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Re: Northern Sydney Local Health District Health Promotion submission regarding Hard Rock Café's development application for change of use to a pub and live entertainment venue, building works and signage (DA-2022/0662)

Thank you for providing the opportunity to comment on this development application.

Northern Sydney Local Health District (NSLHD) has an active interest in measures to prevent or reduce alcohol-related harm such as malicious damage, interpersonal violence, accidental injury and long-term health impacts. **NSLHD has concerns over the proposed location of this liquor licence and the negative impacts the increased access to alcohol is likely to generate for the local community.**

We do not support the granting of the Hard Rock Café's development application for change of use to a pub and live entertainment venue due to the following concerns:

- With regards to rate per 100,000 residents, the local community of Manly has an oversaturation of hotel licences (50.4) in comparison to NSW (28.2) and Major Cities of Australia (19.7).
- According to the Australian Urban Observatory, the average distance to the closest on-licence alcohol outlet in Manly is only 332m. This ranks Manly as one of the worst performing suburbs across all Australian Major Cities (5th percentile) in terms of excessive alcohol access.
- The proposed premises is situated in Northern Beaches local government area (LGA), which has an alcohol-attributable hospitalisation rate that has consistently exceeded the NSW average. The most recent Healthstats NSW data (2018-2020) indicates that the Northern Beaches LGA's alcohol-attributable hospitalisation rate is currently **63%** higher than the state average (836.4 vs 513.2).
- In the year to December 2021, the alcohol-related non-domestic assault rate in Manly (564.9) was **666%** higher compared to all of NSW (84.8), with 43.6% of these assaults classed as 'serious' (i.e. involved actual or grievous bodily harm).
- Furthermore, the proposed location of this liquor licence is within high density hotspots for both non-domestic assault and domestic assault, indicating that of those offences that occur within the suburb of Manly, the majority are already occurring within close proximity to the proposed location.

Recommendation:

1. **That the Hard Rock Café's DA for change of use to a pub and live entertainment venue (DA-2022/0662) be refused**

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Kara McDonnell, NSLHD Health Promotion, at kara.mcdonnell@health.nsw.gov.au.

Kind regards,

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