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Subject: REV2021/0045, 5 Skyline Place, Frenchs Forest.

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to strongly object to the proposed additional development at 5 Skyline Place, Frenchs Forest. I strongly objected to the initial development at the same location and believe that it should never have been approved in the first place. I understand that council objected to it too but it was passed by the North Sydney Planning Board. It seems like the initial development was just get a foot in the door before revealing what was really going to be happening all along.

The height of the new development is totally out of proportion with anything else in the area. There is not supposed to be any massive developments on this side of the parkway. The land is not designated for residential use and is not being developed with any consideration of the precinct plan in place for Frenchs Forest.

The initial development used some very bizarre "creative" data in terms of the additional traffic that it would create. I think that data did not at all reflect the actual increase in traffic on an already fully utilised road. And now this extra development with residential units, restaurants, shops and other medical offices will create far too much traffic on an, already struggling, road infrastructure. The recent road upgrades for the hospital have only managed to keep the status quo in terms of traffic pre hospital. Once covid has calmed down and everyone has returned to work, we will see that the roads will be thoroughly stretched to capacity. To throw this large development into this equation is lunacy at best.

The entry road to the development is too near the traffic lights at Romford Road to enable traffic lights to be installed. This will mean that the entry and exit of staff, residents, visitors, customers etc will cause chaos on an already chaotic road. I live nearby on Nandi Avenue which would be the next intersection from this development. Since the road upgrades have been completed, it is virtually impossible to turn right onto Frenchs Forest Road East to then turn left onto Wakehurst Parkway. I have seen people do it, but it usually involves some very aggressive driving and some near misses.

The public transport system has just been destroyed in this area and there is no longer any direct bus transport to the city and Chatswood from this site. Therefore, the issue with the amount of traffic entering and leaving will be exacerbated by lack of public transport options.

I was told at the beginning of the precinct planning discussions about this area that nothing would be

developed east of Wakehurst Parkway until all the other development, including town centre, rezoning of residential areas etc had been completed. So maybe approximately for 20 years. This development is in no way fitting with the alleged plans for the area. Surely such massive development should be carried out after careful consideration of the plans for the area...if we ever get to see them of course as we have all been waiting and have had our lives on hold for so many years waiting for clarity.

Myself and my young family have now had our lives disturbed since 2015 with all the road works and the building of the hospital. We have had so many disturbed nights sleep and at least 50 to 100 nights of having to relocate to a hotel due to noise and vibration into our property. Just when we thought life could get back to a bit of normality, we get hit with this massive development. If it was part of a planned development for the area at least we would have the option to look at the plans for the area and make our minds up whether to stay or go. But this popping up of random developments makes it impossible for us to know what's going to happen to our suburb and homes in the near future.

The current work being carried out on site is constant. Even early mornings at the weekend we can hear banging and machinery. The additional development proposed will mean that we will have many more years of constant construction noise, dust etc.

I implore you to reject this proposal for the sake of the residents for all of the above reasons and many more. It is obviously just a money grab by the developer with no care or respect for the locality and resident. I also implore the Mayor to act on our behalf with the North Planning Board to prevent them blindly approving this.

Your sincerely,

Katie Adams

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