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I am writing in my capacity as Chairman of the Pedestrian Council of Australia primarily in relation to Road Safety matters. I have owned a property in Whale Beach since 1978.

I was Deputy Mayor and the Chairman of the Mosman Traffic Committee for 5 years.

Our main concerns are about parking, speed and footpaths. As in many places in the NBC, there is no parking for delivery agents. In Avalon, I think there are about three Loading Zones to service over 50 commercial operations. And because at least 50% of non-commercial SUVs are registered as Wagons and can legally park in Loading Zones, they frequently (and legally) occupy these valuable spaces. Delivery drivers are expected to break the law and Rangers are expected to turn their collective blind eyes because shopkeepers demand more and more on-street customer car parking spaces. The same problem exists for the Boathouse and Moby Dick's at Whale Beach. There is simply nowhere for the delivery trucks to park. When the new restaurant is placed on Surf Road, it will be very difficult for truck drivers to get their deliveries up the hill from the carpark on The Strand. The best solution would be to have a Truck/Loading Bay inside the carpark within the new development. It will also be vital to have a footpath on each side of Surf Rd. It is a disgrace that people who wish to walk to and from Whale Beach have to walk up and down Surf Rd on the road, at a blind corner with no footpath. This is what we strongly recommend: footpaths on each side of Surf Rd from Whale Beach Rd to The Strand. It must be No Stopping on both sides, with Double lines the entire way. If not, motorists will be stopping outside the restaurant "I'll only be a minute" all day to set down and pick up passengers and takeaway coffee. We recommend that the Shared Zone commences at Whale Beach Rd, not at The Strand and that there be Truck Zones and Loading Zones as close to the Restaurant as possible. There also needs to be a Truck/Loading zone near Moby Dick's to service this establishment and assist the requirements of the restaurant below. Nibs should be in place where the existing No Stopping/Mail Zone is at present to prevent Stopping and Parking. At the moment it's a veritable full-time parking zone. Illegal and dangerous parking is the norm: Double parking, Stopping in the No Stopping Zones and the Bus Zones and u-turns over the double lines. We are available to assist in developing these plans when more detailed plans are available.