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Subject: Submission: Planning Proposal 29-31 Moore Road Freshwater 2096

Dear Rebecca Sio

I was just handed a notice for another Planning Proposal for the Harbord Hotel.

I live within 100m of the hotel. There are changes to the neighbourhood since the first approval to upgrade was granted.

The majority of locals accepted the first application to refurbish the landmark Harbord Hilton Hotel. It was my understanding the approved project was now complete. Owners, patrons & local residents feel contented with the refurbishment.

Months later new scaffolding & some demolition has started. ??

My answer to this latest proposal revision is NO, NO, NO. It's not the right forward direction for the future Freshwater. it will do nothing to benefit the suburb.

Freshwater has always been known for its safe beach & the peaceful village atmosphere, created by the locals.

Over many decades a few people have been fortunate to inherit their family properties. Others have chosen to relocate here because of its highly valued residential zoning. People want to continue to enjoy what Freshwater already offers & not live with an over developed property like Dee Why. Manly & Bondi.

Changing the zoning allowing one building to be overdeveloped can almost be described as corrupt. I feel this proposed development is to improve the wealth of its owners. What benefits does it provide to those who really matter, the local residents?

After completion of the first development unfortunately it quickly changed the social image in sections of Freshwater.

Some hotel patrons chose to ignore the hotel signage asking to "respect our neighbours". Intoxicated people have a different perception of street fun. Its not really acceptable to local families.

Generally, on Friday nights & weekend evenings the behaviour of a few,(it doesn't take many to make a few) They are changing the perception of old Freshwater to an unpleasant new reality.

A few hotel patrons have little understanding about enjoying an evening in Freshwater. They leave reminders of their visit by depositing empty cans, bottles & glasses along the footpath with the occasional pavement pizza

Moore Road is becoming an avenue encouraging loud behaviour, fighting, vandalising property and noisy police sirens.

Extensions to the hotel for the second time will worsen the examples listed above.

Keeping the status quo after a history of many years is the most important option here. Everyone can enjoy their social activities at the wonderful beachside parkland developed recently by council. It provides a pleasant service for everyone & it's free.

The hotel will survive & the owners should be satisfied with all the improvements they've achieved. These have been accepted by the Freshwater community.

Your faithfully

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