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RE: Mod2024/0449 - 5 Lae Place ALLAMBIE HEIGHTS NSW 2100

Whilst we are generally happy with the modifications to the DA, we do have some concerns about noise emanating from the proposed deck/outdoor area when in use. As it is highly likely the new area will be used for entertaining purposes, we are concerned that the replacement of the approved planter boxes with a privacy screen will not provide the same level of noise reduction, especially given the elevated nature of the deck in relation to its surrounds. The current privacy screen/fence used on the existing back deck is of relatively open construction, meaning that while it provides some visual privacy, it does not do much to prevent sound from carrying to the adjacent areas.

All four of our bedrooms, our lounge room, and also our upper living area (closest to No. 5) are situated at the front of the house, which faces in a south easterly direction. The front of our property is comprised of large glass windows and doors which make up the majority of the building façade. These rooms are partially angled towards the northern boundary of No. 5, where the proposed outdoor area will be located. We would therefore prefer a more substantial privacy/sound barrier, which would be more effective in mitigating any noise emanating from the neighbouring outdoor area while it is being used for family and other social occasions. This would be particularly relevant in summer, when windows and doors are generally opened wide to allow for cooling and/or ventilation.