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MRS Heather Lawson  
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**RE: DA2023/0995 52 Brighton Street FRESHWATER NSW 2096**

Regarding DA 2023/0995, I wish to resubmit our objection to the proposed development. I have not received any advice from council on any planned upgrades to our local stormwater drainage system that will accommodate a further reduction in drainable land uphill from our property. Therefore, I do not support a development of this size for the reasons stated in my last submission (see below)

I am not opposed to Seniors Housing we will all need it soon. I am opposed to more concrete and undrainable land. We need adequate upgrades to the stormwater drainage system to protect our current homes from overland run off and flooding before council allows any large developments uphill from Greendale Creek.

Kind regards,  
Heather and Marty Lawson  
30 Bennett Street, Curl Curl

My previous submission:

Our property backs on to the properties directly opposite the proposed DA (we are downhill from the site) and, although we will not be directly affected by the aesthetics of the proposed block of units, we will be impacted by the loss of drainable land created by such a large development.

DA2023/0995 proposes a block of eight large 3 and 4 bedroom units with a footprint that covers the majority of two large blocks of land. This does not match the surrounding streetscape and will place surrounding properties in shade, reduce tree canopy (as replacement trees will have to be distanced from the building to prevent root encroachment into the footings and sewerage and stormwater drains), increase local traffic in an already busy street and, most importantly, worsen the impact of future significant rain events.

The reports submitted with DA2023/0995 clearly support the approval of the application as they were funded by the applicant however the flood report includes the increase in stormwater run-off depth and water velocity that will be caused by this large build even though these numbers are not mentioned in the report's conclusion.

In the floods of 8th March 2021, our house was inundated by run off from the land behind us due to inadequate stormwater drainage and lack of drainable land. Extensive rains saturated

the grounds and the water poured overland in and around the homes behind us and through our home on its way to Greendale Creek. A similar event happened in 2009 and subsequently stormwater drains were upgraded in Brighton St (but not on VVaratah St) Those drains proved ineffective against the increased run-off caused in part by the shrinking availability of drainable land in our area

Our home and contents insurance claim for the damage caused by the March 2021 flood was approximately \$100,000 and our premiums have since doubled. Many of our close neighbours had the same amount of damage or worse Surely insurance companies will inevitably start recouping these large payouts from councils who do not adequately maintain stormwater management in accordance with the level of council approved building work

We believe that DA2023/0995 proposes an over sized development for this area that will have significant negative aesthetic, financial and lifestyle impact on its surrounding neighbours.