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**RE: DA2021/1541 - 20 Albert Street FRESHWATER NSW 2096**

I am thrilled with the way Freshwater has developed and that is because of the variety and appropriately selected type of businesses that are currently in the shops. My concern about the current proposal for another Mexican style restaurant comes from my dedication to supporting local business.

The community of Freshwater are supportive of local businesses, however we need to be supported to do that by having a range of options like a newsagents or another cuisine style. To put another Mexican restaurant only limits the supports that local people can provide. The area is popular with families due to the type of venues and the encouragement of early opening hours and late nights that encourage alcohol drinking late into the night will only cause significant issues on an area that is built on family's trust and confidence in the area. Currently the area of Freshwater is seen as a safe area that supports businesses and local trade. How we putting a bar type establishment only leads to changing the current successful vibe that Freshwater is working towards continuing. It will no longer be Freshwater but a rather stale taste of alcohol amongst the community. Please take careful consideration before approving this establishment.