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RE: DA2018/1924 - Forest Way FRENCHS FOREST NSW 2086

Submission in response to DA2018/1924
Forestway Shopping Centre Development and potential ramification of additional traffic on local streets.

I applaud the proposed upgrade of the Forestway Shopping Centre to modernise and update a complex that has serviced the community well over the many years of its existence. The local roads around the centre however were originally constructed with a feeder level commensurate with a small but growing population at a time when car access was far less than it is today. The Traffic Assessment undertaken at the time of the lodgement of the Application considers only the immediate local streets to the North, West, and South of the development location without inadequate discussion of the reasons why traffic flows are what they are.

In the last 5 years it has become increasingly obvious to local residents that the traffic on Brown St and Bentley Ave is far in excess of giving connectivity to Warringah Rd {heading South} and the proposed development site {heading North} for residents living in the connectivity zone of these roads. Brown Street is now an alternative to Warringah Rd for motorists seeking to avoid the extensive delays at the Warringah Rd / Forestway intersection. The "rat run" that it has become is constant and in peak times results in gridlock traffic with resulting pollution and noise increases. No study of this increased traffic flow appears to have been undertaken and in regard to the Application or any other considerations in regard to this zone of Forestville / Frenchs Forest. Whether or not the proposed development would increase the traffic flow by attracting residents in the affected zone of local streets upstream from the development is not clearly answered.

Given the major roadworks are nearing completion on Warringah Road and Forestway, it is possible the "rat run" traffic may diminish in the future but no study to my knowledge is in place to assess the change effects and whether or not traffic management action will be required in Brown Street or Bentley Ave in the future to reduce the increase in traffic beyond the needs of the ratepayers living in the local area.

I ask that approval only be considered and given if there is incorporated into the Forestway Shopping Centre Development, action to be undertaken by the Northern Beaches Council to undertake a traffic flow management action plan that will put in place an assurance to local residents in the zone around Brown St and Bentley Ave that measures will actually be undertaken to protect our health and wellbeing in the near and longterm.