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**RE: DA2018/1924 - Forest Way FRENCHS FOREST NSW 2086**

Forestway Shopping Centre Development - Traffic issues.

The planned traffic movement schema around the Shopping centre development is not appropriate and will impact greatly Forestway and surrounding streets.

1) Changes for Forestway

The traffic report provided is flawed as it incorrectly states that Forestway has been improved for traffic flow due to the Hospital roadworks. There has been no improvement to traffic flow and it is actually worse as a result. There is now an extra set of lights at the Junction of Naree and Forestway which causes delays to traffic which backs up past Adams Street as a result during week days and weekends. Traffic volumes are increasing month on month.

To add another set of lights at the junction of Russell and Forestway would impact traffic hugely and cause significant delays Southbound for all traffic. Another set of lights is overkill to an already very busy road. Cars coming across the Adams Street Junction and Naree Junction would again have to stop to allow cars out on Russell.

The proposal to then have another junction between Russell and Warringah Road to allow traffic to turn left and right from the new shopping centre is beyond belief. This will hugely delay and impact traffic on Forestway trying to get to Warringah Road. During peak hours on weekday mornings this proposal will greatly impact traffic as the light phasing will prevent flow. A single car exiting the centre would have the capacity to hold up three lanes of traffic. At the moment there is a crossing for pedestrians which is lightly used and does not greatly effect traffic but adding a junction that can allow 1+ cars to exit right will have a detrimental effect.

What has not been taken into account is that for the residents of Belrose, Davidson and Frenchs Forest (west of Forestway) Forestway itself is the only access point to Warringah Road Westbound (before the timed restrictions on Grace Avenue expire) Huge numbers of cars rely on this road to get out of the suburb, adding more lights and delays is not helping anyone.

2) Grace Avenue

The increase in traffic on Grace Avenue as a result of this development will be unsustainable for the current road system. Presently it is a single lane either way with housing on one side. Traffic turning right into Sorlie Place blocks traffic on Grace Avenue whilst they wait to turn. As there is street parking for residents, there is no way to pass right turning traffic. Due to heavy traffic on Warringah Road, traffic comes up Grace Avenue from Altona Avenue as an alternative to going via Forestway. Heavy traffic occurs every afternoon and adding more traffic to Grace Avenue will have huge negative impacts. Grace Avenue also has traffic calming devices installed that impede traffic flow in what is already a narrow street. Adding hundreds of extra cars (build it and they will come) to this narrow street will cause issues and has the potential for accidents.

The traffic plans need to go back to the drawing board and actually consider the impact based on the fact that a new shopping centre will attract more traffic than present onto inadequate roads.