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**Waverley Council Response Report to requests from April 2024 Bondi Beach Precinct meeting**

Meeting Date	Motion	Council Officer Response	Directorate	Status
April 2024	<p>That Bondi Beach Precinct thanks the Director of Planning for his frank explanations of various planning issues in Waverley and urges Councillors and Council Officers to investigate ways to address what the Planning Director described as the ‘wicked problem’ of the serious structural damage being caused to nearby buildings in the Bondi Basin &amp; in particular urges council to investigate developing specific new geotechnical controls to stop the reality of damage to buildings resulting from excavation in the unstable sand that characterises the Bondi Basin.</p>	<p>Waverley Council’s Development Control Plan (DCP) contains provisions and guidelines relevant to geotechnical considerations.</p> <p>Part B4 of the DCP, Coastal Risk Management provides for risks from erosion, inundation and geotechnical instability. Under the DCP, any application for new buildings, significant alterations and/or additions to existing buildings and/or new swimming pools on properties identified as affected by ‘Coastal Inundation’ or ‘Geotechnical Risk’ are required to submit a Coastal Risk Assessment; and/or Geotechnical Risk Assessment. The Waverley Council mapping tool identifies the ‘Geotechnical Risk’ or ‘Coastal Inundation’ Layer. For more information on Waverley’s mapping tool, please access the link <a href="#">here</a>. Geotechnical reports are also required where excavation is: proposed for development at or near cliff faces; greater than 2 metres; and/or the sites has a slope of 25% or more.</p> <p>Page 23 of the <a href="#">Waverley Council’s Development Application Guide</a> outlines more specifically the application requirements for geotechnical reports. Notably, if Council deems appropriate a Geotechnical may be requested for a site.</p> <p>Provided that the builder is adhering to the National Construction Code, conditions of development approval and engineering /geotechnical certification, excavation risks and hazards are effectively mitigated.</p> <p>At this stage, Council is not considering any further amendments to the Waverley DCP with respect to potential risks associated with excavation.</p> <p>Council cannot act on any matter on a building site ( including illegal or unauthorised works) when a Private Certifying Authority ( PCA) has been appointed to that site. Council would only become involved where a</p>	<p>Planning, Sustainability &amp; Compliance</p>	<p>Complete</p>

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		<p>developer or property owner fails to comply with the a Written Direction Notice issued by the PCA and notified to Council.</p>		
<p>April 2024</p>	<p>Bondi Beach Precinct requests that the community is consulted about</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. the location of the Mermaids and 5 Minutes Bondi Beach Precinct meeting – Monday 8th April 2024</li> <li>2. whether there is a preference for the original mermaid statues to be recast or for a mermaid inspired design</li> </ol>	<p>Council notes the Precincts motion and has shared it with the General Manager, Director of Community, Culture and Customer Experience and Director of Assets and Operations.</p> <p>As per prior advice, in the Waverley Council Public Art Masterplan (P12), the location [of the Mermaids] is subject to extreme and ever-changing weather conditions, including rain and storm conditions, and precipitation as well as a high level of public engagement. Proposals must exhibit a clear understanding of the impact of these conditions and outline measure undertaken to ensure artwork can withstand them.</p> <p>You can read about it at  <a href="https://www.waverley.nsw.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0008/83258/0926_-_Public_Art_Masterplan-March2020_FINAL-compressed.pdf">https://www.waverley.nsw.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0008/83258/0926 - Public Art Masterplan-March2020 FINAL-compressed.pdf</a></p> <p>Please note, this page in the Masterplan was requested as an updated aspect to the Masterplan and was approved via Council during the term of the previous Mayor.</p> <p>A consultation for The Bondi Mermaids public artwork was on Have Your Say Waverley in March - April 2024. The project will also be going to next Arts, Culture and Creativity Advisory Committee and will be shared for their information and review, as per Council's Public Art Commissioning</p>	<p>Community, Culture and Customer Experience</p>	<p>Complete</p>

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		<p>Consultation and Approval Process. We expect the findings of the consultation to go to Council in June / July 2024.</p> <p>We hope the Precinct provided feedback on the design as part of the consultation undertaken during 25 March – 29 April 2024 at <a href="https://haveyoursay.waverley.nsw.gov.au/bondi-mermaids">https://haveyoursay.waverley.nsw.gov.au/bondi-mermaids</a>.</p>		
<b>ACTIONS</b>				
April 2024	Invite the directors for Bondi Pavilion and Ben Thompson to the next meeting.	Agenda for Bondi Beach Precinct’s June meeting was finalised before the minutes came through. Please let the Community Liaison Coordinator know if you would like the Director to attend the August or October meeting.	Community, Culture and Customer Experience	
<b>Next meeting: June 2024</b>				