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Subject: Mod2019/0547 Re DA Variation for Mona Vale Market

Hi,

I am writing to communicate my support for the above DA Variation.

The vendors are highly disadvantaged due to the limited hours trade is allowed. The presence of rangers at 12.30pm roaming and policing trade to ensure time requirements are adhered to is not conducive to a sense of community and connectedness that the market offers to the northern beaches.

I have driven past the site at 7am on my way to the gym and I have observed that the vendors quietly enter the site in an orderly manner.

Arriving at 6 am would not impact the area as there is no excessive noise when the vendors enter from my observations.

A 7.30 am serving time is far more reasonable for customers. Many early morning shoppers at the previous location simply bought their responsibly sourced produce and departed. The congestion occurs due to the focussing of time available for trading so you have grocery shoppers and customers visiting for breakfast or lunch focussed into a limited time frame.

In a time when we are struggling to find community connection, we need to ensure that farmers and small business owners are supported in an increasingly commodified and globalised economy. Farmers markets are one of the few places that people can connect and contribute to responsible support of our farmers and small business owners.

The current trading day is inherently unjust for traders, denying them income, and diminishes my ability to shop early leaving the rest of the day free.

A greater amount of time would also allow a better flow of traffic, reducing congestion that is occurring due to the shorter hours.

Please agree to the DA variation in the interests of responsible, shared community goals for the northern beaches.

Yours Sincerely

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