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Subject: Objection to McDonald's at Manly Vale/Balgowlah

Good morning

I am writing to express some strong concerns regarding the proposed construction of a McDonald's restaurant at Manly Vale/Balgowlah. There are several community issues that need careful consideration.

Firstly, the introduction of a McDonald's will significantly increase traffic congestion in the area. The influx of vehicles, particularly during peak hours, will lead to gridlock, affecting both local residents and businesses. (This is already an existing issue).

Moreover, the impact on children's health is a pressing issue. The proximity of fast-food outlets to schools and residential areas can contribute to unhealthy eating habits, which is a concern for many parents and health advocates in our community.

Additionally, there are worries about potential increases in crime and litter. Fast-food establishments can sometimes become hotspots for loitering, which might lead to an uptick in petty crime. Litter from packaging is another issue, which could detract from the area's cleanliness and charm.

Finally, the presence of a large chain restaurant could affect property values. Many residents choose to live in Manly Vale/Balgowlah for its unique character and community feel, which might be compromised by the introduction of a large commercial entity.

I believe it is vital to consider these factors carefully and explore alternative solutions that align with the community's best interests.

Thank you for your attention to these concerns. Please give some serious thought and discussion to this matter.

Warm regards,

Kathryn Stevens
Resident of Manly Vale