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Dear Council Members,

I am writing to express my strong objection to the proposal for a new McDonald's fast food outlet in Manly Vale.

The idea of adding another chain of this nature to our area is deeply concerning. The presence of fast food chains like McDonald's, along with the already existing KFC, encourages the consumption of highly processed food that has been scientifically linked to a range of serious health issues, including obesity, diabetes, depression, and anxiety. Rather than contributing to the well-being of our community, these establishments promote poor dietary habits, especially among children. It is essential that we prioritise the health of our residents, and allowing such chains to proliferate is not the way forward.

This new McDonald's would be dangerously close to Manly Vale Primary School, and I worry about the negative influence it could have on the children who attend. Providing access to healthier, more wholesome options is what our young people need, not a further entrenchment of fast food culture in their daily lives.

Moreover, traffic congestion in this area is already a significant issue. The proposed site, being located in a high-traffic area, will only exacerbate this problem. The additional strain on already overloaded streets will make it even more difficult for residents to navigate and will likely increase the risk of accidents, especially near the school. This will not only affect local commuters but also pose a safety hazard for families and schoolchildren.

As a community, we need to create spaces where families, the elderly, and young people can gather in a safe and healthy environment. Instead of promoting fast food chains, let's focus on developing venues that contribute positively to community wellness. There are plenty of other options that would better serve our neighbourhood, such as family-friendly cafes, recreational spaces, or even local farmers' markets that offer fresh, nutritious food.

I urge you to reconsider this proposal and instead look for alternatives that will foster a healthier and more vibrant community for all.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

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