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**Application No. DA2024/0675**  
**Address: 80-82 Mona Vale Road Mona Vale**

Please see my objection in regarding this proposed development as unfortunately I am unable to attend the meeting in person on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> of November 2024.

I am writing to lodge my strong objection to the proposed development of the Pickleball courts at Pittwater RSL. This proposed development will not only majorly impact the residents of surrounding streets but also hundreds of homes within the Bayview and Warriewood basins.

Noise generated by pickleball players is much louder than tennis and futsal due to the use of the plastic balls and plastic bat which creates a loud popping sound. Noise will also be generated from participants yelling and cheering. These noise impacts will be heightened and increased as it bounces off the surrounding hills which will create a massive echo chamber and carries the sounds throughout the Warriewood Valley and Bayview Basin. With the natural landscape the current proposed sound proofing will have absolutely no affect unless the courts will be fully enclosed like the sports centre at Warriewood.

If you research pickleball court installations you will see that there have been a huge number of court cases lodged by local residents against councils in Europe, UK and USA from the noise complaints and mental health distress its causing on the local residents.

Currently noise from the Outdoor Area at the RSL and Futsal Courts can be heard deep into the Bayview valley so its not just affecting the surrounding street of the RSL. This will greatly affect hundreds of residents in their homes 13 hours a day 7 days a week. Please refer to an objection currently lodged by a Bayview resident to verify this and the noise that currently carries throughout the Valley from the futsal courts which I'm sure it will be the same on the Warriewood side. At least the futsal ball is quiet, it's just the refs whilst and cheering/yelling that can be heard. Now imagine 6 courts full of loud plastic pickleballs constantly whacking - would you personally want to live with this, with absolutely no reprieve during any of the daylight or evening hours every single day?

The sound testing completed 6 years ago was false and misleading as it was positioned behind a group of large concrete factories nowhere near the surrounding residential properties that will be directly impacted. Therefore this acoustic report is misleading and irrelevant.

The council has also been misled by the RSL about the number of 'usable' parking spaces. Some local residents and a lot of the local workers in the nearby industrial area use the outdoor parking for personal parking plus on the lower level parking area near the futsal course seems to have buses and various storage items permanently parked there.

The RSL do not handle or respond to complaints from the local residents. They are always ignored or emails blocked so I have no faith in them that they will handle any future noise complaint issues. Like mine regarding the frequent use of the Futsal courts midweek past 10.30pm and court lights left on overnight some nights.

The RSL has also not fulfilled past development requirements so I have little faith they will do everything right. Many times they have proven they show no care or regard for the local residents. Like for example their fireworks display that we were not notified of which exploded directly overhead of my home and destroyed parts of my garden from firework remnants and traumatised my pets. Considering my home was directly opposite and less than 100m away the common courtesy of a notification or warning these were happening would have been nice so I could at least secure my pets!

The approval of this development will not only ruin the comfort and enjoying of living in our own properties from the constant loud and offensive whacking sounds emitted by 54 players 13 hours a day 7 days a week, it will also decrease our property values, affect our mental health, ability to work from home or sleep if you are a shift worker.

All our outdoor living spaces will be unusable, and all our windows and doors will have to be permanently closed to block out the mind numbing loud whacking sounds of 6 courts 13 hours a day 7 days a week. NO fresh air, NO air flow, NO reprieve which will greatly affect the mental health of all the surrounding residents and the comfort of our own homes.

Again the surrounding residents do not want this. The only people who have sent in their positive responses are those who don't live in the area and are able to leave and enjoy their own personal living spaces. What mental health support services will the RSL and Council put in place to assist with the constant mind numbing loud and offensive whacking sound as we will have no reprieve and unable to open our windows and doors for fresh air. The proposed reduced game time of only 1 hour will do absolutely nothing!

Please listen to the concerns raised from the multiple objections from the neighbouring properties who do not want this to go ahead. There is not one local resident who is in favour of this as we would be losing the enjoyment and use of our own personal living spaces which will greatly affect hundreds of properties in the surrounding Mona Vale, Bayview and Warriewood areas 13 hours a day 7 days a week.

Please do not approve this development!

Amber Jones