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Subject: REV2020/0029 (DA2019/0123)

Hi There

I would like to lodge an objection to REV2020/0029 (DA2019/0123) at Lot 120 DP 135512 and Lot 27 DP 5055 and Lot 26 DP 654262 80-82 & 84 Mona Vale Road MONA VALE and 22 Jubilee Avenue WARRIEWOOD.

This objection is due to concerns over public safety as a result of hazardous traffic conditions, environmental impacts from poor waste management, and general disruption to local residents as a result of market activities.

Observations in each of these areas are summarised below:

1. General Disruption

1.1 Excessive Noise - Although the later operating time of the markets is appreciated, noise generated by market activity is still an issue. Observations include stall holders arriving ahead of allowable set-up time to get good positioning and/or parking ahead of set-up time and market goers competing for car spaces throughout the day. The result is local residents being subjected to excessive engine noise, screeching tires, slamming car doors, car alarms and people yelling to each other from the early hours of Sunday morning.

1.2 Trespassing - As there is insufficient space in the RSL carpark and insufficient infrastructure in the area to run a market of this scale, as a local resident I often have market goers using my front lawn for picnics and/or cutting across my property as a short cut to get to the markets. Unfortunately, the trespassers are causing damage to gardens, and leaving behind a variety of market waste.

2. Waste Management

When the markets run there is an excessive amount of rubbish generated. In addition to the rubbish that is piled up and left behind in the RSL carpark, litter is also strewn across the neighbourhood including on the lawns of private residences and in sewer drains which in turn lead out to our waterways. The type of litter can include food and drink containers, used face masks, nappies and even packing pallets from stall holders. This lack of waste management is not only irresponsible, but a violation of the water pollution condition upon which the DA was granted.

3. Hazardous Traffic Conditions

The markets attract a significant amount of traffic in an area that has not been designed to accommodate it. This not only results in congestion frustration for local residents, but also drives an increase in risky and illegal behaviours as noted below:

3.1 Reckless driving – as market goers' and stall holders race against each other to secure very limited carparks they are speeding into driveways to complete turns and making dangerous turns on the road. From my own experience, this practice has resulted in damage to my car, damage to the power pole outside my house and damage to my trees. Fortunately, they have not yet collided with a resident or pedestrian (to my knowledge). Although the damage to property is upsetting, this behaviour must be stopped before we have a tragedy on our hands.

3.2 Dangerous traffic management practices – at the end of the market, stall holders are taking it upon

themselves to stop traffic on Foley St to reverse vehicles out of the market space and onto the road. The process normally involves one of the stall holders stopping traffic both ways on Foley St while a truck is reversed out of the RSL carpark. This causes a hazard for other road users who are at risk of colliding with the truck as well as putting the person stopping traffic and the truck driver in a very dangerous position.

3.3 Dangerous and illegal parking – as there is insufficient parking in the area to support the markets, market goers are choosing to take excessive risks for themselves and others by parking dangerously and illegally. By way of example, in the traffic report prepared by Greys in support of this DA review submission, figure 2-4 of the report demonstrates parking conditions on Jubilee Avenue (as below) shows six cars that have broken one or more general parking rules. These rules are listed below the image for reference.



Ref: Figure 2-4, Page 4, Pittwater RSL Sunday Market Traffic & Parking Review, 7 October 2020, prepared by Greys Australia Pty Ltd

“You must not stop your vehicle (that is, bring it to a stop and either stay with the vehicle or leave it parked) in the following circumstances:

- *On footpaths and nature strips*
- *Within 1 metre of another vehicle parked in front or behind (does not apply when angle parking)*
- *Within 10 metres of an intersecting road at an intersection without traffic lights*
- *Within 1 metre of a fire hydrant, fire hydrant indicator or fire plug indicator*

Given the concerns noted, the request to extend the expiry period for the markets and increase the number of the markets per year requested under REV2020/0029 is not a reasonable request. Furthermore, given traffic safety remains a major area of deficiency for the markets, the request to remove traffic wardens under REV2020/0029 is highly inappropriate. I implore the council to reject REV2020/0029 (DA2019/0123) and allow these markets to come to conclusion in line with the end of the trial period.

Please do feel free to contact me if you have any questions regarding this submission.

Regards

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