Pittwater area (living first at Narrabeen Peninsula, North Narrabeen, Narrabeen Peninsula, then Bungan Beach and now in Church Point for 25 years), I write to object to this building "modification" proposal that will so clearly and adversely impact on the amenity that was, is and should be on offer at the THOMAS STEPHENS RESERVE (TSR).

This Reserve (TSR) was formally established to recognise its central role as an important "town square" and commuters "hub" for the people of Church Point and as a peaceful non-commercial meeting point for neighbours and for those residents and others coming in from Scotland Island and the western shores of Pittwater. It has recently been burdened by a coffee shop van that imposes itself on the people in the area and causes problems in peak times because the lines block the thoroughfare.

In recognition of this community role and community function served by this small pocket of land, and in recognition of the long-term service of Thomas Stephens (my late neighbour), who was Chief Shire Engineer from 1951 to 1968 (also Town Planner) the Warringah Shire Council, on 25th June 1971 the THOMAS STEPHENS RESERVE was declared as a "Reserve for Public Recreation". Particularly acknowledged were his efforts in the preparation of the Town Plan for Warringah Shire. It was never intended to be encroached upon by a commercial enterprise.

The THOMAS STEPHENS RESERVE has continued to serve as a "hub" connecting the people of this area, a safe, peaceful spot to wait for buses, ferries, water taxis, small commuter craft and occasional community events.

Naturally, the presence of my respected and dearly missed neighbour's name, THOMAS STEPHENS, on this reserve is a source of considerable personal and community pride and pleasure; it stands as an expression of appreciation for the dedicated service of my late neighbour who worked tirelessly to protect and support the social amenity of the residents of this Shire. Following the death of Tom & Connie Stephens, my neighbour's family donated a memorial bench seat to the "square" which has been well used over the years. I have been most appreciative of the constant attention to the rock garden by owners of the adjacent "Church Point Store".

In considering this application, the Council should give particular attention to the following:-

1. Essentially this application is to develop (rather than simply modify) the existing premises in a way that will
2. the solid western wall of the existing building serves as a point of definition of the Reserve and leaves some
3. if the building modification is aimed at gaining light into the room on the western edge, then that can be achieved
4. the businesses operating at the Pasadena location have not provided on their premises sufficient parking facilities
5. I note that a new walkway is proposed for construction in this vicinity in early 2021; and there is an indication
6. It is imperative that an application like this Mod2021/0005, which is essentially an additional commercial development
7. The area must be protected in the first instance for ongoing local community use and then as a service area
8. It is imperative that the narrow commercial preoccupations of the owner/proponent not be permitted to

For all of these reasons, I urge the COUNCIL: REJECT this building MODIFICATION application.

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 Church Point Resident and local Mona Vale business owner



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