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RE: DA2020/1397 - 16 Bangaroo Street NORTH BALGOWLAH NSW 2093

I, and hundreds of other people, are rightfully extremely concerned about the REDUCED SAFETY that this proposal is generating.

Child care centres are plentiful in the area, as are school aged children who either walk or ride their bikes to school. I have deep concerns about their safety if more traffic is unnecessarily added, especially when more parked cars mean less visibility.

The proposal states that 5 cars will park in the driveway of the proposed child care centre AND they'll naturally be reversing AGAINST the traffic that pours from the busy roundabout. This is neither safe, nor logic. Roundabouts were NOT designed to reduce speed. They are designed to REDUCE QUEUING associated with traffic lights hereby enhancing the FLOW OF TRAFFIC.

The bus stop on the opposite side adds to this issue as you can't get around any car traveling northbound, while a bus is parked or there's ongoing traffic. Imagine a parent with a slow toddler in hand plus a smaller child in a stroller approaching the child care centre. Meanwhile another car is waiting to turn in for drop off... and perhaps a car starts to reverse out after a drop off. Everything comes to a halt in the roundabout and you're adding unwanted travel time to your day!

In the last 10 years, North Balgowlah's infrastructure has not changed much, but people (and cars) have increased immensely. Imagine how it will look over the next 5-10 years. There are so many young kids in North Balgowlah and there will undoubtedly be a large wave of teenagers adding more cars on our narrow and busy streets.

With busses (168 and 168X) being frustratingly taken away from us despite the fact that, as of next week, more people are returning to work in the city, there's bound to be an increase in cars!

If the tunnel work goes ahead (hopefully NOT) - add many more cars! Lots of people would avoid the toll and use Bangaroo Street instead.

Who'd be keen to add to their travel time just to get in and out of North Balgowlah?? that's a real concern! It's also a concern how narrow and crowded Bangaroo St is.. you sometimes feel like closing your eyes because the cars swish past each other with only centimetres to spare. For the safety of the neighbourhood, I would like to object against this development proposal on the basis that it's in a disadvantageous location; with entry and exit point being too close to a roundabout and because it ultimately adds more cars to an already busy road, making it double-dangerous, especially for young pedestrians!