

Sent: Wednesday, 25 January 2017 5:00 PM

To: Kathleen Withers <Kathleen.Withers@planning.nsw.gov.au>

Subject: Objection of The Old Clare Hotel Rooftop Bar DA Application at 1 Kensington St, Chippendale NSW 2008

Dear Ms Kathleen Withers,

My name is Sonia Cheung ([REDACTED]) and I am one of the residents who are living in the Central Park East Tower at 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 2-year-old toddler and a newborn) and we had been seriously disturbed by the hotel rooftop activities. Back in March 2016, the hotel had been 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 Alex, several 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 toddler's daily routine, who usually has 2-3 naps during the day and goes to bed by 7pm, but also made him become very cranky and emotional and so as myself.

Apart from the noise problem, our privacy is also one of our big concerns. I have seen the crowd took pictures of our building from the rooftop area and I am very sure that they could easily take photos of the residents in those units that are facing to the hotel, which including my unit, unless the residents keep their curtain closed 24/7. This has made me feel very worried, anxious and offended especially when I have two very young children at home. And I believe that no one would accept that their daily life shall be exposed to the public like this.

I have enclosed a few photos that I have recently taken from my unit which shows a lady taking photos of our building from the hotel rooftop area and this is only one of the examples of countless same incidents that has been happening since the hotel started operating.

Nevertheless, the noise and the privacy issue are not the only things that we concern, many other things like the safety and the environmental hygiene, etc. would also negatively affect residents living nearby. For example, it was more often to see drunk people yell and vomit on the street right downstairs of our building when there were events being held at the hotel rooftop area as the hotel entrance is right opposite to our building entrance.

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

Please let me know if any further information/ evidence is needed. Thank you very much for your time and patience.

Yours Sincerely,
Sonia



