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Ms R Fee

23 Fairlight Street

Fairlight

NSW 2095

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Myself and my family have lived at 23 Fairlight Street (across the road from the proposed development) for the past 2 years. We have the following concerns about the proposed development:

1) PARKING

Myself and my husband have lived in Manly for over 20 years and at all our previous properties we never had problems parking; despite living in popular areas such as Bower Street and Wood Street (little Manly). Trying to find a car park past 5pm and on weekends on Fairlight Street (and surrounds) is incredibly difficult compared to our previous addresses. It is no doubt due to the high volume of enormous apartment blocks that were previously approved by the Council many years ago. A new apartment block will just put further demand on the already 'full' street parking.

2) GARAGE ENTRANCE

There are a lot of young people, families and elderly that walk along Fairlight Street, especially past the new development. I'm concerned that the garage, which opens directly onto the footpath, will not allow for a good line of sight, and I fear for pedestrian safety. Furthermore, residents exiting will not have good visibility of cars travelling up and down Fairlight street, with the added complication of the T-intersection at Margaret Street. Perhaps speed humps need to be introduced, or the speed limit reduced to 30km to avoid any accidents in the future.

3) STREET/AREA AESTHETICS

Fairlight St and the adjoining Woods Parade and Margaret Street is currently a mix of old/heritage homes, and an increasing amount of high-density unit blocks. Too much over development has sadly been granted in the past, many of which has impacted properties access to views and light (including at our own property which is a heritage-listed home), and this over-development is rapidly chipping away at the history and charm of the area. I have no doubt if this proposal is allowed, then #32 Fairlight street will be forced to follow suit considering it will then be sandwiched between large apartment blocks.

In conclusion, we have lost so much heritage in the Fairlight/Manly Area, and the properties that remain are being increasingly compromised due to the over-development surrounding them, creating busier roads, and reducing the 'walkability' and charm of the suburb. It would be advantageous to the neighbourhood, and to Fairlight's aesthetics, to retain a lovely house, albeit updated, so that the remaining houses don't start to look further dwarfed or out of place. If it is granted then I would see no reason why other properties on the street, and in the vicinity, will not push for overdevelopments on their blocks.

Yours sincerely,

Rebecca Fee

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