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Dear Heidi,

Thank you for your time on the phone this morning. As discussed - I have attached the transcript of proposed pre-recorded submission to accompany our additional submission dated 30/5.

The intent of the recording was to make clear the distinction between a “childcare” and a “preschool” - both in terms of the unique value of the service in the community, and of how the operation of the preschool may present pathways forward for the DA.

Thanks again. Please let me know if you have any difficulties with the document.

Kind regards

Roz Pursey

This is a transcript was intended to be submitted as a pre-recorded statement for the panel. Due to technical challenges relating to how the meeting of the panel will be recorded, the recording was unable to be submitted. A transcript of the intended recording has been submitted instead.

Date: 31/5/2022

RE: DA2021/1426 - 51 Kalang Road, Elanora Heights - Demolition works and construction of a shop top housing development

My name is Rosalyn Pursey. I am speaking as a member of and on behalf of the Board of the Elanora Heights Preschool.

Thank you for the opportunity to address you today. Our apologies that none of our members are available to address the panel in person. The board is made up of volunteers – all parents who live in the community and have children attending the preschool. As volunteers we have working and child care commitments that preclude us attending.

The Elanora Heights Preschool has unique value in this community. The preschool has served this community for over 50 years.

We are not a childcare centre – we are a preschool. This is an important distinction. It means that we offer our service at little or no cost to the community (Our 2 day program is free, and 3 day program is offered at a nominal cost). We have dedicated Early Childhood Educators in each room. Our program follows the Early Years Learning Framework and adheres to the National Quality Standards. This year we have 80 children attending across the 2 day and 3 day programs.

It has been shown in many studies that good preschools support better educational outcomes in primary and secondary schools. As a not-for-profit we are unique in offering affordable preschool education to local families as a pathway to schooling.

When you see the term “childcare” in the Assessment Report – please instead think “preschool”.

This distinction is vital not only to understanding the preschool's unique value – it also presents an opportunity to develop solutions to some of the problems within the Development Application.

We are not a Long Day Care service – we operate between the hours of 8am and 4pm, and only during school terms. This presents opportunities for the developer to continue their work whilst minimising the impact on our service. Our **additional submission dated 30 May 2022** asks for:

- Scheduling major pours, major demolition works and large material deliveries for the school holiday period when the preschool is not operating.
- Heavy vehicle movements being scheduled outside of (or at least minimised) during pick up and drop off times (8am-9am and 3pm-4pm).

Note: further requests are made in the submission regarding safety before and after construction.

We are aiming to be constructive. As primary users of the community centre we are happy to work with the developer on ways forward. We just ask that you recognise the unique value of the Elanora Heights Preschool to the local community, understand our operation and that you consult with us on possible solutions.

Thank you.