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**For the attention of the Development Assessment
APPLICATION No. DA2018/1828
Address : Lot A DP 411784 3 Berith Street, Wheeler Heights
Description : Construction of a Seniors Housing Development
Comprising 6 x infill self care Housing Units and
Basement parking.**

Dear Sirs,

We are Residents and owners of 31 Rose Avenue. The Entrance to our House is not on Rose Avenue but it is on the corner of Rose and Berith Street.

We have written to you before on this matter and would like to add the facts set out below:

First about busses the person from Council who recorded information re: which buses travel regularly on Rose Avenue, did not obviously look into that correctly, because the buses which actually run on this route are 146 from Manly to the War Vets on Veteran Parade and Lantana Avenue. These buses run every 30 mins. There was one bus which ran intermittently No.153 during the quiet period – this is perhaps the only bus recorded by Council staff. Since the changes to Bus routes, the old bus routes changed considerably. There is now a fast bus No. E79, Lantana Ave to Wynward, which runs every 10 mins. in the early morning. Then there is another bus which runs on Veteran's Parade opposite the Shops. This bus runs every 30 mins. except that it becomes Route E80 which runs frequently during the early morning for two hours, similar to the E79. All this causes great congestion on Rose Avenue because it is not wide enough to run 2 buses in opposite directions, and especially so when the E79 runs every 10 mins. We must remember that it is not only these State buses which cause congestion because there are also many large trucks such as Delivery trucks. These also require a lot of room to run at the same time as the State buses. Then there are, of course, parents of children who attend the Rose Kindergarten school on Rose Avenue, as well as the children who attend the Wheeler Heights school which has an entrance also on Rose Avenue.

Berith Street, which is a short street, has a few houses which are either single or double storey : there are no Flats or Units on this Street. The idea that 6 dwellings, on one plot, fitting into Berith Street is abhorrent. The Current house located at 3 Berith Street is a single dwelling. The intended 6 dwellings on this Site are not in keeping with rest of the houses in this Street.

Second, the top end of Berith Street has a back entrance to the Wheeler Heights school which means this road is very busy at opening and closing times of the School, because this is when Parents deliver their children to this School in the morning and take them away in the afternoon. Furthermore, that the School has several days during Term time, when large buses are parked in Berith Street waiting to take children on School Trips and disgorge them when the school trip is finished.

Third, due to various reasons, many vehicles - such as from the building of Granny Flats on Rose Avenue and the already built large Development recently built on Rose Avenue - have made it their right to park inconveniently every day along the lower end of Berith Street and also along Rose Avenue at the junction/corner of Berith and Rose.

Often, vehicles are parked, close up on each side of a Berith-house-driveway, completely blocking the driveway-

owner's line of sight up and down Berith Street. Unfortunately, some owners, of these vehicles, who park their cars well up to the entrances of homes, have been very rude and very aggressive towards Berith Street residents. This has been happening since the new Development on Rose Avenue diagonally opposite to our home, presumably as there is insufficient parking space in that Development . This has caused much annoyance and grave danger to the owners of properties along Berith Street because our cars are usually driven nose- in, and backed out onto Berith Street. This situation will obviously become much worse with the intended building of 6 more dwellings on one plot in Berith Street. If, as is likely, the occupiers of the proposed units at No. 3 Berith Street will have more than one vehicle, the situation will be a great deal worse than it is already.

Fourth, some people are regularly parking their vehicles on Rose Avenue, very close to the entrance of Berith Street. Consequently, the Residents or other people wishing to join Rose Avenue from Berith Street, are forced into extreme danger because there is no line of sight to safely exit Berith Street on to Rose Avenue. Some of these cars leave between 6 and 8 am to return at around 3-6 pm or, later, - but other cars come and park in place of those which left. We at 31 Rose Avenue have our drive and entrance to our home on Berith Street, we find this situation frightening, because when we are slowly trying to enter Rose Avenue we cannot see any vehicles driving down Rose Avenue, until it is almost upon us. This would be called a dangerous T-Bone Accident. Many people race up and down Rose Avenue, therefore, not much would be left of either car or occupants if an accident did occur. The heavy use of Rose Avenue has already become very dangerous.

We, at 31 Rose Avenue have our drive on Berith Street, and we find this situation frightening, because when we are slowly trying to enter Rose Avenue, from Berith, we cannot see any vehicles coming down Rose Avenue until it is almost upon us, due to many vehicles parked on Rose Ave. close to the entrance of Berith Street. (Please do not send your Council staff to check these details at the wrong times of day, when possibly there are not many cars parked right up to the entrance of Berith Street. These details should be checked over a few days, not just the once. We can provide you photos of this phenomenon if you wish.

To sum up: We object strongly to the intended 6 dwellings at 3 Berith Street because of all the reasons mentioned in this letter. Residents on either side of 3 Berith Street will be further severely stressed if this development goes ahead.

We would be very grateful for the help of everyone at the Council in this an important matter to us, Residents of, Berith Street.

Brad Hazzard, Member of State Parliament for our electorate, recently sent a electioneering pamphlet to all his constituents stating and I quote "...strong support for our community groups to ensure that local residents continue to have improved quality of life" unquote. This development will be in contradiction to that undertaking if it goes ahead.

Yours faithfully

Eric & Noreen Rogers – Owners of 31 Rose Avenue which has its entrance on the corner of Rose Avenue and Berith Street

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