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SUBJECT: DA 2006/900/D The Village nightclub: Objections

To the Catch Hotel to continue trading with extended hours after midnight for five more years.

"The Catch Hotel"

formerly "The Village" nightclub

formerly "Favela" nightclub club

address: 54-56 Kellett Street facing Kellett Lane, Kings Cross

We apologise for the lateness of this submission. We object to the extension of hours for the following reasons:

- The premises are located in the middle of a very densely populated residential area (Roslyn Street, Kellett Way, Kellett Street, Ward Avenue, etc.). Many residents live just metres away. People living there have to get to sleep in order to function effectively; to get to work or go about their daily duties having had the requisite 8 hours sleep.
- The premises are situated in Kings Cross, already saturated with alcohol outlets, pubs, and bars. The cumulative impact of all these outlets, the increased hours of operations and the increased number of patrons have dramatically reduced the amenity for local residents.
- There have been numerous substantiated complaints over a period of many years from neighbours, NSW Police, and OLGA about excessive noise, anti-social, and criminal activities for which there appears to be not consequence.
- Complaints have documented loud and lengthy periods of noise coming from within the premises and from the outside balcony, as well as yelling and shouting from patrons as they leave the premises.
- Noise is also from taxis, private cars, etc. late at night as they drop off and pick up patrons; they leave cars idling, blast their horns unnecessarily. The laneway quickly becomes blocked and delays are inevitable as people get into or out of vehicles.

- In addition to late night noise, there is also noise from garbage trucks, delivery vehicles, etc. with their loud engines and reverse gear warning sound, and use of compactors. The noise will issue will increase with longer hours; more patrons, and more garbage.

The application suggests that noise problems and anti-social activity are in the past and that the new owners and managers want to start afresh. There are reasons to believe that the "new" owners have close links with the previous owners under which so many problems occurred. In addition, the premises claims to be trading under a new name (Catch Hotel) but signage currently attached to the premises still has the former name (The Village). It has been observed that despite new management, garbage bins, beer kegs and other objects are left in the adjacent pocket park; not their property.

Residents do not believe that anything has been learnt by the operators and that excessive noise and anti-social behaviour will continue. Residents do not need to have the invasive noise created by this venue extended by extending their operating hours.

I must also be noted that the NSW Police oppose this application.

The 2011 Residents' Association submits that the application be rejected and that base hours maintained. We would also like to recommend that consequences apply to breeches in their operating conditions; that they are required to reduce their negative impact on residents who live close by.

Yours faithfully

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