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RE: DA2019/1260 - 29 North Avalon Road AVALON BEACH NSW 2107

Dear Sir/Madam

We have lived in North Avalon for 40+ years and live around the corner and almost back onto the location of this proposed development and we are shocked to hear about this significantly large scale development to be built in this location - a quiet residential street and neighbourhood. This is the largest development proposal for the North Avalon area and there appears to have been little or no consultation with the neighbours and the North Avalon community.

The overall scale, height, bulk and hard surface coverage of this development is completely out of character for this residential street and local area, and would be more suited to an area with facilities and services close by for the needs of seniors rather than residential North Avalon.

A significant number of tall advanced trees are to be removed which will not only have a huge impact on the overall streetscape appearance, but to the local habitat of a wide variety of native birds and native wildlife. As a result, these proposed dwellings will not be screened out by the natural canopy of large gum tree branches that currently screen the frontage of both existing properties. Especially in light of the recent bush fires, the removal of so many trees must be stopped.

This proposed development will not only significantly increase the volume of traffic using the street day in and day out, noise levels will also increase destroying the peaceful nature that we now enjoy, thus directly impacting us, the residents. This development is close to a rather dangerous corner of Marine Parade, North Avalon Road and Watkins Road. Also, there is no footpath on the side of the road of the proposed development, making it even more dangerous for a senior person crossing the road.

We feel this DA application does not comply or meet the stipulated requirements of the Housing for Seniors or People with a Disability, as it specifies there must be a Banking facility or Medical Practitioner within 400 metres walking distance from the proposed Seniors development. There is definitely no Banking facility or General Practitioner located within the small local North Avalon Shops, or even a Chemist for that matter. The closest GP or Bank are located in the main Avalon Shopping precinct which is a walking distance of approximately 2km, well outside this stipulation. Elderly people attend Doctor's appointments on a regular basis, making this increased distance highly unsuitable for them to walk to their nearest GP and Banking facility.

The local North Avalon Shops do not meet any of these requirements as stated for Medium Density Housing outcomes for Seniors or People with a Disability. The proposed development

is also not within close walking distance to any local Community facilities.

Public Transport is accessed by only one Pedestrian Crossing on the corner of Catalina Crescent and North Avalon Road however, there is no Traffic Light Crossing or marked Pedestrian Crossing to access the Bus Stop on the western side of Barrenjoey Road. This Bus Stop also exceeds the 400 metre walking distance stipulation and poses a considerable safety risk as Barrenjoey Road is an extremely busy main road, particularly at this stretch of the road where dual lanes of traffic heading North merge into one single lane. Cars drive at speed along this road and the current use of a small Pedestrian Island in the middle of this narrow main road is completely inadequate. Cars have no obligation to stop or even slow down as you try to navigate crossing which makes this road highly dangerous. I have witnessed many people including children make the mad dash firstly across to the small middle island, then again over to the other side of this busy road dodging speeding cars. Crossing Barrenjoey Road can be extremely difficult and dangerous for most people, and near impossible for the elderly or disabled.

We are extremely worried that this is only just the beginning of continued over-development of our local North Avalon environment/community, as this is the second Seniors Housing Development to be built in North Avalon in a very short period of time. This unique area of Avalon is a small, quiet, picturesque haven enjoyed by international holiday makers, tourists and local residents. In consideration to all of the above concerns we are opposed to the size and scale of this proposed development and feel that it will completely destroy the charm and character of our beautiful area. In closing, we are in complete agreement with the submissions by our neighbours, McCumstie, Clocher, Raia, Spear, Sheppard, Chard and Denman.

Yours Sincerely,

Nancy & Chris Krause