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RE: REV2021/0045 - 5 Skyline Place FRENCHS FOREST NSW 2086

To whom it may concern

Objection REV2021/0045 (Lot 101 DP 1209504, 5 Skyline Place Frenchs Forest).

I am writing to object to the proposed additional development at the above address.

We live at 31 Bimbadeen Cres and our back fence is on Frenchs Forest Road East - directly opposite 5 Skyline Place

We have lived in Frenchs Forest for 20 years so I would consider we are long term residents that have chosen to stay in this area due to its location, bush and community feel etc. It would be fair to say that we know this area well, living, working and bringing up our two children.

We have seen this suburb grow and change during this time. Most recently the Northern Beaches Hospital. During this time our family were relocated to a hotel over 60 nights. At one stage we paid for an air B and B ourselves as our eldest daughter was going through year 11 and had major medical issues (kidney, endometriosis, appendicitis - having to be hospitalised and recovery) so to boot. Moving to either Checkers in Terry Hills or Travelodge in Brookvale (our only choices, and more often given only two hours to pack bags) did not supply us with kitchen facilities (making school lunches, dinner etc expensive) was not suffice for a young family.

I also suffered a break down due to the continual noise and disruption over this period. As you can imagine this disruption (road upgrade etc). This period of our time in Frenchs Forest truly was unfair and we were not considered or cared for. This was our home, a place we should feel safe and secure.

After this we then of course needed to deal with the Warringah Rd underpass (and traffic), the Forest Hotel redevelopment and Dan Murphy's bottle shop.

Now we have Jardin across the road. The building we are seeing from our kitchen window, our daughter's bedroom (which invades her privacy) and we are unable to use our back yard, also considered as another living space for us. Daily I hear the conversation the workmen are having (I know what each one has done the night before) let alone machinery, trucks etc.

We are the brunt of this noise every day and just don't get a rest. My stomach is turning, and my heart is beating faster just writing this. The noise starts at 7am each morning and at times still going until 3am...and Saturdays. Some days my daughter needed to go to our family friend's house to sleep as she works shift work, and my youngest has just finished her HSC. Studying was so unfair in this environment, let alone the COVID restrictions. We truly felt gutted for her and how she really was not on the same platform as her peers who didn't have this noise to battle with. Her trials, the teachers from Forest High even commented on the noise via zoom.

During this time the dust was so thick we could chew it as it was in the air. When we blew our noses (One of our daughters sneezed continually and my husband is a sever asthmatic) the colour and dust was disgusting. Inside our house had a layer of dust on surfaces. We could not be out doors.

I am also a local beekeeper of which the bees have needed to make a new flight path as the mature gums that were once where the Jardin development was, are no longer there. There has also been a significant loss of nectar flow due to this massive loss to the environment. I was told "we are planting some lovely gardens in place of the trees". I don't consider this as a swap for established gums - home to birds, wild life etc

My point is that our community has had their fair share of non-stop disruption and have suffered for a long time - over 7 years. Please don't subject us to more years of uncertainty and living day to day. We just want to settle and live how we deserve to.

One other thought we have after reading Frenchs Forest Precinct Plan, is that low maintenance, over 55s housing has been set aside in the Hospital Precinct Plan. Huge time and money was injected into the Plan so I would assume that the over 55s demographic were taken into consideration by the Planning Committee. Thus, ample housing would have been set aside for them in the Plan.

Additionally, if these older residents don't think there is adequate over 55s housing available to them in the area, then why weren't they more vocal when community feedback was sought surrounding the Hospital Precinct Plan? They could have petitioned for more over 55s housing then!

And finally, if Northern Beaches Council and the State Government are in agreement that more over 55s housing is required in the area, then they should amend the Hospital Precinct Plan to cater to this demand.

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