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RE: DA2021/0744 - 50 Lawrence Street FRESHWATER NSW 2096

We as a family have been living in Freshwater for almost 2 decades now are against anymore developments in the area and on this location in particular. This site is located at the intersection of 3 very busy roads, that there is constant traffic congestion , and any development with residential units on this site will add extra loads of cars and unnecessary safety risk , besides it is totally out of character with the Heritage buildings to its north. Our concerns are: a major development on this location will cause a huge disruptions to the traffic, locals and all the small businesses in Freshwater, who have already been struggling in the last few years.

Please DO NOT give approval to this DA and take into consideration the following reasons which almost all residents of Freshwater and around will agree on:

The proposed 4 storeys and > 11m height exceeds the LEP limits of 3 storeys and 11m.

- Non-compliant with the DCP landscaped area requirement. 25% of the site required.
- The residential component of the proposal dominates the site. This is inconsistent with the land use B2 zoning which requires the provision of a range of retail, business, entertainment and community uses that serve the needs of people who live in, work in and visit the local area. A development disproportionately comprising 70m² allocated to commercial use and 900m² allocated to residential use cannot achieve the intended outcomes of the B2 zoning.
- The sheer bulk of the building continues to overshadow the neighbouring residential property to the south.
- The proposed development is totally out of character with the heritage buildings to its north and the Freshwater Village in general.
- The proposed on-site parking allocation is short of the DCP parking requirement with 19 being required. Given the paucity of parking in Lawrence Street and surrounding streets there is no leeway for parking concessions
- The addition of an extra access driveway in Dowling Street contravenes the intent of the Freshwater DCP to improve pedestrian safety in the Village.
- The proposal requires the removal/relocation of the accessible 167 bus stop in Dowling Street, adversely impacting public transport access for able bodied and disabled public transport commuters to the commercial centre of Freshwater.
- This is basically an application for an apartment building masquerading as a shop top development with the shop area being minimised to accommodate more apartments. This was done by both reducing both the ceiling height and size of the two shops.

Thank You