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Manly Council Manly NSW 2095

re: Development Application
Alterations and Additions
Manly Bathers Pavilion
Lvl 1, 1 West Esplanade
Manly.

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To whom it may concern,

I have inspected the plans for the above development proposal and was shocked to see that although the site is zoned a W2 Environmental Protection Zone, the proposed development is not predicted to have ANY impact on the immediate environment! As you may or may not be aware, there are penguins residing in a cave mere metres from the boardwalk attached to the Bathers Pavilion. The nature of this development would certainly detrimentally affect the behaviour of this colony and it did not even get a mention in the plans.

I shall outline Part 3 of the "Statement of Environmental Effects" under provisions of SREP 2005:

a) to protect the natural and cultural values of waters in this zone.

My perception: Increasing noise and light would not protect the penguins

b) prevent damage or longer term detrimental impacts to the natural and cultural values of waters in this zone.

My perception: Increasing traffic through this area would not prevent damage to this environment. With more late night revellers in the area, litter will increase and this will be to the detriment of marine life (not to mention scaring the penguins away)

c) to give preference to enhancing and rehabilitating the natural and cultural values of waters in this zone and adjoining foreshores.

My perception: Large sliding glass windows + doors would expose the penguins to many times more noise and light than they are accustomed to.

This cannot be called an 'enhancement' of the natural and cultural values of the waters+adjoining foreshore in this zone!

d) provide for long term management of natural and cultural values of waters in this zone and adjoining foreshores.

My perception: There is no mention in this report at all as to what the long term natural management of this zone would entail. The presence of another bar in what was a quiet, protected, dark alcove that the penguins called home for seven months per year (for the last few years) would destroy their habitat.

I ask you not to pass this application. I ask you to consider the implications of increasing light, noise and traffic in this secluded corner of Manly. Protect the penguins - make them a tourist attraction, an asset to Manly. A bar would degrade the area. There I rest my case.