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Dear Sir/Madam,

I have been a frequent visitor to a number of local food markets in Sydney for many years.

To have local markets within the Sydney area is vital, not only for the general population to purchase their weekly necessities but also for people with food allergies and restrictions, such as myself.

Often produce purchased at the large or mid sized grocery conglomerates are contaminated with pesticides, or have other problems (such as gassed bananas to make them look ripe) which can cause people like myself diabolical health issues.

As I cannot SEE the pesticides nor know the other lengths unscrupulous producers/retailers will go to in order to sell their produce, I am at a disadvantage.

Local market stall holders have to, by law, display signs stating if their produce is certified organic or not. This gives me (and others like myself with health issues) the chance to select a much larger variety of fruit & vegetables that will not cause me grief, compared with the large chain stores.

I have also gotten to know a number of the local traders over the years, and the community support and spirit these businesses engender is extremely important for our community's health & well-being, rather than the cursory glance you may get at the checkout of a large supermarket.

I urge you to support the DA modification for the Pittwater RSL market in Mona Vale.

Best wishes
Georgina Reed
North Shore resident.