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RE: DA2024/1091 - 5 / 1 Careel Head Road AVALON BEACH NSW 2107

The current driveway access to our local shopping village is not just inconvenient-it poses a significant safety hazard. Right now, there are four small, locally-owned businesses operating from this location, and the existing traffic flow is already problematic. The proposal to expand into a 500m² Dan Murphy's, a childcare centre for 60 children, and three additional retail outlets is alarming. There will be an overwhelming surge in vehicle traffic, compounded by delivery trucks bringing in supplies for these new businesses and also the sheer number of staff required.

Furthermore, having a bottle shop in such close proximity to a childcare centre is not just irresponsible; it raises serious safety and welfare concerns for our children. Additionally, we should be prioritising the support of small businesses that contribute to our community's character and economy, rather than allowing large corporations to dominate our local landscape. Supporting local retailers fosters a sense of community, encourages unique offerings, and ensures that profits remain within our area.

This level of overdevelopment is not just excessive; it is dangerous and unsustainable for our community. I urge you to reject this application to protect the safety and well-being of our neighbourhood.