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Hi there,

My name is Georgia Fletcher. I'm writing my submission to extend the hours of the markets at Pittwater RSL, just an hour earlier, please. I've grown up on the Northern Beaches, having lived in Mona Vale for 28 years.

For a while, my husband and I were going to the produce markets at Frenchs Forest before it was moved to Mona Vale. We thought the move to Mona Vale would be even more convenient, however, with an 8:30 start, we no longer attend on a weekly basis. This means a loss of business for Lou's Produce, where we got our beautiful, minimal packaging fruit and vegetables from.

We used to love getting to Frenchs Forest at 7 and home, ready to make the most of the day, however, we now attend Harris Farm, Woolworths or Coles because the hours work better and the parking is easier for our young family.

I didn't want to send this email as I don't like being 'that whiny person' as I know that councils want the best for their community and everyone working behind the scenes on policy writing and advocating for best practise is working hard. I also understand the hours are taking into consideration the neighbouring houses. I do appreciate all you do but it's disappointing that the market can't start earlier, especially given if I go to the same markets on a Friday at Narrabeen, I can be there at 7am and no one is being policed on their trading hours.

Please consider what's best for the tireless employees and small business owners at Pittwater RSL markets and maybe a trial of extended hours, particularly over Christmas could be given a chance.

Thank you for taking the time to read my email.

Georgia