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RE: DA2019/0123 - 80 - 82 Mona Vale Road MONA VALE NSW 2103

Hi there,

My name is Amanda and I am writing you to express the significance of keeping the organic food markets that are currently in the process of applying for a DA in the carpark of Pittwater RSL in Mona Vale.

As I work Monday - Friday I am unable to attend any other markets running through the week up the Northern Beaches way, and so it has become tradition to attend the Sunday organic markets for me and my family. We solely depend on the markets for our food for the week and thoroughly enjoy eating local, organic foods whilst getting a chance to speak directly to the farmers and growers behind the beautiful produce.

However, going to the markets brings much more than the food we take home with us. It is a chance to connect with like-minded people and strengthen our community as a whole. I feel empowered knowing where my money goes and who I support along the way. Furthermore, it has become apparent just how popular the market is. Not only does hundreds of local residents attend every Sunday, I see so many tourists travelling from afar just to experience the authentic foods and overall vibe. There is often a live band and such a good atmosphere, so makes perfect sense it attracts so many people. With the large number of visitors comes job opportunities and even a few of my friends have found employment here which has truly been a blessing for them.

I would be devastated if the organic market was no longer, and I believe many share my opinion on this. I hope this will be taken into your considerations.

Many thanks,
Amanda H. Nielsen