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MODIFICATION OF APPROVAL FOR
THE BANK HOTEL, 42 DARLINGHURST RD, POTTS POINT

There was unanimous agreement at the Residents Association December meeting to request Council reject the application to maintain the 5:00 am closing hours for the Bank Hotel.

The lockout-laws instigated in 2014 have been highly effective at stemming the alcohol fuelled violence that characterized Kings Cross. Residents are concerned to preserve the safety and amenity that these laws have served to restore.

Residents who have lived in buildings around what can only be described as the epicentre of the violence and mayhem that reigned during 2006 - 2014 are concerned that the approval of extended hours risks a return to the excesses of this era.

Residents request that Council be circumspect in the trading hours they approve for this venue with a capacity for 500 patrons. It is located in the middle of the 'strip' and has been closely associated with violence and other anti-social behaviour in the area. Crowding of the streets due to queuing and lack of controls with regard to heavily intoxicated patrons entering and leaving this venue have been a major concern for residents and visitors. The argument presented by owners in support of trading hours until 5:00 am due to lack of noise complaints is flawed; this venue has been closed so it stands to reason there would be no recent noise complaints.

Planning for Kings Cross's future and approvals granted requires some regard for how fabulous this area could be as a night time destination – rather than sending it back to the days of squalor, violence, and crime.

The profile of the area has dramatically changed since the lockout laws in 2014. Please work with Residents to preserve safety, amenity and approve entertainment and trading hours befitting the new demographic.

Regards

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