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**RE: DA2018/1924 - Forest Way FRENCHS FOREST NSW 2086**

In regards to the re-development of Forestway Shopping Centre, whilst it is great to see that the planned right turn out of the centre onto Forestway has been abandoned and was raised by myself as an ill-conceived idea in my earlier submission, there is still much thought and action required on the impact the enlarged centre will have on Grace Avenue and the streets leading into Forestville such as Altona Avenue, Bentley and Deakin.

It has been noted that traffic volumes will increase in the area due to the development and you only have to see the increase in traffic that the Glenrose development has brought to that part of the area to believe this is correct. The Forestway centre will be much larger and will be more attractive to a wider population to visit than anything we currently have in the area. Traffic volumes on Grace Avenue are already causing congestion during peak times and weekends and these will get far worse. Residents living in Forestville travel to the centre via the back streets due to ever present congestion on Warringah Road and they can miss sets of traffic lights if they cross Warringah Road South to North which saves time. Residents in Frenchs Forest and Belrose use Grace Avenue to access the centre as it is quicker, easier and safer than going to Forestway and turning into Russell.

Traffic heading North from Forestville through the backstreets will increase greatly once the centre is built and the restrictions on Grace Avenue will cause lengthy delays and gridlock in the area. Locals are not going to drive up Warringah Road to get to the shops regardless of what happens when the roadworks finally end.

A large proportion of visitors to the centre currently either park in the council carpark in Sorlie Place or use the Russell Avenue or lane way at the rear of Liquorland to enter the centre. Grace Avenue is also a residential street with curb parking which is heavily used by commuters and shoppers along with residents, this has the street as being as one lane in each direction, larger numbers of cars trying to turn into the new centre will cause severe traffic issues in each direction (there are already delays caused by this action).

Works need to be done on Grace Avenue to ensure that residents can travel through the area.

In order to alleviate traffic conditions the following should be considered:

- 1) Grace Avenue should have parking restrictions added to its entire length making it no parking during the day 7 days per week. From Altona in the South through to Prince Charles in the North.
  - 2) The AM one way restrictions on Grace Avenue should be removed so that traffic can flow in each direction 24/7. It's time to let residents travel through here unimpeded.
  - 3) Width restrictions removed from Grace Avenue to help traffic flow to the centre and alleviate pressure on the Altona/Grace Avenue Junction. See point 2 also.
  - 4) Commuter parking added to the centre plan. This will make up for the loss of parking on Grace Avenue as many people park here to catch the bus into the city.
- Submissions about traffic heading south along Bentley and Deakin to get to Chatswood have

nothing to do with the shopping centre being built. That matter needs to be addressed to the RMS and has more to do with the ridiculous unfair traffic light phasing at the junction of Forestway and Warringah Road which forces people to seek faster routes to the city. It remains to be seen if the completed roadworks will make any difference to their commute.

Thank you