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RE: DA2020/1233 - 68 - 90 Evans Street FRESHWATER NSW 2096

I am a resident of Watermark Freshwater, because of DA2020/1233 I am stressed and frankly scared about the future of where I live.

I bought of the plan in 2015 and although a green space was on the plan - it was explained that this would be a very limited use space. Now 5 years on I am appalled at the suggestion that this green and natural space is being dug up for a synthetic solution for potential use 8:30 am - 5:30 pm Monday through Sunday. To make matters worse the Club (Mounties) plan to make increased use of then adjacent licensed area with the potential for additional noise generated by bowlers, their guests and others drinking in this area.

I live an apartment on the first floor of the Taylor building - ALL people on this "bowling green" look directly into my bedroom, lounge, kitchen and outdoor area (winter garden). I will have two choices:

1. shut my windows and pull down all my blinds (note I will need new ones as the current blinds are not all opaque) - spending hours in a very dark area and gloomy space
2. live in my laundry or storage area at the very back of the apartment with no windows and only artificial light.

This is just not feasible - my mental health is worth more than this. I will have no peace, privacy and no outdoor environment. I do not want to live on a sporting field! I already have issues with noise from the Mounties facilities and I do not need any more noise generating activities to be undertaken. The current DA has deficient Statements of Environmental Effects.

This DA must be rejected. Mounties, as the operator of Watermark Freshwater, have a duty of care under the Retirement Village Act for my health and well-being - I also feel I have rights under this legislation.

"EXTRACT: NSW Legislation: Retirement Villages Act 1999 No 81

58 Operator to provide secure premises

(1) The operator of a retirement village must ensure that the village generally is reasonably secure

66 Operator to respect rights of residents

(1) The operator of a retirement village must respect the rights of residents of the village.

(2) In particular, the operator-

(a) must not interfere, or cause or permit any interference, with the reasonable peace, comfort or privacy of a resident...."

I would also argue that this green space (which is adjacent to the residents' garden) is of a great value to me as an area to spend time in a peaceful surrounding. What is to stop non-

residents from encroaching on this space? If this proposal goes ahead there is nowhere for me to take a safe and peaceful gentle walk; walk on real grass; or sit in an outside chair to read and enjoy the view. The residents of this facility, if not very mobile, have extremely limited areas in which to walk and be outside. It should be my choice to take part in "intergenerational living" by going down to the Club area, not have it imposed on me within metres of my apartment.

In an era where we now recognise the impacts of community disease transition ,and continue to live in a world that is in pandemic status in which the elderly are most vulnerable - why would anyone consider allowing uncontrolled non-residents access to a retirement village - it just makes no sense.

Are there other retirement villages that have non-residents able to wander at will through the facility? I don't think so! I also do not want to have to put up with security guards wandering around at all hours (ALSO able to easily see into my apartment as they walk the paths), or video surveillance. I do not want to feel like I am living in a prison.

There are already a high level of good sporting facilities (with licensed premises) in the Northern Beaches / Manly area - especially bowling greens. So what is the rationale for yet another, albeit very small facility, that will cause so much distress and anguish to residents that surround the village. Where have all these bowlers been bowling for the last 5 years?

So keep the green grass, keep the peace and safety, AND forget the bowling! AND reject DA2020/1233