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**RE: DA2019/1119 - 4 / 0 Bennett Street CURL CURL NSW 2096**

Dear Assessing Officer,

My husband and I currently run The Organic Scarecrow Fresh Produce Market in Pocket Park rear 27 Lawrence Street per the councils request. We are a small local business servicing our local community for 6 years now. We were approached by council to work along side the struggling businesses of Freshwater village to bring back some vibrancy to the heart of the community. We were honoured and excited at the opportunity to be involved in something so community minded and that benefit both residents and local business owners.

The overwhelming support and community spirit present at each Sunday market has been really inspiring. Its been an absolute pleasure to be involved in giving the community something that it has been desperately carving for some time.

We are a small local market run by born and bred locals for the locals. We have strong positive relationships with the local business owners and strong ties to our community. I grew up in Soldiers Avenue, Freshwater and have a strong sense of pride and loyalty to this area and was so grateful for the opportunity to give back to a community I feel so blessed to have been brought up in.

We love the idea of markets breathing life back in to communities that is why we worked so hard to bring freshwater a market of their own. However, this proposal for a market at the bowling club has been upsetting at the very least.

We feel it is going to have a detrimental effect on the village traffic on a Sunday distracting from the many wonderful services the local businesses have on offer not to mention the new market we have poured out hearts and soul in to providing.

We are a sustainable, local family run business offering employment to locals, servicing locals and helping a much needed village thrive again. We can't help but feel great opposition to this proposed market which will be doing the opposite of what both the council and us have set out to achieve, which was to bring revenue back to the locals. We are not in the business of making money from markets we sell organic produce in a convenient and affordable way and are in no way out to profit from the running of a market. We don't sell food or coffee or anything that competes with the local shops because we our intention is to work with the shops and to provide what the village doesn't currently have. Unfortunately we feel that with the food tents and BBQs and coffee stalls, along with the retail stalls that this new market will monopolise the weekend trade and take away from the local hard working business owners. We have worked hard to bring life back to freshie village and are really proud of the community spirit that has grown because of it. We cant help but feel this new market will tear that down and along with it the small local struggling businesses.

Thank you for your consideration  
Mia