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RE: DA2019/0123 - 80 - 82 Mona Vale Road MONA VALE NSW 2103

Regarding using the Pittwater RSL in Mona Vale for Sunday market.

I am a stall holder at the current market site in Frenchs Forest. I have a small business involving taking portable ATMs to outdoor events and have been taking attending the market since 2012. I would like to strongly urge you to accept the DA to start a market there as the existing market is one of the best social events I go to and it would be great for the community if it was to continue. The main benefits are;

- * It allows local residents to buy food that they want. This is a fundamental need for everyone and it is great that they can have a choice.
- * It is one of the few outdoor events I go to that doesn't depend on the sale of alcohol. I love that there is an ongoing event on the weekend that people can go to that doesn't require them to drink to enjoy it.
- * I am from Earlwood in the Inner West but I can see that this, and other farmers markets, is something that local communities take pride in and helps build a local spirit. In much the same way that a community can gather around a sporting team, the local market is something that residents can show-off to visitors to demonstrate why the area is great to live in.
- * I obviously have a vested interest in having the market continue because I have a stall there. I must admit that I also want the market to continue because it gives me and my employees a stable, continual, ethical and enjoyable means of income.
- * It seems to me that it would have minimum adverse affects on the local neighbourhood as it is already a commercial property and the market runs during daylight hours so would cause minimal impact at a time when local residents are likely to be out and most able to cope with it.

In short, I have been in awe of this market from the first time I saw it and see it as a great local, cultural institution which would be an asset to any community. am happy to see that the organisers are trying to keep it in the same community and I would hope that the council would support a thriving local industry that has a massive local backing by residents and businesses.

Regards
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