

Points of support stage 4 Woollooware Bay Town Centre

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My support for this development is comprehensive as I believe the Club renewal, the retail development and the additional residential provisions will have a very significant positive impact on employment, house price affordability and overall quality of life for shire residents.

I am happy to elaborate on any of these outcomes but today I would like to specifically focus on the service department/ hotel building providing 75 keys.

Council and shire residents have for many years experienced the impact of the limited availability of short stay accommodation in the Sutherland Shire. Two years ago, SSC recognised this need in their own LEP and funded a Shire wide investigation of potential sites for short stay accommodation, of these 17 sites, the two most preferred, as I understand it, were the Tradies site at Gymea and the Sharks site at Woollooware Bay. I am aware from firsthand experience that the Tradies site is now completely off the table.

In its search for an appropriate site, SSC looked at a number of factors with the two key factors being:

1. Availability of land in a central location
2. The ability to fund what they believe to be an essential project.

I would now like to elaborate on the benefits of having short stay accommodation (Hotel) at Woollooware Bay.

- Accommodation for visiting sporting team e.g. women's world cup and Cronulla surf carnivals.
- Accommodation family and friends for people living in over 55 development
- Family and friends of people living in nursing homes.
- Tourist accommodation
- Convention/ business conference accommodation

- Separate to these accommodation benefits are the career and training opportunities
- Hotel will employ people across the entire Hospitality sector and so provide both job and training opportunities for reception staff, cleaning staff, maintenance, administration, finance, HR etc.
- There is a future multiplier effect in the community through the businesses that will provide to the Hotel such services as food and beverage and a host of trades.