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RE: Mod2021/0005 - 1858 Pittwater Road CHURCH POINT NSW 2105

RE: DA Mod2021/0005.

To Whom It May Concern.

I have concerns about the proposed development and further commercialisation of Thomas Stephens Reserve.

The further commercialisation of Thomas Stephens Reserve raises a number of fundamentally onerous issues for offshore residents who regularly use this space as a community gathering area.

1. The commercialisation of this area will draw additional patrons further impacting the already strained car parking issue. Residents cannot find a carspace on weekends and the issue is getting worse. This issue is of major concern. It is outrageous that these developments should be entertained given the pressing and immediate consequence on parking. To date Pasedenas promise to use shuttle buses for events, in almost every incidence, has NOT happened. And it would be naive to believe they have any intention of following this directive as council do not enforce it. The RESULT residents cannot park to get to their homes.

2. The reserve is used as a community gathering area, particularly for events such as ANZAC day to name just one. A metre high fence will detract from the freedom of movement in the reserve - create pinch points and detract from the 'Offshore rural' atmosphere and intimacy. This reserve should not be considered an urban area. It is more akin to a village square. a space of community fellowship, a gathering space. Over commercialisation of this area will significantly detract from this ideal.

3. Council is currently developing a plan of management for this area that entails possibly moving the ferry, extending boardwalks and improving access to the beach. I feel any development of the reserve should be done wholistically with these other initiatives with appropriate community consultation. The proposed Council works and the Pasadena DA need to be considered together, not in isolation.

Sincerely
Wayne Lazarides