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RE: DA2021/1620 - 31 Moore Road FRESHWATER NSW 2096

We live across the road from the Harbord Hotel.

We are opposed to this development. If approved we fear it would lead to:

- 1) More noise, as a result of hosting live music, expanding the entertainment area and attracting larger crowds (indoors and outside)
- 2) More traffic (including pickups in surrounding streets and foot traffic) with implications for parking and congestion
- 3) Increased patronage and with that, an increase in numbers deciding to party on in adjacent parks and streets after closing (unfortunately with the concurrent risk of more littering, more vandalism and more theft)

We've been in this house since 2013. For years the hotel was extremely quiet (other than one day of the year). Since the ownership change and renovations there has been a very noticeable increase in noise and traffic levels (when not in lockdown). In fairness to the new management, we've found them proactive, accessible and responsive in trying to deal with the issues. However they can't do much to change the fact that in any crowd there will be a small number of inconsiderates, and the larger the crowd the bigger problem that presents. The residents of our street have experienced that reality directly over the past few weeks with Saturday and Sunday afternoon picnics giving way to hundreds of people drinking in the park, making noise late at night, leaving rubbish and vandalising property (I hear police sirens now).

We want to see the hotel (its owners & staff) do well, and we accept that means more patrons at some level. We are keen to see more local options in terms of food and entertainment. However we moved into a quiet street next to a quiet pub in a quiet family-oriented suburb quite deliberately. We've unfortunately already seen that situation change since the renovations. So, while we would welcome the proposed upgrading of soundproofing (the status quo isn't sufficient) we're opposed to the broader plans which we would expect to so fundamentally increase noise levels, traffic levels and crowds.