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Hello,

I am writing in regards to the Northern Beaches organic markets now held at Mona Vale.

I strongly support this market opening an hour earlier for the following reasons.

- We have breakfast at this market, that is we support stall holders that provide food at the market. Others who have breakfast here arrive at 8:30am and the food stalls are suddenly busy, with queues and nowhere to sit and eat. We come later between 9-9:30am, our morning spent waiting for the market to open.
- Due to the later start time, people put in orders for coffee before trading begins so there is a back log of orders slowing everything down at opening time.
- We do our weekly shop of fruit and vegetables, sometimes bread, eggs, flowers etc. We are not there to browse; we want to get on with our day.
- The market feels a bit rushed and busy; people trying to get breakfast, people trying to shop before all the best produce is sold out.
- This is a place to socialise. In fact, we have market friends, people we have met through the Frenchs Forest Market. People have less time to catch up.
- We love our stall holders and there is less time for them to do business. We have followed these people from the previous market and continue to support them

Please consider opening trading earlier as this is a well-supported market that many of us rely upon for fresh produce, supporting small businesses and creating community.

Kind regards,
Julie