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**RE: DA2020/1167 - 9 Francis Street DEE WHY NSW 2099**

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I am the Director of Altarama Systems Pty Limited that owns Unit 21 at 22-26 Fisher Road, adjacent to this development. I have previously expressed my concern about this development, and am writing again as this update does not change that opinion.

Aesthetically the update is an improvement, however I am concerned that, although it admirably proports to provide NDIS accommodation, the changes still do not seem to make it fit for that purpose.

It would seem that this design has still had no input from the organisation that will have responsibility for looking after the NDIS residents. How are the residents going to be fed, entertained and their rooms cleaned? Will they have a decent quality of life?

- Even though there appear to be kitchenettes, , none provide enough space to create proper main meals for the number of people this facility will house. Nor is there appropriate dining space for this number of residents.

- The common space is extremely limited - even less than in the previous design. How are the residents to entertain themselves with such limited common space? What about space for onsite physiotherapy, hair-cuts, manicures, and other necessities of life. Without adequate entertainment space, or facilities for a carer to provide entertainment, the design of this building is going to result in the residents wandering the streets of Dee Why. This will result in conflict with the local community.

Or, are the residents to be locked into the facility? In which case, lack of common space has to be an even greater concern!

- There would appear to be insufficient facilities for cleaners to clean the rooms and the common areas. How will a resident in a wheel chair safely get past a service trolley left in the hallway?

Where will delivery trucks park? Where will an ambulance park if required when church is in session? Will there be a community bus to take the residents on outings? Where is the bus going to park? Are there sufficient parking spaces given the number of carers that could be visiting the facility at any point in time?

Once again, I urge Council to refuse this application based on the impact that this proposal will have on the amenity of both Fisher Road, and Francis Street, and Dee Why as a whole, if there are not improvements to access, parking, and most importantly, space for residents to entertain themselves and eat, on site. The building needs to be designed to provide a quality of life for the residents before it can be considered a benefit to the community.