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## **INQUIRY INTO CROWN LAND IN NEW SOUTH WALES**

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It is great to have a community centre at the beach for community groups to come together. We need to retain public building and spaces for all types of community groups that come together now and in the future. The building could do with some renovation but not with a repurposing into a commercial space that has a reduced community use area.

The current \$38million plan does not retain the Bondi Pavilion space as a public recreation space, in line with its dedicated purpose under the Crown Lands Act, and will result in significantly less space for community use.

Current plans for the Bondi Pavilion shift the purpose of the building from a community building for public recreation to a commercial precinct, this is not consistent with the purpose of Crown Land.

Waverley Council have adopted the 2014 Plan of Management (POM) for the Bondi Park, Beach and Pavilion. The POM is approved by State Government to ensure that the land is managed for public interest and benefit. The POM supported a restoration and repair of Bondi Pavilion at a cost of \$10million not a takeover of Bondi Pavilion at a cost of \$38million.

Bondi Pavilion is on the State Heritage Register due to its "State significance as an iconic representation of the Australian beach experience" and any "major changes" to a heritage item require approval by the Heritage Council of NSW

I have attended council meetings about the proposed \$38 million restoration. I was upset that the Council did not release details about the project or engage in debate about the project. Not one of the majority Liberal Party members that voted for the restoration spoke in favour of the development. It is not democratic to push through such a major project without detailed disclosure and open debate. It is possible that there is some merit to this project but without the release of information and open discussion we will not know.