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Subject: DA 2020/1063 - Proposed Floodlights on Mike Pawley & Frank Gray Ovals

Dear Council,

We are contacting you regarding **DA 2020/1063**. We need action and we (the locals, the rate payers) need to be heard. The DA to expand oval usage and lighting **MUST be withdrawn**.

My name is Rebecca Welsh and I live at 7 Manuela place, Curl Curl with my husband Dylan Welsh, we have 4 children, ages 15,11,10 and 6. My husband and I bought our house because we wanted to raise our children in a quiet, safe, relaxed cul-de-sac street/ suburb. We paid a premium to live where we do, in part because we back onto the beautiful Mike Pawley Oval. Currently this oval is used for many sports, all year round and wider community members to walk their dogs, play with their children and even being used as an outdoor work space- especially since Covid. It is a much loved and used oval that is enjoyed by all- not just sports people.

The local community (the ones who will actually be affected by this outrageous proposal) and unanimous in our objection to the expansion. This location is not appropriate and the impacts for local families is disastrous.

Below outlines some of the major concerns I have:

- 1) The fields at Mike Pawley and Frank Gray ovals are the only fields on the Northern Beaches without a road along the front and dedicated parking. So insufficient parking available. The parking in the affected streets will be unsafe and a catastrophe for local residents into the evening. **SAFETY IS A MASSIVE ISSUE**. Already Bennett Street, Holloway Place and Manuela Place are all congested and almost one way traffic 7 days a week. Council has failed to undertake a traffic, parking or acoustic study for this DA.
- 2) Council has stated no additional impact on the area however it's converting two fields into four which will double the visitor numbers 7 days and 7 nights a week, double the cars causing locals to park away from their homes at night which causes safety issues.
- 3) There is no buffer to the lights for residents living next to the park- The lights will literally beam into my children's bedroom! How can this be ok! How would you like that! And the noise will feel like it is in our lounge room!
- 4) AFL has worked with Council to seek control of these fields. However AFL is a regional club and this is not the right, or safe, solution.
- 5) The Council DA lodged is misleading in multiple areas and risks the safety of local families, especially children's.

We request that you please **withdraw this DA immediately**.

Concerned residents,

Rebecca and Dylan Welsh