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**The Greens NSW
Submission
11 June 2013**

**Re: Manly Local Environmental Plan 2013 Draft Amendment No. 1
34, 36 & 38 Stuart Street, Manly**

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Thank you for the opportunity to respond to the proposed rezoning under the Manly LEP of 34,36 and 38 Stuart Street, Manly, Reference; PP_2013_MANLY_001_00.

The primary concern the Greens NSW and many community members share about this proposal is the loss of precious public open space not only for the community of Manly but for all Sydneysiders.

Public foreshore land is increasingly rare around Sydney. The land at Little Manly provides access to the beach and also provides an entry point to the harbour for kayaks, paddleboards and small boats – squandering these opportunities for active recreation is short-sighted in the extreme.

If council elects to sell this land it will almost certainly never be possible to return it to public ownership. The short term financial benefit of selling the site simply does not stack up against the longer term loss to the community.

Previous councils have all worked towards the creation of a beachfront park at Little Manly. The decision to sell off this land and rezone it to residential zoning will undo all the good work previously done here.

The proposal also fails to meet its own stated objective, namely “to ensure the zoning of certain lands in Stuart Street reflect Manly Councils’ local strategic and operational outcomes”. The rezoning clearly conflicts with the goal set in the 2011 “Our Harbour” Agreement which includes a commitment to “increase the public ownership of foreshore land”.

Furthermore Council’s strategic plan aims to “Increase public access to, and community use of, the foreshore of Little Manly” – privatisation of this land is clearly inconsistent with this objective.

It is of further concern that there has been no rigorous heritage assessment of the impact of allowing private development of the land at 34 and 36 Stuart Street when this foreshore area is known to have been an Aboriginal burial area and 34 Stuart is the last of the beach shacks from the early 1900s.



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The failure to retain the existing boat storage and watercraft staging area, including the entry ramp will leave many local wind surfers, kayakers and others without any way to access the harbour from the North Shore east of the Harbour Bridge.

I further understand that the sites provide important habitat for bandicoots and little penguins. A more thorough consideration of the possible impacts on these populations must be provided before any decision to rezone this land is taken.

My office has received a substantial amount of correspondence about the lack of substantive community consultation on the sale of lots 34 and 36 and the proposed zoning changes.

For all the above reasons I urge you to reconsider this ill-conceived proposal and work towards the creation of a public foreshore park here for the community of Little Manly, and for generations to come.

Please do not hesitate to contact my office at david.shoebridge@parliament.nsw.gov.au or (02) 9230 3030 if you have any questions regarding this submission or require further information.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. Shoebridge', written in a cursive style.

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