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Dear Council Assessment Planners ,

The Attachment is my objection to DA2024/1303.

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**For the Council Planning Assessment Section :**

**RE : DA2024/1303 : 20-22 & Lot 11 Melwood Avenue Forestville**

Dear Council

I have been a Warringah resident and member of Forestville RSL for many years .

Forestville RSL is the only entertainment venue in the whole of Forestville and Killarney Heights , which is one the most young family strong , and family growing , communities in Sydney .

Young families are therefore the most populous users of the Forestville RSL Club . The downstairs indoor and outdoor family areas of the Club are often full of parents and children, maybe as many as 500 . These families can all be seated , and all have a great time . Hundreds more can be accommodated upstairs .

The old bowling-green area , now a popular family entertainment area , is legendary and cherished among parents and children in the Forestville and Killarney Heights community.

I should not have to waste space here by saying all the above , because everybody knows and acknowledges it , **except it seems** , the managers of Forestville RSL .

I am absolutely appalled by this DA , which management admitted (in writing) was hidden from members prior to it going to Council .

To my knowledge , and I speak to many members and locals , nobody wants this wonderful family Club site demolished to erect a suburb destroying atrocity (as shown in artist's impressions) for the sake of a few rich people .

I have personally written to Forestville club management , on my own and others' behalf , and asked them to let the members vote on whether they wanted the unpopular retirement village or not and , management refused (in writing) to allow such a vote .

Having now seen the DA for the first time on the Council website , I am even more appalled.

It is outrageous that all the family areas in the new proposed Club have been massively reduced and , where many hundreds of parents and children can currently be accommodated , only a small number of those families can be accommodated in the proposed new Club .

**Where are the other families and future families to go ?** There is no other licenced entertainment venue in Forestville or Killarney Heights .

It is also outrageous that the primary focus of the new Club is on poker machines. Though I suppose this should not surprise anybody , because when management changed hands a few years ago , to the grief of locals 3 closing times in the week were extended (for the first time in

60 years) from around 11PM till 3AM but , only patrons who were playing poker machines were allowed in the Club during those extended hours .

Even more outrageous , is that the 12 current restrooms , 6 male ones (with urinals) and 6 female ones , have all been replaced in the proposed new Club by 2 (only) unisex restrooms each with 8 cubicles , and of course no urinals . And , one of these 2 unisex restrooms will be located in the gaming area where children cannot go .

The one single unisex restroom , which is meant to cater to hundreds , is not like a unisex restroom in a small restaurant or medical practice where the user , including parent and child , can lock the facility and have it to themselves and not have members of the other sex walk in . There will be no privacy , separation or safety , whatsoever , from the other sex .

No responsible parent is going to allow their children be subjected to the dangers , embarrassments and potential traumas of using a unisex toilet in a large licenced venue .

Also, no woman would use a unisex toilet in such an environment . In fact , everybody I have spoken to has been distraught and disgusted by management's determination to force this onto families and women . Females are 90% more likely to be sexually assaulted in such restrooms .

It is an insult to the intelligence of members that management is trying to convince them that such restrooms should be acceptable and that Forestville RSL should be the only Club in NSW not to have adequate and separate male & female toilets. **Is this even legal ?**

If there is not enough space in the proposed new club to put in at least 4 male and 4 females restrooms , then management should never have put this DA to Council and , they should abort all plans to inflict this awful situation on members .

The DA is proposing :

1. Massive reductions in family entertainment areas (in a family , and growing family , community) .
2. No similar reductions in poker machine space .
3. No more outdoor place for kids to run .
4. The replacement of 12 male and female restrooms (10 of which are currently located in family friendly locations) with one objectionable unisex restroom (for all children's use) .
5. Apartments where residents will look directly into kids' play areas , including the Poppy Park & Primary School playgrounds and ovals , and the Boy Scout & Girl Guide hall .

How can these things be considered anything but :

**A deliberate attempt to drive families and women out of the Club and deprive community children of their privacy and security .**

How dare Forestville RSL management claim that the new Club will be family friendly in their determination to force this horrible complex on the communities of Forestville and Killarney Heights .

This DA shows nothing but absolute contempt for young families and their increasing growth in the community of Forestville and Killarney Heights . And, certainly it shows absolute contempt for women .

**Absolutely disgraceful .** Hang your heads in shame Forestville RSL management .

I hereby register my strongest objection to the whole DA .