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RE: DA2020/0543 - 50 Lawrence Street FRESHWATER NSW 2096

To the Assessing Officer,

I wish to object to the proposed development. At four stories it is in breach of height restrictions in the area. The height restrictions are central to ensuring Freshwater retains its 'small coastal town' vibe and is what attracts people to this suburb over the likes of Manly.

Freshwater has suffered to retain tenants in retail shop fronts for years. At present there are nine shops in a row vacant. We simply don't need more retail space. Further retail space will sit empty making the village look like a derelict wasteland.

The suburb is a high density suburb primarily of circa 1960s unit blocks. Unlike more modern unit blocks, these unit blocks were not built to withstand the high volume of traffic we see today. Further development of the area means even more traffic for our residents who can already hear each passing car through their wooden sash windows. The toll that increased traffic has on the peaceful enjoyment of existing resident's properties should not be underestimated.

Freshie neither needs nor wants this development. Particularly such a large one that looks like it's been lifted straight out of Rhodes or Chatswood.

Respect the area's existing aesthetics, respect the height restrictions and allow Freshie to live on as the suburb other Sydney sides flock to when they want to escape their concrete jungle environments. Don't turn us into one.

Todd Boland