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**Sent:** 25/02/2021 11:02:05 AM  
**Subject:** Northern beaches c application number Mod2021/005

Dear Council,

I writing to oppose to application number Mod 2021/0005.

We live on Scotland island. We park our car at church point and we use Thomas Stephens Reserve as a social hub. We meet other families and friends there.

Many that meet there are offshore residents who access the area by boat or ferry. Pasadena patrons are almost entirely non-residents of the offshore community – a remnant of the disgraceful way the owners behaved during the construction and subsequent running of the venue, with essentially no regard to the community there.

Even though we have the convenience of the Pasadena pantry and the waterfront cafe for food and groceries there is no need for the Pasadena venue to further intrude into this reserve.

Pasadena is constantly applying for licenses from the council to increase their venue or license to sell alcohol till late etc. I am personally tired of having to constantly oppose them, the entire off shore community already suffers with insufficient car parking every weekend – yes, even after the construction of the new car park in 2018 – the place is still way over capacity most weekends, and now with weekday weddings at Pasadena – many weekday afternoons. Patrons of Pasadena often park in the 10 min parking zone for the duration of their stay, they park loading zones etc. My observations tell me they are an affluent demographic for whom time is more precious than money – and are happy to pay a parking fine for the convenience of parking close to the venue.

**Pasadena in their original development applications promised they would have alternative transport, like shuttle buses from Bayview to help dealing with the parking problem, but it never happened, hasn't been mentioned or enforced since. This is a huge sore point among the offshore community. The patrons here demand parking close to the venue. I have seen the owner of the restaurant personally endorsing and holding car spaces both in the 1 hour zone in front of the venue, and encroaching far beyond their allocated parking spaces into the turning circles and access points the public carpark.**

In addition to park spots we don't want to lose our community hub to crowds of strangers who treat the area like an Instagram hotspot. We accept and welcome visitors who wish to access the offshore and the water for all its natural beauty but there is a limit to the capacity of a small place, and a greedy commercial enterprise such as this should not be given favour to expand into public space. Any expansion of the venue will exacerbate the existing issue, and cause more divide in the community.

My name is Chris Hardy, we live and own 12 Robertson Road, Scotland island.

I hope our community voice is heard. I am tired of having to oppose their applications every 3-6 months. Council needs to be awake to these issues and support the wider community rather than allowing a commercial entity to dictate the terms in a limited and valuable public space.

Thank you for spending the time reading my email. I appreciate your time.

Regards

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