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Please find attached a submission in relation to DA2022/2181, 69 Melwood Avenue, Forestville.

Yours sincerely,

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**Re: DA2022/2181 (69 Melwood Ave)**

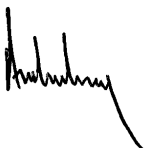
I strongly object to the proposed construction of a seniors housing development at 69 Melwood Avenue.

(1) The construction of such a massive structure, the footprint of which will cover most of the area of the lot, is out of character and inappropriate for this part of Forestville. A development with this number of units should not be permitted in a low-density residential area. Forestville and Killarney Heights are characterised by mature trees and gardens and abundant wildlife, and these features should be preserved. Massive "bunker-like" developments, squeezed onto blocks, with lip-service to landscaping through "green" concrete terraces are not in-keeping with the spirit of the neighbourhood.

(2) Although the Traffic Impact Statement suggests an insignificant increase in traffic during peak travel times as a result of the development, it does not take into account the already incredibly congested nature of Melwood Ave on weekends and evenings associated with use of the Melwood playing fields. Both sides of the road are commonly parked out (forcing visitors to park some distance away in adjacent streets), it can be very difficult to get in or out of driveways, and movement is slow due to the constriction of the road by parked cars, the number of cars looking for parking, and parents and children trying to cross the road. While the 13 car spots associated with the development might be sufficient to accommodate the parking needs of residents and some visitors, adding to the existing Melwood Ave congestion would seem planning.

69 Melwood Ave is a large block, and I see that subdivision into two blocks has previously been approved. Let two new families enjoy the "specialness" of Forestville rather than start eroding the character of the suburb and homogenising the Northern Beaches to be like the rest of Sydney.

Yours sincerely,



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