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Subject: Objection of The Old Clare Hotel Rooftop Bar
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Dear whom may concern,

My name is Sonia Cheung [REDACTED] and I am one of the residents who are living in the Central Park East Tower on 3 Carlton Street Chippendale NSW 2008, which is right opposite to The Old Clare Hotel (the hotel) at 1 Kensington St, Chippendale NSW 2008. We have noticed that the hotel has launched a DA regarding the rooftop bar for 150 people 7 days a week till 10pm and this has brought my family (and probably many other families who live in this building or nearby building) a big concern about our future daily life in our apartment.

My family has two young children (a [REDACTED]) and we had been seriously disturbed by the hotel rooftop activities back in March 2016 while the hotel was holding events at their rooftop area almost every weekend and the music from there was unbelievably loud and irritating even though I had closed all my windows and turned on the air-con. Every time when there was an event at their rooftop area, I had to call to the hotel duty manager, whose name is Alex, numerous times to request them to turn the music volume down but it did not seem to improve at all. This had not only seriously disturbed my children's daily routine, who usually have afternoon nap during the day and goes to bed by 8pm, but also made them become very cranky and emotional and so as myself.

To provide a better understanding to the council that how far could the noise travel, I have enclosed a video clip (IMG_8234.MOV) that was recorded from my unit while the UTS on Broadway (also just opposite to our building) was holding an Open Day event on the other weekend as an example. The video clip could show you that how far the loud music could pass through to reach our units. When the distance between the UTS building and our building is even further away while compare to the distance between the Old Clare Hotel and our building, the noise could be that terrible, it is not hard to understand how loud and irritating the noise from the Old Clare Hotel could be.

Apart from the noise problem, our privacy is also one of our big concerns. It is very often to see the hotel guests were taking pictures of our building from the hotel rooftop area and I am very sure that the distance between our building and the hotel is close enough for the residents whose units are facing to the hotel, being captured in the photos without their consent, unless, the residents keep their curtains closed 24/7. This has made me feel very worried, anxious and offended especially when I have two very young children at home.

I have also enclosed a few photos (IMG_6075, IMG_6076, IMG_6078 and IMG_6094) that I took from my unit to show the council how the hotel guests were taking photos of our building from the hotel rooftop and these are only a very few of the examples of countless same incidents that has been happening. Can you imagine how many times worse could the situation be if the hotel rooftop area is open to PUBLIC?

Nevertheless, the noise and the privacy issue are not the only things that we concern, many other things like the safety, the environmental hygiene, the ventilation and the solar light issue (if the hotel build a canopy on their rooftop), etc. would also negatively affect residents living nearby.

For example, it was more often to see drunk people yell and vomit outside our building entrance and end up we needed to call to our building concierge to seek for help because even the police might not be able to do much if that happens before mid night. Meanwhile, the residents even need to pay for the cleaning of the vomit stuff that was caused by the drunk guests by paying a higher strata fee. Furthermore, if the residents need to close their windows and curtains 24/7 in order to protect our own privacy and get rid of the noise from the hotel rooftop bar, this obviously will cause serious health issue and even depression because there will be no difference to live in a prison cell rather than our apartments as no fresh air and solar light could come into our units anymore plus being exposed to the public from mid day till late night EVERY SINGLE day.

Taking all the concerns above, I sincerely hope that the city council will not approve such a DA which obviously will create numerous unnecessary irritating disturbance to the nearby residents.

Thank you very much for your time and patience.

Yours Sincerely,

Sonia



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