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Subject: DA 2019/1260 BERRY submission re DA for 27-29 North Avalon Rd

Attention: Renee Ezzy

I am making this submission on behalf of Mr David Rees, the owner and occupier of number 25 North Avalon Road. David has a number of psychological issues which make it impossible for him to make an application himself.

I am David's financial manager and I try to organise all of the help and assistance he needs to enjoy his life since his parents passed away some years ago.

David has enjoyed the peace and quiet that his parents intended while he lives at his current address.

However if the current DA is approved all this will change, David's life will be forever changed, and not for the better.

The developers applied to develop the 2 residential blocks next door to David's property, at 27 and 29 North Avalon Road for a seniors living development of 10 self-care units. This original DA, DA2019/1117 was thankfully rejected by council. However the developers have now appealed to the Land and Environment Court under a new DA, DA2019/1260. This DA calls for the removal of over 50 trees from the two blocks plus other recommended removals from the public verge. 25 of these trees are prescribed trees which can only be removed with Council permission. David would be devastated if these beautiful trees were removed as they would destroy the serenity of the whole area, changing the atmosphere forever, removing one of the main reasons why people want live in this location.

The ten apartments that are proposed to be built are made up of 8 m high 2 story buildings. If this goes ahead as proposed David would lose his privacy, and the noise from the 25 residents and the 15 car bay would be greatly increased above that coming from the current two small dwellings. David's peace and serenity would be forever destroyed.

As other submissions point out SEPP HSPD Clause 26 requires a suitable access pathway to public transport within 400 m of the site. The bus top on the western side of Barrenjoey Rd is 435 m from the site. An exemption was granted without community consultation which is disappointing. The pedestrian crossing at Barrenjoey Rd is dangerous and inadequate. David occasionally walks to the bus stop to catch a bus to Avalon. On return he uses an "Uber" or "Kio". For him to use the Barrenjoey Rd pedestrian crossing unaided after arrival by bus is an unacceptable risk coupled with the walking distances involved.

This issue will only be exacerbated if this DA is approved. It does not provide safe access to and from a public transport service. Instead it

will expose vulnerable members of our community (elderly and disabled) to a dangerous crossing of an extremely busy main road.

David and I request you to ensure that this application be rejected again so that David and the many other the elderly residents of the area do not lose the peace, serenity and safety that currently makes it one of the best areas in which to live. David's standard of living would be forever diminished if this project were to proceed, and I don't believe that this would be something that the council would condone.

Regards,

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