

**Chris King - Re: Unsure how to but wish to lodge strong objection to MP10\_0159 - Royal Far West Concept Plan**

---

**From:** Chris King  
**To:** POM 2004  
**Date:** 10/2/2012 9:38 AM  
**Subject:** Re: Unsure how to but wish to lodge strong objection to MP10\_0159 - Royal Far West Concept Plan

---

Dear Mr Meagher,

Thank you for your submission and I will forward a copy to the Proponent for their consideration.

**Chris King**  
 Assessment Officer  
 Metropolitan & Regional Projects South  
 NSW Department of Planning & Infrastructure  
 GPO Box 39 | Sydney NSW 2001  
 T 02 9228 6430

>>> "POM 2004" <pomeagher2004@hotmail.com> 9/28/2012 7:46 pm >>>

Dear Mr. King

I cannot find a link to facilitate submitting an objection but hope that my message below can be accepted as a submission or that you can let me know how to object correctly:

I and everyone to my knowledge that read beyond the *Caring for Kids* screen of this proposal objected to it on several grounds. I won't repeat the objections I submitted to the details of the original "plan" - to the potential destruction of an iconic beachfront, traffic problems intentionally ignored, a community threatened with degradation by gross commercial development, ignored diminution of services to country kids and their families etc. I will however point again to the obvious dishonesty of this whole spin by quoting the absurd opening paragraph of the *April 11 RFW Consultation Report .pdf* :


*"The majority of representatives at the community stakeholder briefings were positive and accepting of the Royal Far West (RFW) concept plan and the potential for urban renewal, with some concerns expressed."*

Having attended the main meeting held in Manly, listened in groups or individually to my fellow Manly residents and government representatives on countless occasions and read the varied written objections lodged, I and any other thinking individual can see this is simply an untrue statement which reflects the nature of this whole immoral process. For the sake of those kids who may need the help of the RFW in the future and for all kids whom we hope will be given a sense of trust in those making decisions on their behalf, I ask that this plan not be approved.

Sincerely

Peter O'Meagher

Manly Resident

NOTE = FILE COPY  
 COPY GIVEN TO URBIS  
 AT MEETING OF 4/10/12  


## Chris King - Fairlight Precinct comments from 13 September Precinct Meeting

---

**From:** Precincts <Precincts@manly.nsw.gov.au>  
**To:** "Chris.King@planning.nsw.gov.au" <Chris.King@planning.nsw.gov.au>  
**Date:** 9/24/2012 12:02 PM  
**Subject:** Fairlight Precinct comments from 13 September Precinct Meeting  
**CC:** Gary O'Brien <gary@promoresults.com.au>

---

Chris,

I am forwarding on comments received from Fairlight Precinct 13 September meeting minutes.

### **Royal Far West redevelopment**

Vivien Coulson undertook a review of the latest scheme. To put the development into perspective. The needs of the current users of the facility have changed. There is not the need for long term accommodation as the residents only stay for a week at the time. Most of the services now are directed to behavioural issues. The current consultation rooms do not have the space and observation areas for assessment, hence the need to redesign the facility. Much of the facility is not in line with current building standards and in most cases too difficult to renovate. Initially only the Elsie Hill building would be demolished then once the new RFW was up and running the existing RFW facility will be demolished for the new building works. The Heritage listed Drummond House will remain and so too the terrace houses on the corner of Victoria St and The Steyne, the remaining buildings will be demolished. The Royal Far West service has limited funds, hence they found it necessary to self fund the new facilities; as a consequence they are trying to get the most out of the available property. The community believe it is over development in its current design. "

The main concerns are:-

- The proposed development appears more focussed on the income producing areas than on the RFW facilities which we believe should be their priority
- Traffic and congestion issues
- There will be clash of traffic entering the Council car park and the entry of the new development.
- The proposed heights do not meet the current Manly height requirements
- The current scheme has one 9 storey and one 8 storey buildings overlooking the school play ground. and the 5 storey beach front retail / residential building is also of concern being higher than the buildings opposite in Wentworth street
- Play area is in total shade( could be a problem but residents are short stay only and can go to the beach for recreational needs)
- With a hotel development come more problems with alcohol

Motion

**Motion**

***The Precinct cannot support the development in the current plan due to the issues expressed above. Carried***

Regards,

Sally Cornelius  
 Precinct Coordinator  
 Town Hall Level 2  
 Manly Council

1 Belgrave Street Manly NSW 2095 | PO Box 82 Manly NSW 1655 | Direct 9976 1512 |  
 Switch 9976 1500 | Fax 9976 1400 | [precincts@manly.nsw.gov.au](mailto:precincts@manly.nsw.gov.au) | [www.manly.nsw.gov.au](http://www.manly.nsw.gov.au)

---

This email and any files transmitted with it are confidential and intended solely for the use of the individual or entity to whom they are addressed. Re-transmitting or re-publishing the content of this email in any media format without the express permission of the Author is strictly prohibited.

If you have received this email in error please notify Manly Council immediately. Information transmitted via email may be subject to corruption by the process. Information contained in this email should not be relied upon where loss, damage or injury is possible. Verified information should be obtained in writing directly from the authorised Council officers.

Jean Hay AM  
Mayor of Manly

I'm now on Facebook... LIKE me for Manly News & Views:

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Councillor-Jean-Hay-AM-Mayor-of-Manly/294696050591879>

1 Belgrave Street Manly NSW 2095 | PO Box 82 Manly NSW 1655 | Direct 9976 1501 |  
Switch 9976 1500 | Fax 9976 1400 | [jean.hay@manly.nsw.gov.au](mailto:jean.hay@manly.nsw.gov.au) | [www.manly.nsw.gov.au](http://www.manly.nsw.gov.au)

---

**From:** Nina Burrridge [Nina.Burrridge@uts.edu.au]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 10 October 2012 7:53 AM  
**To:** Jean Hay; [Henry.Wong@manly.nsw.gov.au](mailto:Henry.Wong@manly.nsw.gov.au)  
**Cc:** Hugh Burns; Barbara Aird; HTWong; ElectorateOffice Manly  
**Subject:** RFW development proposal

Dear Jean and Henry , Barbara and Hugh

Please pass this email onto all councillors as I could not see the emails of the new councillors on the website – I assume that these have not been updated yet.

Dear Councillors

I am away overseas and cannot attend the Extraordinary meeting of Manly Council on Weds 10<sup>th</sup> October. From my brief look at the revised plans it appears that the RFW board has completely disregarded the concerns of the Manly community.

The amendments to their original plans illustrate their complete contempt for Manly Council's development control guidelines. Height and frontage limits are way beyond the capacity of the building envelope. The plans dwarf the adjacent heritage buildings and block site lines for existing owners in Wentworth St. The plans have no design merits and do not create a civic amenity worthy of such a prime location.

The plans are all about development and not about education.

I note with great concern that the RFW board membership does not have one person with expertise in Education- either at the primary /secondary or tertiary level. Surely this is a huge problem for such an organization concerned with the education of the most vulnerable in our community.

I also note that my efforts earlier in the year, to gain access to RFW financial reports beyond their summary in the annual report were not successful.

I therefore have serious concerns as to the capacity of the RFW Board to oversee this development proposal and I would urge Manly Council to suggest to the Minister for planning to oppose the proposal outright. I would also suggest that there should be an investigation into the capacity of the board to fulfill the mission of the RFW Scheme to provide education and health facilities for the most vulnerable people in our community.

Good luck for the meeting and I look forward to active opposition of this proposal by Manly Council in response to the wishes of the Manly Community.

Regards