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**RE: DA2024/1303 - 11 / 0 Melwood Avenue FORESTVILLE NSW 2087**

Dear assessing officer,

Thank you for looking at my submission.

Forestville RSL is the only licensed large functions space to service Killarney Heights and Forestville.

They stated that they were that they were committed to a "family friendly focus on the new club facilities" (on their website). I believe the following features of the DA are in contradiction to this statement and I object to them:

- Kids space vastly reduced
- No outdoor area
- Unisex toilets
- Half the toilets are in the gambling area
- Much reduced community and function space.
- Proposed Theatre is in the basement
- Gambling space doubled with a bar and an alfresco area in the centre of the development

The RSL have stated that the driving factor for the development is the to "reduce the club's reliance on gaming" (again on their website).

They have doubled the size of the gaming space with a new "Alfresco Gaming" area. I object to this expansion and focus on gaming in the new facility.

I find the new facility to be not family friendly which is not reflective of the demographic of the suburb being 54% with a child living at home.

I understand building apartments to create a return. But do they have to be over 55? There are many over 55 facilities already in the suburb and this demographic is particularly vulnerable to gambling.

Overall a very disappointing effort from the RSL which does not meet community needs and has not sought to obtain reasonable feedback from their members and community. Please consider the ramifications on our community and improve the club with less focus on gambling facilities and more on improving the restaurant and pleasant outdoor location.  
Thank you, Kind regards, Lija Arthur