



To whom it may concern:

My name is Aaron Girgis, Director and co-founder of Space 44 art gallery in Cronulla. A community run non for profit artist space that services the local art by hosting monthly art galleries for emerging local Sutherland Shire artists at no cost.

We have been running for six years hosting a large amount of community programs with local council and charities such as Youth Week and Project Youth. We also run yearly art exhibitions in Cronulla mall and a large scale music festival that has sold out four years in a row placing Cronulla back on the map as a cultural and destination hotspot in Sydney.

Having worked with Captial Bluestone now for four years through a range of community programs promoting arts, culture and local talent in The Sutherland Shire we are excited to hear they are looking at expanding their development to further benefit the local area that is starved of art spaces and shared community spaces.

The accommodation that is proposed would be an amazing addition to the southern parts of the Shire as we are limited to only a few hotel options leaving many visitors to our area having to stay elsewhere when attending our festival each year.

Space 44 is in support of the application Capital Bluestone are making to the Department Of Planning to add additional accommodation and community spaces that organisations like ours will be able to use and showcase even more local talent.

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