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Subject: TRIMMED: Attention: Nick Keeler, DA2020/1172, 54 Bardo Rd; Newport 2106
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PLEASE NOTE THAT WE RESPECTFULLY REQUEST THAT OUR NAME AND CONTACT DETAILS ARE REDACTED FROM PUBLIC VIEW

Dear Nick,

Please accept our apology for our submission being late. The notice on 54 Bardo Rd was not displayed until after the required date & we were not aware of the DA until a few days before closing. We needed time to draft our response.

We have lived in Bardo Rd for over 43 years. Obviously, we are passionate about our area & choose to live here because we love & respect all the flora & fauna, & enjoy a diverse & friendly neighbourhood. Over the 43 years we have lived in Bardo Rd, there has been a number of development proposals, but only ONCE before have we seen an application of this magnitude & inappropriate over development. The only other time was for the recent DA for 34-36 Bardo Rd.

What is even more distressing than the proposal of this overdevelopment, is that someone is responsible for the disgraceful & criminal tree vandalism that has preceded the Development Application for 54 Bardo Rd (& also for 34-36 Bardo Rd DA). From our back yard, we can see the “treescape” to 54 Bardo Rd very clearly. We watched in horror (& reported to Council) as trees were felled at alarming speed, right after the new owners moved in earlier this year. It is not enough to say that “no one” can be held responsible for the tree vandalism, as “no one” was “seen” destroying the trees. Why can’t the “system” be designed to prevent this crime, using technology & putting a blanket development ban on any properties that can be shown (using date stamped technology) to have been subjected to tree removal preceding a DA? If the DA for 54 Bardo Rd is allowed to proceed, it voids the very system that was designed to protect our flora & fauna, & rewards blatant criminal behaviour. Having endured 2 such crimes in our street within the last 12 months, it is plain to see that whatever the tree protection laws are at the moment, they are not working! The state of the world at present should serve as strong reminder that we are all responsible for taking a stand in the protection of our environment - especially our local representatives, law makers & law enforcers. It all starts in our own community.

We strongly object to this development, not only for all of the above, but for the reasons stated below:


- Bardo Rd is already developed to its maximum potential. There is no further room for extra bins, cars & traffic. Already on Monday mornings it is really difficult to safely navigate the footpaths as they are blocked with bins, necessitating pedestrians to walk onto the road. The traffic congestion related to the inability for 2 cars to pass along Bardo Rd is also a strong indicator that this proposed overdevelopment would be detrimental for local residents. Traffic issues are well documented by other neighbours objecting to this DA. We fully concur with the traffic situation observations in Bardo Rd & agree this overdevelopment would compound these issues. Of major concern, is the safety of the children attending our local kindergarten.
- At present, we have good diversity in our street. Bardo Rd already has 4 over 55 developments, 3 blocks of units & a Kindergarten. Retirees, elderly, ability challenged, young families & singles reside in Bardo Rd. This creates a vibrant community & the approval of an increase in over 55 developments would effect the

balance of diversity we enjoy in Bardo Rd. Covid times have provided strong evidence that the communities with greater diversity were stronger & more mutually supportive communities.

CONCLUSION:

We strongly object to DA 2020/1172, 54 Bardo Road Newport 2106, and fully support the objections noted in the submissions from our neighbours.

Yours Sincerely,


Bardo Rd;
Newport 2106 NSW.