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RE: DA2019/1260 - 29 North Avalon Road AVALON BEACH NSW 2107

I strongly object to this development. I have lived in Avalon for almost 30 years, having moved from Harbord (now Freshwater) as we feared that it was being overdeveloped. As we look at the area of Curl Curl, Dee Why and Freshwater now, we know that we made the right decision. We wanted to raise our children (and now grandchildren) in an area that respected the natural environment.

I believe this development is not in the community interest of Avalon. This area of Avalon is zoned for low density residential dwellings and yet Armada Avalon is a multi-unit medium density development. How is it possible for this to go ahead?

In the time we have lived in Avalon, we have noticed that it is getting busier every year. The traffic on Barrenjoey Road is relentless especially on weekends. It is a struggle to drive around the Bilgola bends heading South on a Saturday or Sunday afternoon or heading North on weekend mornings. Even on weekday mornings, we have noticed that there is an increase in trucks and tradesmen's work vehicles heading into the area with all the building works going on. Our small village around "the bends" cannot handle a huge influx of new residents and cars. Lives will be put in danger as we already have a long drive to our closest hospital and with even more cars on the road, it will be made more difficult. This is evident with the pending installation of fencing on the medium strip in Avalon Village on Barrenjoey Road. This is a safety issue to ensure pedestrians use the correct crossing. Again, this highlights the ever increase flow of traffic.

We are saddened by the changes to the character of a place where we love to live. We moved to this area for the privacy and peace, and to live amongst the trees, with birds and other wildlife. We love the safe family friendly streets. A development such as this will change the face of our quiet streets thus impacting on our community culture.

Gross over-development has an unacceptable environmental impact. We see that beautiful trees that we love are being removed therefore, removing the habitat for native birds and animals.

Developers cannot be trusted to do the right thing. They have already removed trees on this site that were marked on the plans as keepers. They are only interested in maximum profit at the expense of the values of the rate payers. They are not part of our community, they come to make money at the expense of others.

I have worked in the Hornsby/Waitara area for the last 12 years and have witnessed the overdevelopment of this area. High rise apartments, excessive traffic, not a week goes by that I don't witness an accident. Avalon in my mind is more precious due to the more natural environment - trees, wildlife etc.

It's just a wonderful area in which to live and raise a family.

In conclusion, developments such as this will cause further traffic and road safety issues, are not in community interests, are out of character to the area and have an unacceptable impact on the environment. If this development is approved to go ahead, it will lead the way for further developments and eventually will destroy the unique village atmosphere of Avalon.

Regards
Gordon Williams