Dear Panel Members:

Application No. DA2025/0032
Address: 80 82 Mona Vale Road, Mona Vale
Description: Alterations and additions to a registered club (Pittwater RSL Club) including business identification signage.

Re: PITTWATER RSL CLUB DP 1237461 - 80 - 82 MONA VALE ROAD, MONA VALE

The Planning Panel is requested to **NOT** accept the Council Staff Report without seeing the present problems for themselves.

In my opinion, this issue of "illuminated signage" has **NOT** been adequately addressed by the Council Staff Report.

The Northern Beaches Council has previously, and recently approved an "illuminated sign" at the Mona Vale Hotel, facing South on Barrenjoey Road corner of Park Street. This sign is blinding to the oncoming Traffic . Council staff seem unable/unwilling to look at the effects of this signage. If a similar sign is placed at the Pittwater RSL facing South into coming Traffic it too will be a hazard.

The glare from the car park light in the RSL carpark in Foley Street facing North is presently a problem for south bound traffic and this has repeatedly been reported to Council. Northern Beaches Council Staff seem to be unconcerned with these matters.

The Planning Panel is requested to NOT accept the Council Staff Report without seeing the present problems.

My property will be greatly affected by excessive light from this Sign, the light will come straight through my windows as I am directly opposite this sign. The illuminated sign will be visible and effect 6 houses. The neighbours enjoyment of their properties should not have bright lights shining into windows.

"The substantial spacial separation" between the club, the houses and the traffic is irrelevant. A bright sign, similar to the Council approved sign at Mona Vale Hotel will be a problem .

The illuminated signage should not be allowed to effect the surrounding residential area.

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Council staff reports states the sign is not directly opposite residential properties". THIS IS FALSE AND INCORRECT. My property is directly opposite.

2 Special areas

It states that the proposed will not affect the amenity, heritage or environment value of the area. As noted above the subject site is in proximity to residential areas located to the south and east. "Limitation on the hours" will not reduce the impact "Intensity of Illumination" seems open to debate and if this sign is anything like the Mona Vale Hotel sign approved by Council this will be a major problem.

The Planning Panel must view these issues for themselves and at night.

7. Illumination

The signage include LED Illumination "LED Lights can be extremely bright.

Council states "the illuminations is not considered to result in unacceptable glare, affect safety for pedestrians vehicles or aircraft, detract from amenity of any residence. **THIS IS FALSE!** "Is the illumination subject to a curfew?. The planning panel should be aware of the club hours. Club hours of operation are until 3.30 a.m.

8. Safety

"The signage is not considered to reduce the safety for any Public Road Pedestrians or bicyclists". Excessive glare is a major problem for road uses and pedestrians. Look at the current light for the parking lot which glares at oncoming traffic on Foley Street.

Pedestrian safety

"Council traffic engineer has reviewed the proposal and raised no concerns regarding pedestrian safety ". I request the panel to inspect the lack of footpaths adjacent to the RSL carpark in Foley Street and council has no concerns?? This footpath requirement was removed from the Consent Conditions for the RSL Markets by the Planning Panel. The Panel must go and view this lack of footpath as it is a safety issue, as the traffic has immensely increased on Foley Street with the new roundabout including the buses along Foley Street.

Traffic Engineer comments

"The peak parking occupation on site was found to occur on Sundays at 10..00 a.m. with 214 of 334 spaces available it at that time 64% occupied. This is totally false and another misleading statement by staff as it is mainly occupied by the Sunday Market held in the carpark, along with the Return and Earn Machine, the Bus Depot and the Futsal Courts.

Consent Conditions

Hours of Illumination

"Illumination of signage at the subject premises shall cease in accordance with the approved hours of operation." **3.30 a.m.!!**

It is noted that this Planning Panel approved the RSL Markets subject to a Traffic Warden" This has not been enforced by the Council. It is also noted that this Planning Panel approved the RSL Markets subject to "unamplified Music". This too has not been enforced by Council.

Thanking you

Valerie Jensen

1st June 2025

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