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RE: DA2020/0962 - 0 Wharves And Jetties MANLY NSW 2095

I wish to object to the proposal to increase the outdoor deck area and add additional external seating for Hugo's Restaurant. The intention is to provide seating for an additional 66 patrons.

Reasons for objection include:

1. Hugo's restaurant already occupies a substantial area of Manly Wharf and has the benefit of views across the public promenade. The proposed extension and further encroachment of public space is not necessary.
 2. The public space has a combined use as a public thoroughfare and a place to linger and enjoy the surrounding aquatic environment of Manly Cove.
 3. The public thoroughfare is well used. However, a section of the promenade requires pedestrians to pass in between the indoor and outdoor areas of Hugo's restaurant.
 4. The proposal would impact on the public amenity of the promenade in terms of noise and visual impact, as well as a loss of public space.
 5. The proposal does not consider the many people who visit Manly to enjoy the scenery and access to the public areas around the foreshore.
 6. Manly Wharf already has many dining venues and restaurants and the expansion of Hugo's into the existing waterside public space is not necessary.
 7. An historical feature of the wharf for many years has been public access around the perimeter boardwalk.
 8. Like many families, we used to take children to the south west corner area of the lower board walk to observe fish underwater and watch the Manly ferries arriving and departing.
 9. The lower level of the boardwalk provided continuity and an alternative pedestrian route between the beach and ferry terminal.
- The southern side:
10. The proposed reduced 2.4m width may be inadequate when hordes embark from the ferry and enter the promenade.
 11. The 2.4m width may also be insufficient when people stand at the southern railing to observe the Manly ferries. This section of the boardwalk is now the only public space where

this can occur.

12. The outdoor dining tables and chairs would clutter up the outdoor space, which is also part of a public thoroughfare.

13. The outdoor seating has the potential to be a physical obstruction, as it would not be immediately visible to pedestrians turning left at the SW corner of the building and heading towards the ferry.

Outdoor deck area:

14. The increase in the outdoor deck area would result in a shorter length of deck for public use.

15. The boardwalk extension is intended primarily to expand the seating area of the outdoor restaurant.

16. Existing planter boxes take up space within the public boardwalk. Their apparent purpose is not to beautify the public space, but to provide a physical separation for private use of the restaurant.

17. The proposal includes larger and additional planter boxes, not within the restaurant area, but taking up more of the adjoining public space.

18. Many people use the western walkway for access to / from ferry. Pedestrians using the walkway are sometimes in a hurry walking at a fast pace to catch a ferry.

19. This transport related use as a pedestrian thoroughfare conflicts with an increased number of waiters and restaurant patrons carrying drinks and trays across thoroughfare.

20. The increased deck area for the restaurant, together with additional umbrellas, tables and seating for nearly 80 patrons is likely to be visually intrusive when viewed from the promenade.

21. Within the increased deck area the outdoor restaurant would encroach upon existing public space that allows for close up views of the water and sea-life.

22. The expansion would increase the conflict of use between the private use of the deck as a restaurant and public access to observe the harbour and marine life.

23. The restaurant will occupy a much greater area and dominate the use of the lower level public boardwalk, which is well used as a public space.