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**RE: DA2021/0680 - 16 Bangaroo Street NORTH BALGOWLAH NSW 2093**

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We renew the objections we raised relating to the original DA, sent via email on 11 Dec.

Last week I was walking my small children in the pram on both the adjoining streets (Worrobil and St Pauls), and as we had the pram we had to walk on the road - there is no footpath on either of these streets. On 2 occasions we had to pull over so cars could get pass.

The proposed site does not have ample space for car parking, Bangaroo Street and the location of the site itself is a busy intersection, and the adjoining 2 streets do not have the adequate infrastructure to support families transporting children to the daycare. Safety should first and foremost be the number one consideration of the proposal and from my own personal experience with children that are the same age as those that will attend the daycare, it proposes a huge safety risk both for families of the centre as well as neighbours like us.

Following is a copy / paste of our original objection.

Hi Penny

I am writing in relation to this proposal.

We have lived on Bangaroo St for 9 months and have 2 children who attend a local childcare. Given this, we have feedback relevant to this specific age group and location.

Our primary concern is for the safety of the children who will attend the proposed daycare, as well as those of local residents. As noted in the numerous objections from concerned residents, the location of the proposed development is on an extremely busy road / intersection and the new development will add to this traffic.

We currently have a lot of difficulty reversing out of our driveway to avoid a collision with the traffic on Bangaroo St, especially during peak times. Most cars are impatient and do not slow as we reverse out. Because of this, we often park our car on the street.

The problem we then face is getting our toddler into his car seat safely. His seat is behind the drivers seat and he is too young to do his own seat belt up. When we have his door open to do his belt up properly, we are distracted and unable to see oncoming traffic. A number of times we have almost been hit by cars rushing past. This almost happened as recently as yesterday as the bins were being collected and there was only enough room for one car to pass in either direction.

During peak times we actually put our son in his seat, close the door quickly, then do his belt up by climbing over from the front seat. As you can imagine, it's not ideal but a temporary solution until our kids are older.

The reason I share these examples is because my kids will be the same age as the kids who will attend the proposed childcare. Given the limited on site parking and the narrowness of the proposed turning circle (can you imagine 4 SUVs trying to negotiate this at the same time?), I would expect it to be simpler for parents to park on the street during drop off and pick up. They will be faced with the same problem we currently have in getting our kids in and out of the car safely whilst being mindful of oncoming traffic.

If it was me, I would be parking in one of the side streets to avoid this - being Worrobyl or St Pauls. Neither of these streets have established footpaths which will make it extremely difficult for parents with prams accessing the daycare, thus forcing them to push their prams directly on the road and competing with cars. I know this because we did it ourselves when we first moved in - we do a lot of walking in the area and weren't familiar with which streets had established paths.

As a second example, we often walk the kids on the footpath down Bangaroo St and cross the road into Serpentine. On a number of occasions we have had great difficulty crossing the road whilst safely holding our toddler's hand. Cars simply do not slow down or give way for us, and if you've ever tried to cross a busy road holding the hand of a toddler who isn't super fast, you know how stressful it can be. These parents will have the exact same issue when they park across the road from the proposed site. For the safety of my family we often walk to the crossing at Seaforth PS, but the reality of childcare drop off and pick up is this will not happen as parents rush in and out. Again this is a significant safety risk.

As a summary, the location of this proposal is far from ideal, and in fact the additional traffic will pose a significant safety risk to both its users as well as the local community. These are based on personal observations in the short time we have lived on the busy street with our young family.

If you would like further information or would like to join me one morning during drop off to witness first hand the abovementioned challenges please get in touch.

Cheers, Christina