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To the assessing officer,

My reasons as to why the side window of The Corner Cafe at 77 Collingwood St should not be used as a servery.

Ever since the cafe opened about a year ago there have been problems with overcrowding of the Cameron Ave footpath leading to pedestrian safety risks:

1. The intersection it sits on is chaotic and unusually-shaped. It is complicated by the pedestrian crossing between Queenscliff surf club and the sole footpath into busy Cameron Ave which provides much parking for beach goers (including nippers) and the children's playground. Cars speed around the corner and the queueing for refreshments at the window causes diversions which are risky (such as walking on the road and pushing prams around the corner as my neighbours admit to doing out of sheer frustration).
2. The entrance to Cameron Ave is a squeeze made worse by a pole inserted on the north side. Vehicles and delivery trucks stop illegally in the postal zone. This totally blocks the street entrance leading to driver's impatience.
3. Pedestrians and bike riders entering/exiting the footpath on the west side of the bridge cross Cameron Ave and either go up over the pram ramp to the crossing or miss it altogether and cut the corner to the pedestrian crossing. People standing on the pram ramps make this even more dangerous.

Queuing is at its worst in Summer holidays and when Nippers are on but generally occurs on any fine morning. They (not to mention people w bikes/surfboards/prams/scooters/walkers/ beach goers and residents who have parked in the street) need to get down the only footpath out of this cul-de sac to the pedestrian crossing to reach the beach/bus stop. This is made extremely difficult at times with all of the obstacles (see photos).

In the DA it is said that the owner is doing all he can to mitigate the problems. The thigh-level sign to keep the path clear does not work when it's busy- I don't believe many signs are affixed. Loops installed for dog-leads would create even more trip hazards.

The Greater Manly Residents Forum did not 'vote' on this issue so I'm not sure why the letter supporting the DA was posted on the website.

Somebody will get hurt and I would hope that council can see that approving this DA is not in the interest of community safety.

Thankyou for your consideration in this matter.

I welcome any questions. Below are the photos I took as suggested by council.

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Photos from late 2019















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