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Dear Council Officer,

We are traders at The Monavale Organic market and were trading at the previous location French Forest for 8 years.

Currently some of our nearly decade long customers are not attending the market anymore as hours are restricted by a late start. It has proven quite of challenge to start trading at 8.30am as we find the influx of customers during the first 2hours really busy. Market shoppers wants to come early shopping then get along with their day.

Most of Sunday we nearly will require an extra staff member to deal with the crowd, however this will not be viable for our business as from 10.30/11am our trading quiet down and this staff member will not be needed.

Market shoppers do understand that parking is paramount for the RSL, hence why they prefer to shop early, when the RSL is not open/busy.

Opening an hour early will allow us to get some customers back, but also spread the load. I believe it will also ease the parking/traffic that residents might have a complaint about.

Organic Food Market has offered us a start to our business 8 years ago, selling cheese. We curate cheese from NSW Mid north coast, by driving up to Port Macquarie for all our pick up every 2/3 weeks. Our business support regional businesses that can't afford to drive to Sydney every weekend to sell their produces.

We hope for a prosperous 2020 trading at the Mona Vale site.

Regards
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