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Northern Beaches Council

Attention : Claire Ryan

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Re: DA2023/1224 Flower Power alterations and additions - Impact on Bridle Trail

I am writing on behalf of myself, my clients and other local equestrians that frequently use the Bridle Path on Cooyong Road to access the underpass on Mona Vale Road to safely get to the JJ Memorial Grounds and the Forest Hills Pony Club which has been in existence for some 30 years.

Whilst I have no objection to the Flower Power alterations and additions, I do strenuously question the impact on, and the safety concerns of, the proposed vehicle entry and exit plans via Cooyong and Myoora roads will have on the children and local riders accessing the Bridle Path and underpass to the other side of Mona Vale Road.

Cooyong and Myoora Roads, are not suitable to handle the heavy trucks and a large volume of traffic that will enter and exit the proposed centre. The development will introduce large trucks to local roads, that are already struggling with bus routes, tight roundabouts and school traffic and are not capable of handling large vehicles. It puts at risk the safety of the entire community, including horse riders, and particularly children.

The Northern Beaches Council (NBC) has recognised the importance of the Bridle Path and has been working with the communities of Terrey Hills and Duffys Forest to upgrade the Bridle Path for the past 18 months. NBC has, through its Councillors and the State and Federal Members of Parliament, acknowledged the Bridle Path as a Northern Beaches community asset. NBC has also recognised the economic value to the local community of the equestrian industry that has existed for over 50 years. Duffys Forest and Terrey Hills has the highest concentration of horses in the peri urban region. It is the main horse-riding area in Northern Beaches. It has 5 large equestrian facilities, and many other smaller ones as well as providing public arenas and other support services.

If consideration for the entry and exit routes for the new development to be kept on Mona Vale Road it would be a more harmonious and safer option for all.

Kind regards

Alli Keating