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RE: DA2025/0132 - 37 Roseberry Street BALGOWLAH NSW 2093

Please consider the local community that is directly impacted when assessing this proposal.

Building a 24-hour McDonald's in this area, that already faces significant well known challenges such as traffic congestion, pedestrian safety concerns, would only exacerbate these issues and introduce a range of negative consequences.

The area in question is already plagued with heavy traffic congestion. Adding a 24-hour McDonald's would inevitably increase vehicle volume. Pedestrian safety is already a concern in this community. A McDonald's, especially one operating 24/7, would increase foot traffic, creating more hazards on a already dangerous section of road. The increase in pedestrian activity combined with the increased car traffic could result in more accidents and injuries. This is a serious concern, particularly for vulnerable pedestrians such as children, the elderly, and those with disabilities.

Fast food restaurants are known for generating significant amounts of litter. Packaging from food items, napkins, wrappers, and plastic cups will likely end up scattered around the neighborhood, especially when customers eat in their cars or walk away after meals. This would increase the burden on local cleaning services and lead to an unsightly environment. Littering can damage the local ecosystem and negatively impact the attractiveness of the community, decreasing property values and making the area less pleasant for residents.

Studies have shown that 24-hour fast food restaurants can attract a variety of antisocial behaviors, including loitering, vandalism, and even criminal activity.

Fast food consumption, particularly late at night, contributes to unhealthy eating habits. A 24-hour McDonald's would encourage unhealthy eating patterns in the community, with people relying on cheap, calorie-dense meals at all hours of the day.

The addition of a 24-hour McDonald's would place additional pressure on local resources, including waste management, policing, public transport, and public health services. In conclusion, a 24-hour McDonald's in a high-density neighborhood with existing challenges like traffic congestion, pedestrian safety, and crime is a recipe for disaster. It would increase congestion, harm pedestrian safety, contribute to noise pollution, elevate litter and environmental concerns, exacerbate crime, and even negatively impact local businesses.

