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Dear Councillors

I am writing to formally object to the proposed development of a McDonald's restaurant with a drive-through at the intersection of Roseberry Street and Kenneth Road. This intersection and roundabout is currently heavily congested with traffic from Bunnings, Aldi, Woolworths and KFC and poses significant safety concerns and a McDonalds would exacerbate an already dire and very choked-up intersection/roundabout/area - significantly worsening the existing traffic problems in the area.

Both drivers and pedestrians are already frustrated about the congestion exactly where the proposed McDonalds would go and further traffic congestion would only further compromise traffic flow, and increase the likelihood of accidents, road rage, undesirable behaviour of late night McDonalds users, and increase litter and crime close to where residents live (I personally live on the corner of Quirk and Kenneth Roads and moved to Manly Vale from DY to avoid the sort of behaviour and risks associated with fast food outlets like McDonalds. I certainly wouldn't feel safe walking from the B1 when coming home late from the City if a McDonalds was at that intersection.

Manly Vale is a fantastic family friendly safe area and would be jeopardised by having a 24 hour McDonalds so close to where residents live. There are other locations in the area which would be better suited for this type of development, where traffic flow and road safety concerns are less pressing. A less congested site would be better able to accommodate the increased traffic associated with a drive-through, reducing the strain on already overloaded infrastructure and minimizing the negative impact on local residents and road users.

At a time when we are trying to discourage childhood/adult obesity and unhealthy eating habits, the Council proposes putting ANOTHER McDonalds in this area. There are already two local McDonalds at Brookvale and Beacon Hill, why do we need another so close to these, and so close to schools .

I strongly urge Council to reject the proposal for a McDonald's drive-through at this location. The combination of traffic congestion, safety concerns, environmental impacts, and the lack of suitable infrastructure makes this development unfeasible. I believe it is in the best interest of the local community to explore alternative sites that would not add to the problems facing this already stressed area.

Thank you for reading my application, and I look forward to your response. I sincerely hope the concerns of local residents are taken into account when making such an important decision.

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