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I refer to your client's Notice of Intention (NOI) to apply for a hotel (general bar) licence which is to be located at Ground and Mezzanine Level, 1/63-67 The Corso, Manly, 2095.

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.**

These concerns include:

- 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.

We strongly recommend the applicant reconsiders the proposed location for this general bar licence and identifies a more appropriate premises. Should this proceed to a formal liquor licence application as proposed, NSLHD would deem it necessary to submit a detailed objection.

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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