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Subject: FW: Acknowledgement of correspondence to Mayor Regan regarding the RMS decision re Forestway Shopping Centre DA 2018/1924

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Subject: RMS decision re Forestway Shopping Centre DA 2018/1924

Dear Mr. Regan,

We have submitted the following (in black, below) re the Forestway Shopping Centre redevelopment (DA2018/1924).

However, given recent outcomes (for example the Forestville Boarding House fiasco) we have little faith in the Planning Dept's capacity to show any concerns about how we as residents will be impacted on by their decisions. (We appreciate its water under the bridge, but would be happy to provide details of the shabby way we were treated by Council over the Boarding House DA if you are interested).

We appreciate that commencing my email to you with a "shot" at one of your departments may not be the best way to "win friends and influence people" but having met you, I (David) feel you personally have Peninsula residents' best interests at heart and from what I have seen you act accordingly.

The decision by RMS to not allow a right turn onto Forest Way from Russell Ave will create a torrent of traffic "the back way" to Warringah Road via Grace Avenue and connecting residential streets to Brown Street traffic lights.

As we mentioned in our submission below, this area suffered the impact of traffic grid lock while the Warringah Road road works were proceeding, and the issues verged on the intolerable. However, we tolerated the situation knowing that the problems would mitigate once the roadworks were complete, which is now the case.

But the traffic issues that will result from the RMS' decision will be permanent.

We need someone to be our advocate in this issue. We need someone who "the buck stops with". We are banking on that person being you.

To subject our local residential streets to all south bound traffic leaving the re-developed Shopping Centre is incomprehensible. How could anyone consider that directing that level of traffic through our relatively narrow residential street be appropriate?

We need Council to step up to the mark on this issue so we are asking you personally to intervene and find a solution that safeguards your constituents from this lunacy.

We have also emailed our elected State Representative, Jonathan O'Dea asking him to speak to the Minister responsible for the RMS.

Regards

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My understanding is that RMS have rejected the proposed right hand turn onto Forest Way which was part of the proposal to redevelop Forestway Shopping Centre. This will mean that traffic leaving the site and heading south will only be able to use the route of Grace Ave/ Altona Ave/Deakin St/Bentley Ave and Brown St to get back to Warringah Road.

These are all relatively narrow residential streets, not designed for the volume of traffic the redevelopment will create (with parking spaces increasing from 428 to 738)

Residents of this area have already experienced the total grid lock that occurred during the recent Warringah Road roadworks between Forest Way and Wakehurst Parkway.

And given the RMS decision re access to Forest Way, the Grace Avenue route is the only alternative - which is totally unacceptable.

Local Council is supposed to support the local community but subjecting the local residents to this massive traffic increase will severely negatively affect our environment and lifestyle. These quiet residential streets will no longer be family friendly nor safe for our children.

So please act in the best interests of the residents of this community by rejecting this application.