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Dear Council,

Please see attached my submission in opposition to the proposed McDonald's development (DA2025/0132-Amended Plans).

Kind Regards,

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## **Submission to Council opposing Development Application DA2025/0132 – Amended Plans**

10 June 2025

Dear Council,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to Development Application DA2025/0132 and the amended plans currently before the Northern Beaches Council. As a resident of Griffiths Street, Balgowlah, living with my two young children, I urge Council to reject this proposal based on serious concerns relating to traffic congestion, public safety, amenity impacts, and community opposition.

### **1. Increase in Traffic Congestion**

The traffic around Balgowlah is already incredibly congested. Often we can't even get out of our driveway with traffic on Griffiths Street heading out onto Condamine Street. We find it difficult to even access our local foodstores – Woolworths and Aldi in Roseberry Street, because the traffic gets so congested. The existing volume of cars is already causing chaos and safety issues in our area.

Roseberry Street in particular currently supports multiple high-demand retail outlets, including Bunnings, Woolworths, Aldi, and Harvey Norman.

Adding a McDonald's would add considerable traffic congestion.

### **2. Late Night Operations**

Even with the reduced trading hours in the amended plans, a closing time of 12am still means that the venue would operate late at night. Already, we have to sleep with earplugs in to help shield the noise of late night vehicles speeding up the Burnt Creek Deviation, and using Griffiths Street as a back-road to Manly. We anticipate that a McDonald's would bring even more late night traffic and increased noise and disrupt our peaceful neighbourhood.

In addition to this, it elevates the risk of crime and antisocial behavior.

Our neighbourhood, being home to Manly West Public School, is home to many young families and working residents who value a peaceful and safe environment. The establishment of a late-night venue, particularly one as busy as a McDonald's, will irreversibly damage the amenity of the area. We are also a community that prides itself on trying to teach our children healthy habits – the 'lifestyle' of the Northern Beaches is what makes it so special. McDonald's is at complete odds with this.

### **3. Negative Social and Environmental Impact**

Past experience in other areas shows that fast food chains operating late into the night attract hoon behaviour, with modified cars speeding and loitering in the area. This poses a significant safety concern, especially for families like mine with young children.

There is also the issue of increased litter and waste, a common byproduct of such establishments. This will negatively affect the visual appeal and cleanliness of our community, bringing down the overall standard of the area.

### **5. Lack of Community Support**

Importantly, this proposal is not supported by the local community. Its approval would show a disregard for the wellbeing of local families and the broader neighbourhood. I do not know one person, young or old who support the idea. There are already many family friendly fast food options in the area which are more fitting with the needs of our community.

We urge you to please put the needs of the local community first and protect the liveability of our neighbourhood. I strongly urge Council to reject DA2025/0132.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Angie French

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