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Subject: Objection to DA – 37 Roseberry Street, Balgowlah

Hi council,

I wish to lodge my continued objection to the amended Development Application for a McDonald's at 37 Roseberry Street, Balgowlah.

While some changes have been made, the core issues remain:

- *** ·Traffic and Congestion:** The proposed roundabout does not adequately address the increased traffic a fast-food drive-thru will bring to an already congested area. This is a main thoroughfare for locals, getting to schools, sport, work, Warringah Mall and the traffic in this section of Balgowlah is already too congested and impossible to get through. I live around the corner and there are many times of the day that we have to detour to avoid this section because the traffic is backed back to Balgowlah Road.
- *** ·Operating Hours:** A 5am to midnight operation still poses significant concerns for noise, litter and anti-social behaviour, especially in a residential neighbourhood. Reducing hours to this doesn't do anything to reduce the traffic. The traffic congestion is there between 7am and 7pm everyday.
- *** ·Local Character and Amenity:** A large, branded fast-food outlet is out of character with the local area, and risks undermining the sense of community, walkability and small business environment that has been built on Roseberry St. The beautiful existing building is an icon for Roseberry Street. My father worked on Roseberry Street when I was growing up. It is the most beautiful building on the street. Please don't tear it down and replace it with something so awful.
- *** ·Litter and Environmental Impact:** While legal waste management guidelines are noted, lived experience with similar developments suggests increased roadside litter is likely and rarely managed effectively. The bins will be overflowing and rubbish will be flying everywhere.

This site is not appropriate for a high-volume, fast food drive-through business. The original concerns raised by hundreds of residents have not been meaningfully addressed.

I strongly urge Council and the Local Planning Panel to reject this application in full. We don't need another McDonalds.

Kind regards,
Meg Dempsey
Balgowlah Road, Fairlight.