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I wish to make a submission to Council against the proposed changes to Russell Avenue and it's eventual closure, as indicated in the above mentioned DA. Although I believe the development of the Forestway Shopping Centre is overall a very good one, closure of Russell Avenue in particular, will not assist any residents living south of the Centre and indeed will cause further chaos and increased potential for serious accidents in the area of Grace and Altona Avenues in particular.

I live in Iraga Place, a small cul-de-sac leading off Altona Avenue. The residents of Iraga Place have already been greatly negatively impacted by Council's approval of a boarding house at the corner of Warringah Road and Altona Avenue. This boarding house has created what the residents knew would be the case, considerable traffic hazards caused by residents parking in Altona Avenue, Iraga Place and Grace Avenue due to the limited parking available on the boarding house site. Council has had to install signage and road markings to prevent illegal parking which impairs ingress and exit from all of these streets.

Grace Avenue has for many years now been subjected to difficulties of movement compounded by the addition of boarding house vehicles. This has notably made travelling along Grace extremely difficult, causing long delays and therefore impatient drivers who neglect to take care when turning out of Grace Avenue into Altona Avenue.

I can only imagine the extreme difficulties that will be caused by closure of Russell Avenue. Residents living south of the Centre and who are travelling south along Forestway will be required to turn right either at Adams Street and negotiate the narrow neck of northern Grace Avenue, or forced to turn onto Warringah Road and then turn right into Altona Avenue.

Could I suggest that rather than stopping right hand turns from Russell Avenue or closing Russell Avenue completely, just reduce the hours of when vehicles can turn right into Forestway? I can understand that this could be a problem. In addition perhaps close the exit from the Centre into Russell Avenue and have it an entry only or close that access completely. There is already an exit from the Forestway parking area, next to the bottle shop which could be enlarged to take more traffic.

I use Russell Avenue very often to turn left onto Forestway or to turn right from Forestway thus avoiding the hazards of turn right off Warringah Road or driving the full length of Grace Avenue to Adams Street.

I hope Council takes notice of the number of submissions which it has received against complete closure of Russell Avenue and works to achieve a better outcome for the residents living south of the proposed development.

Yours sincerely

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