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RE: DA2020/1233 - 68 - 90 Evans Street FRESHWATER NSW 2096

Re DA2020/1233

I came to Watermark from a very different background to virtually all other residents living in the Watermark village. I am a retired senior academic from a British University and came to live here directly from the UK to be close to my children and grandchildren who now live permanently in Australia.

The Watermark community suits me perfectly. One of the great joys here is the peacefulness and quietness of the village environment, especially in the gardens and grassy area .

I wish to oppose the development specified in DA2020/1233 on the basis of the wide vision of the life-style and beach living promised in the original development brochure and advertising literature at the time I committed to joining this community.

1. I entirely endorse comments made by fellow residents about the threats to our security, privacy and tranquility.
2. In particular I am concerned about the potential lack of access for residents to our only green, grassy space in the complex. As a licensed area under the DA proposals it will become a focal location for potentially large numbers of Mounties members and guests to socialise while playing or watching the bowling of non-residents.
3. I think the Upper ground village area should be de-licensed for the sale of alcohol.
4. The proposed playing hours for bowls from 8.30am to 5,30pm daily are wholly unacceptable and will limit hugely the use of the grassy area for other popular resident activities, such as keep-fit classes and croquet.
5. What needs to be emphasized is the very high level of visibility of people using the grassy area which is raised relative to the adjacent pathways, and consequently makes both the presence and 'chatter' from players much more intrusive to the residents whose windows closely overlook the green.

I think the character of this tranquil, serene, over-55s residential complex is threatened by the proposed development of the bowling green and I strongly oppose it. I also believe that the Upper Ground village area should be de-licensed for the sale of alcohol.

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