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Attention Councillors and Assessment Officer
Rebecca Sio
Northern Beaches Council

Planning proposal Harbord Beach Hotel.

Firstly as a resident of Harbord for the last 65 years I completely oppose the planning proposal that is currently before council for review and approval to move to development stage of the Harbord Beach Hotel and adjacent property.

Personally I do not have any objection to proper and considered development that enhances the local community and provides affordable housing.

Owners of the hotel say that it will provide short term accommodation. We don't need that, Air BB and other property online companies have that market well covered in Freshwater.

This proposed development does neither. There are ample international hotels with vast accommodation in Manly that has multiple parking stations, beach parking and is serviced by buses and ferries. Freshwater suffers from limited infrastructure as it is. The suburb is now congested due to the popularity of the area. Establishing a quasi mini hotel in a small suburb will only add to these issues. We have a small beach parking area near the hotel and a dirt car park on the western side of the beach which are completely full at 8am each weekend. Again lack of infrastructure.

The current Labor state government has mandated that the whole Sydney area needs affordable housing alternatives, ie dual occupancies and high rise unit complexes. Tell me how this proposal fits that plan. It doesn't.

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The establishment of a small hotel and pool area will only add to the noise and drunken antics late at night. The residents that own properties near the hotel are also entitled to their rights and privacy late at night.

Freshwater is designated as a R2 Low Density area. This proposal does not fit this criteria and nor is it consistent with the character and use of the area.

Allowing this proposal to succeed will only open the floodgates to other developers who will also attempt to manipulate the building rules for their own advantage.

You can see by multiple submissions that his proposal is flawed and is not wanted by local residents.

Accordingly, deny it.

Kind Regards,
Mark Messenger
Freshwater