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**RE: DA2021/1039 - 14 Wyatt Avenue BELROSE NSW 2085**

As residents of Stratford Drive, we strongly oppose the application of boarding house at 16 Wyatt Ave Belrose 2085.

1. The increased amount of traffic of cars from 62 residences would greatly endanger the lives of students and teachers from the local schools, John Colett and Belrose Public schools. Both schools utilise the nearby Wyatt ave playing fields and Tennis courts as part of the curriculum, walking to and from.

2. Not only would the traffic impact this cohort, but also, the locals who use the area to walk freely with their families, dogs, exercise their horses and use the trails for bike riding, (with very few pathways), especially in the pandemic and being unable to travel further than 10kms from our homes, these lives would surely be at risk from the greater amount of traffic.

3. Studies have found residents of 'informal' and marginal tenures-particularly those living in substandard or overcrowded rental accommodation-may face additional health risks in the context of COVID-19, largely because of the need to share bedrooms and facilities such as bathrooms and kitchens. They have identified significant risks to older residents living in marginal housing during the pandemic.

"Age is a known risk factor in relation to the COVID-19 virus and people over the age of 60 living in substandard housing such as boarding houses will have multiple vulnerabilities,"

"Given the concentration of residents in boarding houses, and the prevalence of shared facilities, older residents are likely to be at increased risk of infection".

Belrose Woolworths was recently the epicentre of a source of infection which forced around 4,500 local residents into isolation in their own homes, fortunately we were able to contain the infection and it did not turn into an outbreak, which is currently being experienced in other areas of Western Sydney, as we don't have high concentrations of people living in close quarters with shared facilities. However, if just one of the residents living in a boarding house were to contract Covid-19, it would rapidly spread throughout the facility and beyond into the surrounding community. As many of us have elderly parents and there are many Nursing homes and Retirement villages within close proximity to 16 Wyatt avenue, this would place this vulnerable group of people at huge risk of contracting severe disease and possible death.

4. 16 Wyatt avenue backs onto a very large expanse of natural bush land, which would place the not only the occupants of the boarding house at risk if there was a bush fire, but also established local residents, with increased traffic and gridlock and panic should the need to evacuate arise.

Please consider these valid objections when deciding whether to approve the application.

Kind Regards

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