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RE: DA2024/1303 - 11 / 0 Melwood Avenue FORESTVILLE NSW 2087

I am writing to express grave concerns around the proposed development of the Forestville RSL club, DA2024/1303.

Like most members of the Forestville community, and the many submissions that have been lodged already, I want to put forward that this DA should not be approved or in fact even considered. This application has been submitted, and plans created, with no consultation from the community in general or the club members. It is at gross odds with the vision and values of the RSL Clubs organisation and our community as a whole.

As a family with young children, we have relied heavily on the RSL, our only local place we can meet to have a meal or drink while our children play, as a place to come together, celebrate, form friendships and connections and engage with the broader community. The new proposed development removes any opportunity for the club to continue to be a hub for the community, and will be particularly detrimental to families.

My specific feedback is as follows:

1. Outdoor space vs indoor space

1.1 The proposed building vs green space on the lot is not at all acceptable or environmentally friendly

1.2 Lack of any suitable outdoor space for play - proposed one tiny apparently concrete kids play area (vs the current large green kids have to run and play freely in the fresh air)

1.3 Lack of suitable outdoor dining - two tiny areas, one appearing to have room for 4 x picnic tables and the other a concrete area next to the sports bar

2. Minimal evidence of any consideration to indoor dining - despite current very large indoor dining space consistently full on weekends

3. Unisex toilets are not at all appropriate for any space where families frequent (and also present a privacy and safety risk for women)

4. Disproportionate space allocated to gaming

4.1 The current gaming space is hardly used as it is and is normally empty

4.2 As a community we do not need, nor want, an increased focus on encouraging people to gamble when there is a nationwide focus on trying to reduce gambling addiction

4.3 The space allocated to this is complete inappropriate vs the rest of the club - the outdoor

gaming area alone is almost twice the size of both family outdoor dining spaces combined (on top of the huge indoor area allocated to gaming)

5. Proposed breach of height regulations with zero credible reason provided as to why

6. Risk to any social use of the club by senior resident complaints about noise and activity in the club

7. Violation of privacy to children and families as the apartments will directly overlook many houses/gardens as well as the adjacent youth centre and scout hut

That this plan has even been submitted is a disgrace, and demonstrates the club owners' blatant disregard for the community, families, what RSL clubs stand for and in fact anyone except seniors, their own pockets, and people who want to pump all the money into pokie machines.

Kind regards
Amanda and Ian Cassidy