

Livia Kekwick

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To: Livia Kekwick
Subject: DADA2021/1620: Harbord Hotel

My name is Stuart Boag of 41 Undercliff rd, Freshwater

I had hoped to attend the NBLPP discussion on Wednesday to speak **in favour of the development**, however am now unable to due to work commitments.

As such I would like to nominate Mrs King of 4 Charles street Freshwater to speak on my behalf.

We are a direct neighbour of the Harbord Hotel and have enjoyed having this vibrant, community supportive establishment in the suburb since moving here 20 years ago. The Harbord Hotel has been a community asset for close to 100 years and we have particularly enjoyed the overall improvements to the venue following the most recent developments. We are blessed to have such a world class venue within our community!

Whilst I can understand the noise concerns of residents, our experience has been that the new owners have been nothing but outstanding in understanding and adapting to the concerns of local residents – continuing the focus of previous owners and management – and we have noticed noise coming from the venue has significantly decreased since the most recent improvements.

The venue currently hosts a number of live bands and is often very busy – however despite living adjacent, we never hear any internal noise. The soundproofing of the venue has proven to be outstanding in terms of limiting (eradicating!) noise in the surrounding streets. I am no noise control expert, but I know the mitigating efforts put in place have exceeded our expectations and I trust the new development will be treated with the same level of thought and concern for neighbouring properties.

I would love to see our beloved Harbord Hotel continue to improve and add additional quality entertainment & hospitality options for Freshwater residents and visitors.

Regards Stuart Boag

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