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To Maxwell Duncan
New Submission DA2023/0998 Freshwater Surf Club

The **new design** has made some changes but not enough to change this into a project which increases facilities for the surf club and at the same time provides improved amenities for the public including the Beach goers who after all are the reason the Surf club exists in the first place. I Understand the proposal is on Crown land and operates in a Charitable Trust for recreational purposes and as such should exist for the Public with profits from the Cafe and Kiosk being reinvested in the Recreational use of the Reserve. Everyone supports the surf club and the amazing work they do but the proposal seeks to turn the club into a private club for commercial gain with the Public being an inconvenience.

Toilets - Public Toilets they need to stay in the Surf Club for beach goers and the public. The proposal to put toilets in the park area are merely additional toilets which the Reserve has needed for some time.

The below (in Yellow) are some extracts from the Design and Advisory Panel and the new design does not take any of this into account. Hundreds of Solar panels on the roof will be unsightly and a blight on the reserve. Why can't the void area be made a feature for all to enjoy with the cafe in the centre and the kiosk back where it currently is which works well. The timber screens are likely to not weather well given the location and the new design still does not celebrate the heritage Surf Club and the Bright White Colour will be hard to look at (Glare) coming off the Beach.

Design and Sustainability Advisory Panel

A sedum green roof may be a more appropriate treatment to the new roof with ecological benefit and

reduced heat through its insulation. It can also assist photovoltaic panels to operate more effectively. The improved amenity for the club members is noted and commended.

Further consideration of the amenity of the wider public and access to the facilities can help improve the design as it is developed.

Not sure how this is to be paid for but no doubt the Rate Payer will be part of the equation and given the Financial Issues facing the Council this is not a project that should move forward. I think that DA2023/0998 should be withdrawn and not be resubmitted until the applicant can come up with something that addresses the concerns of the Design and Sustainability Advisory Panel and puts the Public Amenity and Surf Club Volunteers front and centre.

Thankyou
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