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**RE: DA2023/0782 - 20 Albert Street FRESHWATER NSW 2096**

Re: DA2023/0782

I am a resident in the apartment complex 22-26 Albert Street, Freshwater. I'm writing to oppose the proposed development application.

The proposal for outdoor seating and extended hours has been brought forward to council before and has been rejected multiple times. The most recent application was as recent as May 2023. Little has been done in the updated plans that will rectify the issues around noise and restaurant loading zone. This constant replication of applications also brings extra burden to residents who have to voice our opposing opinions again and again. Council needs to have rules on the frequency of applications from the same applicant with similar nature to avoid this being a battle of the volume.

The proposed roof structure mentioned in the current plans does not have an acoustic rating and the area will not be full enclosed. The residents whose units are located nearby the outdoor seating area will be negatively affected by the noise.

Furthermore the noise level is taking into account patrons taking at normal voice level. This is highly unlikely as patrons who have been drinking and having a good time generally don't talk at a normal voice level. Especially when a restaurant is crowded and patrons are talking over one and other, noise levels will be certain to rise above the numbers provided.

The noise monitoring was also conducted during covid lockdowns in 2021 which is not a fair representation of what sound levels would have been like in today's conditions.

The residents nearby already have to cope with the existing noise from restaurants and pubs across the road from St. Alma. Having an outdoor dining area with extended trading hours right under the balcony will only make things much worse.

Removing street parking spaces in front of the restaurant and the restaurant's existing parking space which is currently used as a loading zone to accommodate the expansion of the restaurant is not in the best interests of the residents and local community. These spaces are used by local residents or visitors to access the local shops, and we should be preserving public street spaces as much as possible in the centre of a very busy beach town village. The loading zone across the road from the restaurant would not be suitable as well, due to the already very busy road traffic and foot traffic.

I support local businesses. However, expanding further at the detriment of residents quality of life and in sacrifice of public parking spaces does not represent the best interest of this community. Hence, I strongly ask council to consider the community's needs, reject the application and put rules around further application with similar nature.

Kind regards  
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